

ALAN DAVID SIEGEL, M.D.

10/07/53 – 12/17/05

Lee Memorial Health System and the community lost a very special physician and friend. Dr. Siegel passed away on December 17, 2005 from metastatic salivary gland cancer. He was a person truly devoted to his wife, Barbara, and the children and was truly dedicated to his medical profession and our community.

After graduating with honors from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1976, he attended Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis where he earned an MD in 1980. He did his internship, residency and pulmonary fellowship at the University of Florida from 1980 to 1986. He was a Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at both the Shands Hospital and VA Medical Center in Gainesville.

Dr. Siegel practiced his specialty of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in Fort Myers from 1986 until 2004 as a partner in Associates in Pulmonary Medicine. He practiced with Steve Hannan, MD, Keith Miller, MD, Ken Tolep, MD and Chris Poor, MD. In April of 2004 he retired due to his illness.

Accomplishments in the medical community include; President of The Lee County Medical Society, President of the Department of Medicine at the Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center and member of the Executive Committee of Lee Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Siegel will be remembered and missed by his partners, LMHS physicians and employees and the many grateful patients in our community that he touched through his care and compassion.

A memorial contribution may be made to: University of Florida Foundation, Alan Siegel MD Residents and fellows Award, Att: Jancy Houck, Health Science Center Development, P.O. Box 103560, Gainesville, FL 32610

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WELCOME NEW PHYSICIANS

(Approved 12-01-05)

Affiliate Staff (LMHS only):

- Romain Athus, M.D. – Family Practice
- James H. Johnson, M.D. – Pediatric Neurology
- Melissa M. Zale, M.D. – Family Practice

Provisional Staff (CCH & LMHS):

- David A. Coll, M.D. – Teleradiology
- Michael A. Laufer, M.D. – Internal Medicine

Provisional Staff (LMHS only):

- Barrett Ginsberg, M.D. – Ophthalmology
- Ahmed Mahmoud, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Darren B. Miter, D.O. – General Surgery
- Monica Necula, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Stephen I. Wagner, M.D. – Obstetrics & Gynecology

MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR ACUTE INPATIENT REHABILITATION

An Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility provides intensive rehabilitation services through an interdisciplinary clinical team for those patients who continue to require a hospital level of care (continued physician oversight and rehabilitation registered nursing). It is helpful if the referring physician identifies the medical rationale for a patient's need for continued close medical supervision. The **rehabilitation physician** then continues documentation related to the close monitoring and/or management of those medical conditions and/or co-morbidities.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established **the patient's need for medical oversight** as a defining factor for admission to an Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility. The Fiscal Intermediary for Florida states in its draft Local Coverage Determination, **"medical necessity is a standard which applies to all IRF admissions."**

CMS specifies, "There are two basic requirements that must be met for inpatient

hospital stays for rehabilitation care to be covered:

- The services must be reasonable and necessary for the treatment of the patient's condition; and
- It must be reasonable and necessary to furnish the care on an inpatient hospital basis, *rather than in a less intensive facility such as a SNF, or an outpatient basis.*" (Emphasis added)

In order to meet the above requirement, the following basic component must be met.

- Close medical supervision by a Physician with specialized Training or Experience in Rehabilitation, (at least every 2 or 3 days)

The Rehabilitation Hospital strives to insure access to all qualified patients. A team of Registered Nurse Post Acute Care Coordinators (PACC) screen referred acute inpatients for their potential to benefit from intense rehabilitation services. The PACC's will assist the acute care physician, upon patient referral, by promptly evaluating all required admission variables, including medical necessity, to expedite the admission process.

DOCUMENTATION/CODING

Janelle I. Wissler, RHIA, CCS, CMT

A light-hearted review of the topics we have covered so far this year in this column.

