

Medical Staff NEWS

HURRICANE WILMA

Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors, Administration and the patients of our community thank all the physicians who were available to provide patient care during Hurricane Wilma. Your commitment and willingness to serve is very much appreciated.

All hospitals were adequately staffed with physicians. A surgeon was even brought in by a Lee County Sheriff Deputy during the height of the winds.

While our physicians were caring for patients, their pets were taken care of at one of our hospital pet shelters. And of course, family members were housed at all three hospitals.

WELCOME NEW PHYSICIANS

(Approved 10-27-05)

Affiliate Staff (LMHS only):

- Victoria Boisen, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Avra Bowers, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Edward German, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Norman Gramstad, D.O. – General Practice

Provisional Staff (CCH & LMHS):

- Carol Barekman, M.D. – Pathology
- Mary Blue, M.D. – Pathology
- Chakrapani Gupta, M.D. – Anesthesiology
- Bradley A. Hubuda, D.P.M. – Podiatry
- Jack Hamilton, M.D. – Pathology
- Daniel Krauss, M.D. – Anesthesiology

- Steven Levine, M.D. – Pathology
- David Reardon, M.D. – Pathology
- David Schwartz, M.D. – Diagnostic Radiology
- Lawrence Seidenstein, M.D. – Pathology
- Karen Strethlow, M.D. – Pathology

Provisional Staff (CCH only):

- Jorge Perez, M.D. – Internal Medicine

Provisional Staff (LMHS only):

- Suzette Robinson, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Gesner Torchon, M.D. – Internal Medicine

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IT UPDATE

Net Access Enhancements Coming Soon

Information Systems will be introducing Net Access enhancements in the near future. In order to take full advantage of all the enhancements, it will be necessary for users to have Virtual Private Network, (**VPN**) access using High Speed Internet connectivity. VPN access provides the most secure connection over the Internet. There are two different types of **VPN** access.

- 1) **VPN Hardware Device** – Networked offices benefit from installing a VPN hardware device. It sits on the practice network and supports as many as 250 staff members. In addition, LMHS is able to remotely update the device so you and your staff can take full advantage of all the Net Access enhancements and functions immediately. Practices that have more than 5 users that need to have access are encouraged to utilize this option. The practice does incur some expense with this option.
- 2) **VPN Software Client** – Physicians at home and small offices with less than 5 staff members needing access can take advantage of all the Net Access enhancements by installing the VPN software client. Each

PC must have the client installed and each PC must be individually updated to remain current with Net Access and VPN version releases. Physicians only may access from home or outside their office location. Staff may only access from the office. There is no cost to the practice with this option.

Notes:

- 1.) If you currently have a VPN client for connectivity to your office network, some restrictions may apply.
- 2.) Physicians using Net Access (<https://netaccess.leememorial.org>), without VPN connectivity will NOT lose any functionality. However, some enhancements will not be available through this Web site.

Watch for more details on the Net Access enhancements and how you can take advantage of VPN access. If you would like to learn more about VPN connectivity and which solution might be the best for you and your practice, please contact Karen Mueller, IS Physician Liaison at 343-7841 or karen.mueller@leememorial.org

PHYSICIAN RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Drew Mikulaschek, Director of Trauma at LMHS, was recently elected into the prestigious *American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST)*. Prerequisites for election into the AAST include sponsorship by existing members and the candidate must be published in the "Journal of Trauma."

Dr. Kai-Fu Chow, a Lee Physician Group doctor, was one of two recipients awarded the "2005 Citizen of the Year Award" by the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce for the city of LaBelle.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR LMHS OBSTETRICAL SERVICES

Lawrence Antonucci, M.D., has accepted the position of Medical Director for LMHS Obstetrical Services.

Dr. Antonucci is well known to the medical community and many employees at LMHS. His background eminently qualifies him for this position. He earned his medical degree at the University of Miami School of Medicine; and completed his OB/GYN residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk. Dr. Antonucci also earned a master's degree in Business Administration at the University of South Florida. He has been a respected member of the Medical Staff since July 1983.

In addition to being board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Antonucci has a certifying commission in Medical Management-Certified Physician Executive. He has also served in many leadership positions within the medical field and in the local community.

