

Medical Staff **NEWS**

LEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/ HEALTHPARK MEDICAL CENTER

Thomas E. Kowalsky, M.D.
LMHS Medical Staff President
2001 – 2003

Congratulations to Dr. Kowalsky who assumed the office of LMHS Medical Staff President for the next two years, effective October 1, 2001.

2001-2002 LMHS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SURGERY SERVICES WAVE PROJECT

The Surgical Services WAVE kicked off the first week in November and has been going strong ever since. The main focus of the project is to “have the right thing in the right place at the right time” for the Surgeon, Patient, and Operating Room Staff. The project begins with the Surgeon scheduling the surgical procedure through completion of the operation. The realistic vision for completion of this project will be approximately twelve (12) months. The goals of this project are “Correct Procedure scheduled 100% of the time”; “Reduce supply costs by 5%” and to “Improve physician and staff satisfaction”. Several Task Forces have been created to look at specific areas of the process. **The Scheduling Task Force** has started to gather data and work with the scheduler’s in the Surgeon’s offices to “simplify” the scheduling process of the procedure. This team has created a generic scheduling form to be used at all three campuses. **The Operating Room Task Force** is currently gathering data to validate what supplies need to be in each OR so the Nurses do not need to leave the room as often to retrieve supplies during the surgical procedure. This team is also doing time studies to validate a “turn-over” team between each procedure. **The Case Picking Task Force** has already put in place a designated “runner” to deliver supplies to the Nurses in the Operating Room for the Surgeon’s use. This team is doing a QI study on “right case scheduled, right procedure picked”. This will help identify where the breakdown is occurring when the picked case does not match the scheduled case. **The Preference Card Task Force** is focusing on what is the best, most efficient way to maintain these cards. There are several Surgeon’s who are members of the Surgical Services WAVE and their participation and suggestions are extremely valuable to help us so that we may achieve our goals.

RESPIRATORY MEDICATIONS ON LMHS' M.A.R.

OBJECTIVE:

Physician's request for complete listing of all inpatient medications, including RT meds.

STRATEGY:

The LMHS Pharmacy will begin listing current respiratory meds on Medication Administration Record (MAR), to include drug name, route (eg: updraft), and dosage.

DATE:

This change will be piloted at HPMC, commencing December 11, 2001. This change will expand to LMH and CCH on January 2, 2002, with any revisions noted from pilot program.

DOCUMENTATION:

Respiratory Care will document administration times on the MAR for antibiotics, controlled substances, and any future pharmacy-issued medications.

Administration documentation of all standard RT-issued medications will continue to be specified in Clinicomp RT Charting Notes (LMH and HP) and on the RT Progress Notes at CCH.

*Razak Dosani, M.D. – Medical Director,
Respiratory Care Services*

*David Knize, RRT – System Director,
Respiratory Care Services*

CON APPROVAL FOR BED EXPANSION AT HPMC

Our certificate of need (CON) for the 122-bed expansion at HealthPark Medical Center (HPMC) was approved by the Agency for Healthcare Administration. (The CON program is a regulatory process that requires certain healthcare providers to obtain state approval before offering new or expanded services.) HealthPark's expansion is a result of the redistribution of existing beds from Lee Memorial Hospital and Cape Coral Hospital. This expansion includes 63 beds for medical surgical/cardiac surgery, 20 beds for obstetrics, 24 beds for intensive care and 15 beds for the Children's Hospital.

This major expansion of HPMC encompasses 175,000 square feet of new construction including increasing the five-story west patient tower to eight floors, enlarging our intensive care unit three additional floors, and adding a new tower to accommodate surgical services, post-anesthesia recovery, respiratory, radiology and cardiac services and sterile processing. In addition, approximately 45,000 existing square feet will be renovated. With the added beds and support areas we will no longer be forced to routinely divert our patients to other facilities and, causing delays in treatment, disruption in service and loss of revenue.

PHYSICIAN NOTES

Thomas E. Kowalsky, M.D. – received the 2001 Humanitarian Award at the SAKS Fashion Targets Breast Cancer event.

Timothy Dougherty, M.D. and Tucker Greene, M.D. – participated in the University of Tennessee network to train Emergency Room physicians to handle bio-terrorism training through a live, online physician's MBA network. They also presented the following three abstracts at the 2001 North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology annual meeting:

- Community Hospital's Response to Anthrax Threats: A Case Series
- Stingray Envenomations and Antibiotic Use: A Pilot Study
- Anthrax: A Biologic or Psychological Threat?

Bruce Bridewell, M.D. – was recognized for 15 years of membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Bridewell was recertified with the American Board of Family Practice in July, 2001.

PHYSICIAN RELICENSURE

All physicians (M.D.s and D.O.s) must renew their medical license in Florida by January 31, 2002. If you have not received your application, please contact the State, confirm your address, and request an application for relicensure. Please send a copy of your license to Medical Staff Services, Lee Memorial Health System (FAX 334-5276).

Forty hours of continuing medical education are required for physicians during the current relicensure period.

The 40 hours must include the following:

M.D.s

- 1 hour HIV/AIDS
- 1 hour Domestic Violence

D.O.s

- 1 hour HIV/AIDS
- 1 hour Domestic Violence
- 1 hour Risk Management
- 1 hour Florida Law and Rules
- 1 hour Managed Care

Physicians may complete a one-hour CME course on end-of-life and palliative care in lieu of the required one-hour course on HIV/AIDS provided that the HIV/AIDS requirement was met in the previous biennium.

The Florida Board of Medicine is changing the time frame for physician relicensure. Half of the physicians will be on a two-year cycle and the other half will be on a three-year cycle. Thereafter all physicians will go back to a two year cycle.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION - CME JANUARY 2002

Wednesday, January 16, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
“Bioterrorism: The Role of EMS”
Michael McSheehy, Public Safety
Supervisor, Lee County EMS

Thursday, January 24, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
“Ophthalmology Update: Wavefront
Analysis”
Michael Collins, MD

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Cape Coral Hospital – Meeting Room A
“A Potpourri of Risk Management Issues
for Physicians”
Robert McCurdy, Esquire

Still need to meet the CME's for this Biennium?

The Florida Medical Association will allow you to substitute one hour of education in Bioterrorism to meet the mandatory requirement of either HIV/AIDS or Domestic Violence. This requirement must be completed by January 31, 2002. All three LMHS hospitals have a video on **Biological and Chemical Terrorism** that will meet this CME requirement.

In addition, the hospital libraries have videos on both HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence for CME credit. Watch the video and send the quiz to the Medical Staff office at Cape Coral Hospital.

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