Otherwise known as: The Ten Commandments of Physician Documentation

1. If it isn't documented, it cannot be coded.
2. Thou shalt document interrelated conditions using "linking words" such as "peripheral vascular disease secondary to diabetes."
3. Thou shalt use words instead of symbols, such as "hyperkalemia" rather than K^+
4. Thou shalt document the type and etiology of anemia the patient had, such as "acute on chronic blood loss anemia" or "anemia due to renal failure."
5. Thou shalt clearly identify the principal diagnosis (the reason established, after study, for the admission of the patient to the hospital).
6. Thou shalt identify all conditions that were monitored, evaluated, extended the length of stay, or were treated.

7. Thou shalt use only hospital-approved abbreviations.
8. Thou shalt read the chart before dictating the discharge summary.
9. Thou shalt respond to queries for documentation clarification.
10. Thou shalt never use the term "urosepsis." Many of our physicians are already doing a great job with these guidelines, and we look forward to our continued interactions with the physicians through our query process. Remember, good documentation always makes a coder's day go better. I am looking forward to working closer with you in the New Year.

I can be reached at **Janelle.Wissler@leememorial.org** for any further clarification on these or any other topics physicians would like addressed from a coding/reimbursement standpoint. Reference: Heather Wilson, RHIA.

THE NEUROSCIENCE & NEUROSCIENCE INTERMEDIATE CARE UNIT - 4 NORTH

The Neuroscience and Neuroscience Intermediate care unit will be reopening on Monday, December 19, 2005. The brand new, state of the art unit has 27 beds and the capacity for up to 10 intermediate care beds. The unit will be the foundation for the expanding Neuroscience program at LMHS. The expanded Neuroscience program at LMHS will include JCAHO stroke certification and a comprehensive minimally invasive Neuro-intravascular program. A team of renowned Neurosurgeons and Neurologists combined with excellent nursing care will provide the community with the most comprehensive Neuroscience program in Southwest Florida.

Robert Nelson, RN, BSN, MBA, MHA, CNRN, System Director joined LMHS in April 2005. Robert most recently was the Director of the Neurosurgical ICU at the Methodist Hospital in Houston Texas.

Cory Winn RN, BSN, MBA will join Robert in the role of Director for the new unit. Cory has been with LMHS since 1999. In addition to Cory and Robert, Janice McGraw, RN, MS, CNS, CNRN, ONC joined the Neuroscience team as System Clinical Nurse Specialist for Neuroscience Services. Janice brings with her 26 years of Neuroscience experience.

The main contact numbers for the Neuroscience unit will remain unchanged.

Emergency Neurodiagnostic Services after Regular Working Hours

Emergency diagnostic or monitoring services will be provided when the study results are essential for the physician to make emergency decisions regarding the medical care of the patient (management of status epilepticus, determining sub-clinical seizures, ECS, acutely

altered LOC, acute ischemic stroke, and trauma/emergency surgery).

* Ordering department will verify that the study is to be performed emergently with the consulting/on call Neurologist if they are not the ordering physician.

* Ordering department to notify the operator to page the on-call technician. The technician will arrive within 60 minutes of the page time.

* Upon completion of the study, the neurodiagnostic technician will contact the interpreting neurologist to interpret the emergent study.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DEGREES FOR LMHS PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Five LMHS physical therapists have been awarded the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree:

- **Dr. Katherine Kinross** has been a staff physical therapist with Lee Memorial Hospital since 1995. Katherine is also a Certified Manual Therapist. Katherine currently practices at the Lee Center for Rehabilitation and Wellness.
- **Dr. E. Thomas Pitney**, is one of only two therapists in the region certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties in Sports Medicine. He is also a Certified Athletic Trainer and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. Tom

currently practices at Riverwalk Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, and has been with LMHS since 1990.

