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Monthly newsletter for physicians
at Thomasville Medical Center

Allergies Being Removed from Order Sets

Currently, allergies are documented in many places within the chart. Often, the lists do not match, which can lead to errors. In order to reduce the potential risks to patients, allergy documentation prompts have been removed from extraneous sources, including order sets and order sheets. The changes will take effect on an ongoing basis as order sets are individually created, updated or when they come up for regular review. Physicians will need to refer to the allergies in Net Access, or to the printed allergy list (from Net Access) on the chart.

Monitoring of Isolation Precautions to begin June 1

The CDC recently published new guidelines for Isolation Precautions. In order to be in compliance, the Corporate Isolation Policy has been revised to reflect the new elements. In addition, beginning June 1st, monitors will be on clinical units to ensure physician and staff compliance. This monitoring system will be similar to the one currently used for hand hygiene. If you have any questions, please contact Diann Boyette, Corporate Infection Control, at (336)-277-0945 or dboyette@novanthealth.org

New PACS System at Thomasville Medical Center

As you may already know, Novant is in the process of replacing the Siemens PACS application with a new solution. The installation of McKesson Horizon Medical Imaging PACS at TMC is now complete. The new PACS provides a more reliable and efficient solution for accessing digital diagnostic images across Novant. To view McKesson PACS images online, and to see a tutorial, go to www.thomasvillemdlinks.org. If you need assistance, please call the 24 hour PACS help line at (336) 718-5887 or (336) 718-9000.

Thomasville Medical Center Receives honor for Heart failure Treatment

The North Carolina Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety recognized Thomasville Medical Center as a "high reliable" hospital for heart failure treatment. The criteria for a "high reliable" hospital in heart attack care is an optimal care score at or above 90 percent for four consecutive six-month periods. It, along with several other Novant facilities, are currently featured in the "Highlights" section of www.NCHospitalQuality.com.

VHA Recognizes Novant Health for Outstanding Quality of Care

The 2008 VHA Leadership Awards recognize VHA member organizations that have differentiated themselves by demonstrating extraordinary levels of performance in clinical excellence. This year, Thomasville Medical Center received a Clinical Excellence award for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) care. We greatly appreciate the physician support that enabled us to receive this recognition.

New Physicians at TMC (Active Staff)



Gebenga Aluko, MD - Internal Medicine/Hospitalist

Group: IPOD

Medical School: University of Ilorin College of Medicine, Nigeria

Internship: State Hospital, Nigeria/ Howard University Hospital Washington DC

Residency: Howard University Hospital

Certification: Internal Medicine



Name: Eric Robach, MD - Internal Medicine/Hospitalist

Privilege Request: Internal Medicine

Group: IPOD

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

Internship: Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Residency: Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Certification: Internal Medicine