

December 2007 Monthly newsletter for physicians at Thomasville Medical Center

Isolation Precautions Update

In response to the recent publication of CDC Isolation Guidelines, TMC has decided to move forward with more stringent precautions related to Contact and Droplet. As of December 10th, all staff and physicians will be required to:

- gown upon entry to all Contact Precautions Rooms
- mask upon entry to all Droplet Precautions Rooms

Our decision to be more proactive will eliminate any decision about whether it is necessary or not – it is always necessary. You will also be seeing new signage to this effect, as well as additional signage for “Contact Precautions – Special Enteric” – this will be posted on rooms containing *C. difficile*, which requires hand washing, not hand sanitizer. Any concerns please call Martha Musselman at x2537.



FMC Kernersville Receives final Zoning Approval

At the December 4th Kernersville Board of Alderman meeting, Novant Health Inc. cleared local hurdles to build a 50-bed hospital in Kernersville, gaining unanimous approval for rezoning, annexation and other efforts from the board of aldermen. With this final approval, site work and construction will begin Jan/Feb 2008. The targeted completion date for FMC Kernersville is late 2009/early 2010. For more details go to: www.mykernersvillehospital.org

Joint Commission - Reporting Concerns about Safety and Quality of Care

In an effort to improve patient safety, concerns about patient care should be reported to your: Chief of Staff or Hospital administration including Hospital President. You may also contact the Risk Management Office at (336) 718-0754 or call the Alert Line at (800) 350-0094. If the issue remains unresolved after internal procedures are exhausted, Joint Commission advises that you contact them at complaint@jcaho.org.

New Physicians at TMC

Active Medical Staff

Michael J. Capriola, M.D.



Practice: Emergency Medicine
Status: Active Staff
Group: Emergency Department - TMC
Medical School: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Internship: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Residency: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center,
Maine Medical Center & Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Certification: Certified by American Board of Family Medicine
Prior to coming to TMC: Hoots Memorial Hospital and Davie County Hospital

Associate Medical Staff

Dr. Lance G. Dasher – Radiology

TMC Medical Staff Status Update

STATUS CHANGES:

Dr. Jeffrey Brody – requesting privileges changed to Active Staff from Associate Staff

RESIGNATIONS:

Dr. Monica Hill – resigned Hospitalist privileges October 30, 2007

Dr. Jonathon Lee – resigned Radiology privileges June 30, 2007