

medical staffupdate

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WELCOME NEW MEDICAL STAFF MEMBERS
Wade Wenger, MD / emergency medicine physician at
the Main Street Med-Point.

IN REMEMBRANCE

D. Logan Dunlap, MD / 6/29/1914 - 2/14/2008

Robert Parsons, MD / 4/15/1921 – 2/11/2008

PHYSICIAN ROUNDING

Please be reminded of the Medical Staff requirements for rounding on patients. According to the Rules and Regulations, "Patients will be seen by their physicians in a timely manner; stable patients will be seen routinely on a daily basis; critically ill patients will be evaluated on a more frequent basis dependent upon the severity of their illness." Apparently, some physicians have gotten in the practice of writing discharge orders the day before and then not seeing their patients on the day of discharge. Physicians are *expected* to see their patients on the day of discharge on a regular basis. There are times when the patient desires to go home before the physician is able to round due to an emergency; this is acceptable on those rare occasions. However, it should *not* be routine practice.

LAB UPDATE

As of February 28, the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) took over the management and medical directorship of the lab at Memorial Hospital. Dr. William Kaliney, from the SBMF, will be the Medical Director who will oversee the lab; however, the lab is owned by Memorial and the employees are Memorial employees.

TB TESTING

In an effort to better serve you, Memorial will combine the annual TB requirement for physicians with Influenza vaccination. As always, these two services are offered to you at no charge. Also, as you may know, we are moving these two programs to the Fall of 2008. It is also our intention to continue to offer both programs together in the Fall.

We think it is important for you to understand why Memorial and the Infection Control Committee made the decision to combine these two programs. We recognize the demands on your schedule, and, in an effort to improve service, combining the two programs means you will only need to visit us one time of the year, rather than two. Additionally, we will offer specific expanded hours and multiple Memorial Hospital locations for you to complete these health requirements. As always, we will continue to assist you by forwarding your TB information (at your request) to other hospitals.

As we get closer to Fall, look for future communication to assist you with your annual TB requirement and Influenza vaccination.

MUTUAL RESPECT

All of Memorial Hospital staff have been educated on the topic of mutual respect. The Medical Staff will now be signing off on the Medical Staff's Code of Conduct at the time of initial appointment and reappointment. Please read through this policy so you are aware of the expectations of the Medical Staff.

KEY FOBS

Would you like to have "real time" access to patient information from your office, home, and/or your office personnel? Contact Mariellan in the Medical Staff Office at 647-7920 or email (mweaver@memorialsb.org). Mariellan will assist with initiating the request process and contacting the implementation team.



PCLA

PCLA stands for PowerChart Local Access. PCLA is a Cerner product which will help bridge the gap of patient care data during Cerner downtimes. Currently, when Cerner goes down on units using eMAR, it is impossible to see medication given 8 hours ago or to see what the orders are on PowerChart. When we stop printing reports, it will be impossible to see the CBC or Chest X-Ray report from the day before when Cerner is down.

PCLA is the answer to this missing data. With PCLA, when Cerner is down, you will be able to review a patient's current orders, any medications that were given and documented on the eMAR, the last set of vitals and the I&O from the previous night, the last few patient assessments, and any H&P or other dictated reports completed during the last 2 days. Please note that only select pieces of data will be available and PCLA data is very limited - only 2 days worth of data is retained at any given time. The PCLA data will download about every 60 minutes. When Cerner goes into downtime, whether scheduled or unscheduled, the data in PCLA will be as accurate as the last download.

AFTER HOURS RADIOLOGY

After 6:00 p.m., any patient sent in by a physician for radiology studies needs to present to the Emergency Care Center (ECC). To expedite this process, the referring physician should contact the ECC charge nurse at 647-3683 and provide the patient's name, test to be completed, and the reasons for the test. The charge nurse will then notify the ECC physician. When the patient arrives, he/she can be triaged and sent much more quickly to radiology. If the ECC is *not* aware of the impending arrival of these patients, the stay in the ECC can be much longer.