

medical staff update

December, 2008

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Gerard Duprat, M.D.

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WELCOME NEW MEDICAL STAFF MEMBERS

Motasem Afyouni, MD / internal medicine
Stefan Hura, MD /teleradiology
Annette Smith, MD / orthopaedic surgery
Asad Ansari, MD / infectious disease & pulmonary medicine

A WORD FROM OUR VASCULAR-INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGIST:

Memorial's Heart and Vascular center offers a wide variety of diagnostic and interventional procedures for your patients. One of the procedures we would like to highlight in the first quarter of 2009 is thru Vascular- Interventional Radiology (VIR). We are pleased to offer Vertebroplasty as a treatment for acute back pain. Our VIR team is working closely with Stryker to help communicate what options physicians have when patients have compression fractures. Starting in 2009, an integrated team plans to visit doctor's offices introducing ourselves and answering questions about the various services Memorial Hospital offers in regards to Intervention and Radiology.

We will be kicking off the monthly vascular screenings offered at no charge to the public. The Vascular screens will include an Ankle Brachial Index(ABI) , a carotid ultrasound, an abdominal ultrasound, B/P and consultation with a nurse. Dates and times vary in order to meet the needs of the public. We would like the opportunity to meet with you and provide you with coupons for your patients to use to receive their free screening.

If you are interested in learning more about Vertebroplasty and our Radiology Dpartment, please contact Tawnn Hoover to set up a meeting.

Tawnn can be reached at:

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MEDICAL STAFF FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the November meeting of the Medical Executive Committee, an ad hoc Financial Advisory Committee was created to improve communication between the Medical Staff and Administration on financial and budgetary matters. This committee will meet as often as necessary and will report back to the Medical Executive Committee. Current members are Drs. Bryan Boyer, Gerard Duprat, George Friend, Maurice Hurwich, James Kelly, Mark Thompson, Etta Nevel, and Jody Wiseman. Jeff Costello, Kreg Gruber, and Dr. Cheryl Wibbens will represent Administration. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact either Dr. Duprat, Dr. Wibbens or Kreg Gruber.

POWERED AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATOR (PAPR)

As of January 1, 2009, the following respirator is to be used as protection for staff and physicians caring for patients diagnosed with TB or r/o TB.

- No more N-95's (orange duck bill).
- Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) is the device of choice.
- These will be required in Airborne Isolation patients
- OSHA requires annual "fit testing" for duck bills.
- PAPR's do NOT require "fit testing".

Consists of 3 pieces:



Insert hose into motor and hood.
Push on button and test air flow.
Place motor on back at waist and cinch belt.
Place hood on head; pull chin part down over chin.

Remove after exiting room.
Wipe all 3 pieces with Dispatch Wipe and return to isolation cart.
May keep hood or discard.

Ears are not covered; motor does not interfere with hearing chest, bowel, heart sounds.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2009 Coding & Government Regulation Update

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Memorial Homecare Conference Room
3355 Douglas Road, South Bend, IN

Cost: \$100.00 per person (*Breakfast and Lunch provided*)

This seminar will go over all 2009 coding changes, orthopaedic surgery, cardiology, ophthalmology, pathology/laboratory services, otolaryngology, urology pediatrics, spine surgery/neurosurgery/infusion therapy, coding guidelines, modifiers, E/M codes, and new regulations/services for Part B.

Class size is limited. For advance registration, call Mariellan Weaver at 647-7920.

SIGNING OF PRE-PRINTED ORDER SETS

Per Medicare requirements, physicians need to sign each page of any pre-printed Order Sets in the medical record. Therefore, medical record staff will add a request for signature if you have not already signed the pages while the patient is in-house. Also, Medicare is requiring that any additions, deletions or strike-outs be initiated in the sets. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy LaPierre, Director, Medical Records, at 647-3413.

UPTODATE

Please be advised that effective December 15th, UPTODATE will be available for access exclusively within the hospital. Physicians will be able to access it within the hospital network on site. If you have any questions, please call Chuck LeGuern at 647-7389.

DISCHARGE SUMMARIES FOR ECF PATIENTS

Our anthem contract asks that all discharge summaries on ECF patients be dictated STAT and sent with the patient or faxed the day of discharge. Therefore, all discharge summaries on ECF patients should be dictated by calling 647-3300. When asked for document type, a "5" should be entered. Any specific instructions needed should be given at the beginning of the dictation.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PARTNERS WITH HOSPICE

Memorial Hospital and The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care are partnering to better serve our patients and families. A pilot project will be launched on 7 South in February 2009. The 7 South pilot project will provide services for patients and families who are accepted to Hospice House and waiting for an available bed.

Who will this 7 South pilot serve? Patients currently on 7 South who have been accepted to Hospice House but awaiting a bed. Patients on other floors will not be included in this pilot project.

What does this 7 South pilot project mean for you, your patient, and families you serve? Memorial will continue to provide care for the patient and family. Hospice will now come to the hospital to provide hospice services for the patient and family like at Hospice House. Both the Memorial and Hospice team will work together to provide services such as symptom management, emotional/spiritual support, grief/bereavement support. Hospice will provide follow-up bereavement support for the family after the patient dies.

When will the pilot on 7 South start? The target date is February 2009.

How will this work? Any patient on 7 South who is accepted to Hospice House but awaiting a bed will be part of the pilot program. No patients will be accepted from other areas in the hospital. The process will require an order for patient discharge to Hospice. The next step is an order set that will admit the patient to Memorial Hospital as inpatient hospice house status. This process is required to initiate the hospice benefits. An order set will be in place for the process. Any orders other than comfort measures will need approval by the Hospice team.

The team on 7 South will be able to help you with the orders. In addition, Mary Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, or Tina Kocher will be available for questions.

UPDATE ON THE IV TEAM

Many physicians were quite concerned regarding changes to the IV Team and the wound/ostomy nurse in response to budget changes. This subject was re-evaluated and the changes in those areas were reduced. There will continue to be a PICC/IV nurse present in house 24/7. However, the nurses on the floors are also being validated for IV placement for routine peripheral starts. Also, there will continue to be a wound/ostomy nurse available for patients on a regular basis. Her name is Marie Ostrander and she is known to the organization as she has covered for Sue in this role.

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