- **Dr. Angela Martin** has been a staff therapist with LMHS since 1990, practicing at Lee Memorial Hospital, and then Riverwalk Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- **Dr. Maurine Martin** has been a staff therapist with LMHS since 1988, practicing at Lee Memorial Hospital, and then Riverwalk Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- **Dr. Janna Trotter** has been a staff therapist with LMHS since 1988, practicing at Lee Memorial Hospital, and then Riverwalk Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

LMHS is proud of the continuous pursuit of skills, knowledge and abilities shown by this group of therapists. **For questions or more information, you can contact Katherine at 239-418-2000 and Tom, Angela, Maurine and Janna at 239-432-0500.**

LPG ASSOCIATES IN PEDIATRICS HAS MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION

Effective Monday, December 12 patients formerly seen at the 1555 Matthew Drive location will now be seen in our new facility located at: 4751 S. Cleveland Avenue. (One block south of the Colonial Blvd. and U.S. 41 intersection, next to Lee Convenient Care.) The new telephone number for all locations is 343-9888.

New Contact Information:

Lee Physician Group Associates in Pediatrics
4751 S. Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907

343-9888

NEW LOCATION FOR PEDIATRIC SPECIALTIES

On Friday, December 2, the Pediatric Specialists will be moving to their new location at 16261 Bass Road, Suite 100. **The new telephone number is 343-9890 and the new fax number is 343-9898.**

Dr. Jeremiah Nelson - Pediatric Diabetes Center of SW Florida
Dr. Gregory Hoy - Pediatric Surgery
Dr. Indravadan Vyas - Pediatric Surgery
Dr. Thomas Ghuman - Pediatric Retinology
Jami Hallman, ARNP – Pediatric Neurodevelopment
Sherri Campbell, ARNP – Pediatric Neurodevelopment

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION JANUARY 2006

“INFLUENZA UPDATE”

Marshall D’Souza, MD

Thursday, January 5, 2006

The Victorian Supper Rooms (Bogert’s)
6:30 – 7:30 PM

RSVP by January 3rd – 574-0397

For LMHS Physicians & Pharmacists

“PAIN MANAGEMENT & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE UPDATE”

Mary Stegman, MD

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

HealthPark Medical Center Room 202
6:30 – 7:30 PM

**RSVP for Dinner by January 16th
573-5680**

“TRAVEL MEDICINE”

Judith Hartner, MD, MPH

Monday, January 9, 2006

HealthPark Medical Center Rooms 1A & 1B
6:30 – 7:30

**RSVP for Dinner by January 6th
573-5680**

“DO MANDATORY EDUCATION”

** This 3-hour conference offers 3 mandatory CME courses that are required for DO relicensure. MDs are welcome to attend. In addition, all Florida MDs & DOs need Prevention of Medical Errors, HIV/AIDS & Domestic Violence.*

Saturday, January 14, 2006

8:00 AM – 11:45 AM The Hilton Garden Inn

8:00 – 8:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 AM Risk Management **Robert McCurdy, MS, JD**

9:30 – 10:30 AM Florida Healthcare Laws & Regulations... **Sandra Greenblatt, MBA/HA, JD**

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM Use & Abuse of Controlled Substances... **Walter Flesner, III, DO**

11:45 AM Evaluation

Cosponsored with Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center

**RSVP by January 12, 2006 - 573-5680
3 CME Credits**

2005 HIV/AIDS PATIENT CARE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Marshall D'Souza, MD received the 2005 HIV/AIDS Patient Care Provider of the Year Award from the Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council. The council covers Area 8, comprised of Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties.

This award recognizes Dr. D'Souza's distinguished service to the McGregor Clinic and clients and for all of his work in the HIV/AIDS community.

LEE PHYSICIAN GROUP WELCOMES BACK CHARLES BRISEÑO, MD

Lee Physician Group is proud to welcome back Dr. Charles Briseño. Dr. Briseño was deployed to Kuwait via his Navy unit in October of 2004. Dr. Briseño, who serves as Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserves, provided medical support to the Naval Medical Center during the past year.

Dr. Briseño is now at Lee Physician Group at College Pointe, specializing in family practice, and accepting new patients.

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