His knowledge of our System, his medical insight, and leadership qualities will be a great benefit to us as we move forward with OB redesign. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Antonucci to his new position as Medical Director of LMHS Obstetrical Services.

DOCUMENTATION/CODING

Janelle Wissler, RHIA, Data Quality Manager, LMHS

ANTIANEMIC THERAPEUTIC DRUG MEDICAL NECESSITY

Medicare has just released new coverage guidelines governing the use of antianemics such as Procrit, Epogen, R-HuEPO, Eprex, Epoetin and separate guidelines for the trade name Ferrlecit. Whether these injections are given on a recurring outpatient basis or even once during an inpatient hospitalization, documentation of very specific conditions must be included in that account.

For Systemic Epoetin: The cost will be reimbursable if

- 1) the patient is on dialysis with a diagnosis of ESRD and an anemia is documented along with chronic kidney disease/failure documentation;
- 2) the patient has ESRD, but who is not on dialysis, if the patient has documentation of hypertension associated with the kidney disease, and/or has current signs and symptoms of acute anemia such as extreme weakness, fatigue, cold intolerance, tachycardia, pulmonary distress, hypotension, angina or CHF, along with a chronic kidney disease/failure diagnosis;

- 3) the patient has one of the following non-renal failure diagnoses clearly documented: HIV, a malignancy under active treatment, anemia in neoplastic disease, rheumatoid arthritis, "other specified prophylactic measure," or an "encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy" diagnosis.

For Ferrlecit: Two diagnosis are required: (1) must reflect chronic kidney disease/failure specified to be severe or end-stage, and (2) the other must be an iron-deficiency anemia diagnosis.

If our coder encounters a chart missing the above criteria, a query will be sent to the physician's office for clarification in an effort to obtain the necessary documentation.

Many of our physicians are already doing a wonderful job with these new guidelines, and we are aware that this is brand new information for other physicians. We look forward to being able to code and bill these cases correct the FIRST time. Good documentation always makes a coder's day go better.

E-mail Janelle at janelle.wissler@leememorial.org for any further clarification on this topic, or any other topics physicians would like addressed from a coding/reimbursement standpoint.

LMHS ANTIBIOGRAM AVAILABLE

The 2004 Antibioqram data has been compiled and reviewed by Infection Control and Pharmacy. The new Antibioqram information will be made available by the following:

1. Pocket Version Antibioqram - sent to all physicians. Extra copies available at each inpatient pharmacy

2. Pharmacy Web Site availability - Antibioqram/ Relative Cost / Drugs of Choice / Appropriate Vancomycin Guidelines

3. Laminated Chart Insert behind the lab tab in medical record - Antibioqram / Antibiotic Cost / Drugs of Choice / Appropriate Vancomycin Guidelines

Make sure to get your updated LMHS Antibioqram today.
Call Clinical Microbiology Lab or Pharmacy with any questions.

NOTIFICATION OF PATIENTS WITH A MULTI-DRUG RESISTANT ORGANISM (MDRO)

In order to assure that physicians and other healthcare providers are aware if a patient has a MDRO the information must be easily accessible. Currently the information only shows up on the Invision Patient Factor Screen. This is not a commonly used screen and

therefore the information will now also be entered in the Pharmacy Siemens/SMS Computer System. The pharmacist will enter MDRO into the drug allergy information field. This will allow the information to be printed on the Medication Administration Record, the Physician White Sheets (list of medications) and the Net Access Medication list.

OB UNITS ON THE MOVE

A new 18-bed high risk antepartum unit, **OB Special Care**, opened on 2 South at HealthPark Medical Center. Antepartum patients with varying acuity will be cared for on this unit, including those patients that were previously admitted to BDS A.

Other OB Changes Include:

- Birthday Suite A is a 12-bed Labor/Delivery/Recovery Unit
- Birthday Suites B & C are Mom/Baby Units with 24 beds for postpartum moms and babies.
- The Perinatal Unit area is the OB OR/PACU.

NEW LOCATION FOR ASSOCIATES IN PEDIATRICS

Effective December 5, Associates in Pediatrics - LPG will be relocating its Matthew Drive office to 4751 Cleveland Avenue, Ft. Myers 33907.

