

February 2008 Monthly newsletter for physicians at Thomasville Medical Center

Extended System Downtime in April

On April 19 at 1pm, all facilities within Novant will experience an extended clinical computer system downtime. The reason for the downtime is to upgrade Net Access to Invision 27. We are planning that Net Access will be unavailable for up to 24 hours but are anticipating a much shorter downtime. An "Invision 27 Downtime" committee has been working with each department to insure systematic downtime procedures are used to provide uninterrupted patient care delivery when the clinical information system(s) are unavailable. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Coding Education Session for Physicians

Many physicians at TMC have expressed an interest in holding education sessions around how documentation is translated into coded data for submission to third party payers. Beginning in February, TMC will host coding clinics by specialty and show the relationship between physician documentation and coding. The first session will focus on OB-GYN. Information about the subsequent sessions will be posted in the physician's lounge.

Look for the "Pink Sheet"

Since the requirement of your signature on the coding summary sheet (on the medical record) has been discontinued, some have indicated difficulty locating the coding summary. In order to make it easier to locate, look for the pink sheet just underneath the face sheet. After reviewing the coding summary, if you have questions or concerns about the codes assigned, please remove the code sheet, and indicate your question/concern directly on the sheet. You may hand it to anyone in the Medical Records Department. If you have any questions feel free to call Wanda Cranford (336) 476-2478 or Martha Musselman (336) 476-2537.

Balloon Sinuplasty™

Dr. Frank Burton of Davidson Ear, Nose, Throat Sinus Ctr. is now offering a new procedure - Balloon Sinuplasty™. The procedure, which is similar to cardiac catheterization, opens blocked sinuses by inserting a catheter into the targeted sinus. The blocked sinus is then opened by inflating a balloon. For more information about the Balloon Sinuplasty™, contact Dr Burton at (336) 472-1300

Chief of Staff in the Lounge

As Chief of the Medical Staff at TMC, Don Bosken, MD will be available in the physician's lounge at 12:30 every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Please take this opportunity to share with him any ideas or concerns that you as a physician may have.

Privileges and Status Update

Additional Privilege Request

- Laurence Schlanger, MD – Privileges in addition to Moderate Sedation to use Diprivan/ OR Ketamine Dept. of Emergency Services

Resignations

- Daniel Andrews, MD; Thomasville Medical Associates – December 31, 2007
- Heather Cooper, MD; Thomasville-Archdale Pediatrics – February 14, 2008
- Steve Crane, CRNA; Davidson Anesthesia Consultants – December 31, 2007
- Michelle Matthews, MD; Inpatient Physicians of Davidson – December 31, 2007
- Michael Berry, MD; Triad Radiological Associates – December 31, 2007