

Medical Staff NEWS

RICHARD G. KILFOYLE, M.D.

7/30/52 – 4/3/02

Oliver Wendell Holmes stated,

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

Richard Kilfoyle – surgeon, friend and partner – was tragically killed in an automobile accident April 3rd.

I first met Rich upon his arrival to Lee County in 1988. Over the years, we had become friends and partners in the practice of general and vascular surgery. What lied within Rich was an abundant energy and vision to improve the community. He gave the extra time and effort necessary to improve the care of his patients.

Rich was involved in the operations of Cape Coral Hospital and the Medical Staff. He served as Chairman of the Department of Surgery and most recently as President of the Medical Staff and held various positions in Lee County Medical Society. His achievements and accomplishments have been outlined in

detail over the past month. However, the essence of Rich was his inner drive, his ability to give 110% to any cause that he valued. It was his perseverance and hard work that led to his many accomplishments.

Rich was dedicated to his profession, his patients and his practice. In addition, his family was foremost in his thoughts and activities. I can well remember his elation following his trip to Scotland with his family last year. He cherished that time with them.

Rich was a skilled surgeon. He touched many families in our community. His focus was to make Cape Coral Hospital and our community a better place to live. He made a difference... he will be deeply missed.

Thomas E. Kowalsky, M.D.

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MEDICAID PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

by Ann Friel, Director, Utilization Management

On March 1, 2002, Medicaid implemented a prior authorization program for hospital **inpatient** medical, surgical, and rehabilitation admissions. The purpose of this program is to ensure that Medicaid and Medipass admissions and services are medically necessary and delivered in the appropriate setting. AHCA has contracted with the Keystone Peer Review Organization (KePRO) to perform prior authorization, admission and concurrent review functions.

The majority of responsibility for obtaining authorization lies with the hospital. There is one exception: The physician recommending an elective admission for a Medicaid or Medipass recipient over age 21 must request prior approval from KePRO. Since, prior to admission, LMHS doesn't have access to medical information and because of confidentiality concerns, the System hasn't assumed this function. Requests for prior authorization can be submitted 30 days prior to the planned admission.

If your office staff needs help in understanding the program requirements, please have them call me at LMHS Care Management (334-5972). Reference information can also be found on KePRO's website: www.keprosouth.com

Once your patient is admitted, Case Managers take over to ensure all days are approved. They will be asking you to fill in any identified documentation gaps.

There are implications for the System and physicians. This new process:

1. Results in suspension of authorization if there is incomplete information from physician offices on elective admission, age >21.
2. Will carve out days on which no services are rendered.
3. Expects billing at Observation rate when patients don't meet InterQual inpatient admission criteria.
4. Puts the provider at risk of non-payment for incomplete documentation and/or lack of medical necessity.
5. Points out that lack of placement options does not justify continued hospitalization. Patient must meet medical necessity criteria at all times.

In advance, thank you for your support. Every attempt will be made to make the transition period with this new program as trouble free as possible.

ALZHEIMER'S AND PARKINSON'S SYMPOSIUM

Lee Memory Care will be holding their annual symposium "Designing Environments of Care: Parkinson's and Alzheimer's" on Saturday, June 1, 2002 from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs.

Speakers will include James Mortimer Ph.D., D.Sc. of the University of South Florida's Institute on Aging and Department of Neurosurgery. Topics in the morning will include current research on potential cures for

Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, stem cell research and Alzheimer's vaccine development.

Jacqueline Marcell, author of Elder Rage, Kathrynne Holden M.S., R.D., author of Eat Well, Stay well With Parkinson's Disease, Natalie Grondin PT, Balance and Vestibular specialist and Drs. Douglas Newland and Alfonso Martinez will present in the afternoon.

Please contact Lee Memory Care @ 334-5884 for more information or to obtain a brochure to attend this educational symposium.

GREAT AUTOMATION NEWS FOR CAPE CORAL HOSPITAL!

CliniComp, the automated charting system used at Lee Memorial and HealthPark for the past ten years is coming to Cape Coral Hospital early this summer! This user-friendly tool has been very well received by the physician community as it provides real-time, easy access to lab results, vital signs, I&O and other important clinical data. New for Cape Coral Hospital will be the use of the Windows-based version of CliniComp that will mean a change for those physicians using the current version at LMH/HP. This newer Windows version will

be deployed to LMH/HP later in the year. Another great new offering is the use of portable, wireless devices on rolling carts that will be deployed throughout every CCH nursing unit. These flexible devices will allow clinicians to review and document information right at the patient's bedside. A thorough education program is planned to equip the physician community with the necessary information to utilize this exciting clinical tool. Look for future announcements and details regarding this program.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION – CME MAY 2002

Lee Memorial Health System is co-sponsoring a CME on **Autism** with NCH Healthcare System on **Saturday, May 4, 2002** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Trianon Hotel in Bonita Springs. Call the CME office at 574-0397 for more info or to RSVP.

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Hilton Garden Inn, Ft. Myers
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

“Managing Diabetes: Pharmacology and Standards of Care”

Angel Pietri, MD, Todd Brodie, MD, Sergio Mather, MD

RSVP 574-0374

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
12:30 – 1:30 PM

“A Physician’s Guide for Identifying Hearing Loss”

Leslie E. Neal, Ph.D.

Thursday, May 16, 2002

HealthPark Medical Center HP1B
7:00 – 8:00 PM

“Neuroblastoma: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly”

Craig MacArthur, MD, Ph.D.

RSVP Dinner 574-0374

Thursday, May 30, 2002

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
12:30 – 1:30 PM

“The Role of the Parish Nurse in Health Care”

Rita Horvath, RN, BSN

LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM

TO: Lee Memorial Health System Physicians
FROM: G. Patrick Fitzgerald, III, MD, CME Committee Chairman
Date: April 19, 2002

The CME Committee would like your input in planning education offerings to meet your needs. Please check any of the topics that interest you:

- Control of the Psychotic Patient in the Hospital
- Emergency Treatment of Non-Ischemic Arrhythmias
- Abnormal Liver Function Tests
- Diabetes
- Managed Care: A Physician's Viewpoint
- Monoclonal Antibody Based Treatments
- Antibiotic Usage/Abuse/Costs
- Aortic Aneurysm Endoprosthesis
- Dermatology Update
- Treatment of Hypertension
- Travel Medicine
- Prevention of Medical Errors
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Pacers/Defibrillators
- Acute Myocardial Infarction
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Congestive Heart Failure
- COPD
- Risk Management
- Otitis Media and PE tubes
- HIV/AIDS
- Ophthalmology Topics

Additional Suggestions: _____

Would you attend a CME lecture on a Saturday Morning? Yes No

Are you interested in presenting a CME lecture? Yes No

If Yes, then what topic(s): _____

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

(please print)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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You may also fax your comments to 772-6564

Thanks for the suggestions!

If you have questions or would like to submit an article to *Medical Staff News*, please contact Joanne Gorgone, RN, BSN, CME Coordinator, Lee Memorial Health System
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