LEE MEMORY CARE IS AN NIH GRANT RECIPIENT

The Florida Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, located at the Johnnie Byrd Alzheimer's Research Center in Tampa, is one of several federally funded Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (ADRCs) in the country, and the first one to be funded in Florida. Research in the diagnosis, causes, treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease is a mission of all ADRCs. The emphasis of the Florida ADRC is to study the transition of normal aging to dementias, such as Alzheimer's Disease (AD). Individuals who

are at least 65 years of age will be recruited, and tested annually for five or more years.

Lee Memory Care, one of the 14 designated memory disorder clinics in Florida, will partner with the Johnnie Byrd Alzheimer's Research Center, Tampa and the Wien Center in Mt. Sinai, Miami. Dr. Douglas Newland, Medical Director, and Dr. Alfonso Martinez, neuropsychologist will be working on this very esteemed grant.

FIRST AND ONLY ACCREDITED CHEST PAIN CENTER

In late September, HealthPark Medical Center was the first and only hospital in Southwest Florida to receive accreditation as a Chest Pain Center from the society of Chest Pain Centers and Providers. HealthPark Medical Center is the 15th hospital in Florida, and the **only** one in Southwest Florida to receive this distinction. Currently, 154 hospitals in the United States hold this accreditation.

Accreditation is awarded to those facilities

that have made a commitment to providing patients with consistent quality in the delivery of emergency care based on national guidelines established by leaders in cardiovascular and emergency medicine. The Heart and Vascular Institute of Lee Memorial Health System spearheaded the accreditation process under the direction of Kathy Shierling, RN, MS, Vice President, Patient Care and Heart and Vascular Services and Roger Howell, D.O. Medical Director, LMHS Emergency Services.

HEALTHPARK CARE CENTER - REHABILITATION SERVICES

HealthPark Care Center, located at HealthPark Florida, is a skilled nursing facility owned and operated by Lee Memorial Health System. The facility provides its residents with a very comprehensive rehabilitation program that is custom designed to help each resident regain his or her highest level of independence and preserve self-respect. The rehabilitation services include:

- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Intravenous therapy
- Restorative therapy

If you have any questions about referrals for the rehabilitation services at HealthPark Care Center, please contact **Ralph Santana, Therapy Supervisor, at 239-432-3625.**

THE WELLNESS CENTERS OF LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM

The Wellness Centers of Lee Memorial Health System are medically based fitness centers designed to meet the needs of the entire community. Professionally trained exercise physiologists and exercise specialists supervise fitness and wellness services at all times. Both facilities offer clinical services for patients with prescribed medical conditions such as:

- Arthritis
- Cardiovascular disease

- Diabetes
- Obesity/Weight Management
- Osteoporosis
- Parkinson's disease...and more

You can contact the Cape facility (located behind Cape Coral Hospital) by calling **573-4800**, and you can contact the Lee facility (located one mile south of Lee Memorial Hospital) by calling **418-2000.**

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

FMA MANDATORY EDUCATION IN 05

“Prevention of Medical Errors”

“HIV/AIDS”

“Domestic Violence”

Saturday, December 3, 2005 – LMH Auditorium

7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

BREAKFAST & 4 CME CREDITS - RSVP – 573-5680

FREE DVDS

Still Need to Meet the FMA Mandatory Requirement for Relicensure?

If you would like to receive a free DVD with all 3 of the mandatory requirements for relicensure – Prevention of Medical Errors, HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence, e-mail joanne.gorgone@leememorial.org, or call 574-0397 by December 15. The DVDs will be ready for pickup the end of December.

DO MANDATORY EDUCATION

In addition to the 2 hours of Prevention of Medical Errors, HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence, DOs in Florida are required to take the following 3 courses for relicensure:

- “Risk Management”
- “Use & Abuse of Controlled Substances”
- “Florida Healthcare Laws & Regulations”

The 3 DO mandatory courses will be offered on Saturday morning, January 14, 2006 at The Hilton Garden Inn. Watch for a flyer or call 574-0397 for details.

If you have questions or would like to submit an article to Medical Staff News, please contact
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