

Medical Staff **NEWS**

PHARMACY NEWS

1. A reminder to physicians: "NPO means Nothing by Mouth." Routine medications will not be given unless the order reads "*NPO except for routine medications with sips of water.*"
2. Due to a national shortage of IV Protonix, we will soon deplete our current supply. Unless implemented differently in the physician orders, the following will be implemented beginning 1/12/02.
 - Patients who are NPO or cannot take oral medications will be switched to Pepcid 20 mg IV BID.
 - Patients who can take PO medications and who are currently receiving IV Protonix will be switched to oral therapy.
3. PCA Pumps: New Time Schedule
 - PCA with Basal Rate - Review and Renew every **24 hours**.
 - PCA without Basal Rate – Review and Renew every **72 hours**.

The Pain Committee along with the P & T indicated that all initial PCA orders must be initiated on the preprinted order forms. This will help prevent medication errors and improve patient care.

NEW CME REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSICIANS LICENSED IN FLORIDA "PREVENTION OF MEDICAL ERRORS"

Florida physicians are required to complete a *2-hour* course on "Prevention of Medical Errors" during the licensure term that begins on February 1, 2002 (2/1/02 – 1/31/04). This course must include a study of 1. Root cause analysis, 2. error reduction and prevention and 3. Patient safety. The FMA is currently working on an online course for Prevention of Medical Errors. (www.fmaonline.org) Lee Memorial Health System will also present CME courses to meet this requirement.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This year Lee Memorial Health System will be carrying out several Information Technology initiatives designed to provide faster and easier access to clinical information for physicians and other clinicians. Initiatives include: the implementation of easier-to-use clinical software that will improve both remote and local physician access to information on the VirtuaLee system, installation of the Clinicomp clinical information system at Cape Coral Hospital as well as other major upgrades to Lee Memorial Health System's clinical information systems.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT PAIN MANAGEMENT?

Yvonne Bokrand-Donatelli, PharmD, MPAS, a clinical pain management specialist who works with Lee Pain Services is available for consultations. As a member of the Clinical Pain Team, she is available for both pain management services and clinical guidelines for issues pertaining to pain. Dr. Bokrand-Donatelli was the first graduate of the University of Florida's accelerated dual degree program of the College of Pharmacy and the College of Medicine. On March 26th she will present a **CME lecture** at the LMH Auditorium at 6 p.m. on "**PCA Pump Skills: the Physicians Role.**" You can call Dr. Bokrand-Donatelli at 336-6717.

A GIFT FROM THE CCH AUXILIARY

*A special thanks to the CCH Auxiliary
for their generous gift.*

On December 13, 2001, the CCH Auxiliary voted to purchase the GE Fluoroscopic C-Arm and the Fluoroscopic table as their annual gift to CCH. This new equipment will allow endovascular grafts and aneurysm repairs to be done at CCH. Less invasive surgery will be the standard of care for general/vascular procedures, which represents 30 percent of CCH surgery volume. This donation will cost the CCH Auxiliary \$210,000.

The advanced vascular procedures, currently done at Lee Memorial Hospital and Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, will decrease intra-operative time, decrease LOS, decrease or eliminate days in ICU and decrease morbidity/mortality at CCH.

PHYSICIAN NOTES

Bharath Radhakrishna, M.D. –

Congratulations on becoming a Fellow of the American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine.

18-BED EXPANSION AT HEALTHPARK NOW OPEN

Two days after the December 26th opening of HealthPark Medical Center's long-awaited 18-bed addition all beds were full. The 2 South staff is eager to show all LMHS staff and physicians the new expansion and welcome you to stop by for a tour. They would like to demonstrate many of the innovative new features. A new state-of-the-art call system, the first of its kind in our area, features a beeper worn by floor staff that can track their response to patient calls and communicates with the nursing station through a color-coded light display. The beepers enable the patient unit to remain more peaceful and at the same time enhance patient satisfaction. The expanded physician space also provides a number of computer terminals to ease transcription.

NURSING HOME RATINGS: A REASON TO BE PROUD OF HEALTHPARK CARE CENTER

The Agency for Health Care Administration recently released its five-star rankings of the nursing homes it regulates. Five stars is the highest rating available and measures how facilities fare against competitors in their region on the 18 most frequently cited problems in nursing homes. Of the 17 nursing homes rated in Lee county only 7 received a rating of 4 stars or higher. Our very own HealthPark Care Center was one of these.

GREEK FEST 2002 SUPPORTS PEDIATRIC BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation is pleased to announce that a portion of proceeds from Greek Fest 2002 (February 22-24) at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Ft. Myers) will be donated to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida's Pediatric Bereavement Program – Pathway to Healing. Pathway to Healing

provides support to the families and friends of children who have died, are terminally ill, or for those who have experienced pregnancy loss.

Enjoy outstanding Greek food, music, crafts, dancing and beverages while helping a great cause. For more information or to purchase discounted ride passes (available until February 20) call 481-2099.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION - CME FEBRUARY 2002

Thursday, February 7, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
“HIV 2000: Mandates and Requirements for the Medical Provider”
Kenneth Sanders, MD

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

HealthPark Medical Center HP 1B
“Cardiac Valve surgery”
Peter Sidell, MD
RSVP DINNER: 574-0374

Thursday, February 21, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Cape Coral Hospital Meeting Room A
“Anthrax: Evaluation and Treatment of Suspected Victims”
Timothy Dougherty, MD

Thursday, February 21, 2002

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

HealthPark Medical Center HP 1B
“Lessons Learned from Pediatric Malpractice Claims Analysis”
J. Deane Waldman, MD
University of New Mexico School of Medicine
RSVP Dinner 574-0374

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
“Arthritis”
George Markovich, MD

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