

November 2007 Monthly newsletter for physicians at Thomasville Medical Center

Changes in Order sets

New Order Sets posted on 10-1-07: IPOD Hospital Medicine Admission Orders, CHF, Adult Pneumonia, Newborn Nursery Admission Orders, Scheduled C-Sections, OB-Post Partum. New Nursing Protocols posted Toxemia Protocol and Neonatal Hepatitis Vaccination. Staff has been informed to discard old versions and replace with new. If you need new copies in your office please contact any nursing leader for assistance.

MRSA Infection rates on the Decline

Many of you have viewed media reports on MRSA cases in the Triad. Due to diligent handwashing and proper hand hygiene, MRSA cases (incidents per 1000 patient days) have been on the decline at Triad Region Novant facilities. In fact, the rates at Triad Region facilities are lower than the average for all of Novant Health.

New Direct Physician line to Forsyth Medical Center

A new dedicated Physician Priority Line has been established to reduce the amount of delay for physicians calling from Thomasville Medical Center to Forsyth Medical Center. This new line is for physicians to use when needing assistance from the hospital operators or needing to reach certain departments. The new direct line is (336) 718-4411.

Do you have a Computer with Microsoft Vista?

Information Technology (IT) is aware that many of you have purchased new computers with Microsoft Vista and are experiencing various issues with our remote access applications. Once IT has identified those applications that are not compatible with Microsoft Vista, IT will work with all vendors for updates to ensure compatibility. Currently the following applications or websites are not compatible with Microsoft Vista:

- www.online.novanthealth.org and www.online2.novanthealth.org
- www.thomasvillemdlinks.org
- Stentor
- Dictaphone E-sig (electronic signature)

Medication Update from Pharmacy and Therapeutics

The FDA has requested the marketing suspension of aprotinin (Trasylol) due to the preliminary results from a terminated Canadian study that suggest an increased risk of death. Aprotinin is a hemostatic agent sometimes used during re-do open heart surgery procedures. The FDA plans to review the full study data before determining if the drug will be removed from the market, or available via limited access for patients in whom benefit outweighs risks.

Regionalizing of Pharmacy Services

Novant's goal is to provide consistent, safe and quality patient care or 'best care'. Reducing variation in pharmacy practice across the region is one of many initiatives required to achieve this goal. Primarily these efforts will be physician led. Beginning January 2008, pharmacy will drive consistency of practice through consolidation and standardization of policies and procedures and crucial committees. Additional information will be communicated as we near January.

Resignations from the TMC Medical Staff

Dr. Michael Meadors – no longer working with ED Care effective September 7, 2007

Dr. John Faris – no longer with Triad Radiology effective October 9, 2007

Dr. Frank Farrell – no longer with Triad Radiology effective July 31, 2007

New Physicians at TMC

Active Medical Staff

Dr. Jay Patel



Practice: Hospitalist
Status: Active
Group: IPOD
Medical School: Faculty of Health Sciences, Moi University, Kenya
Internship: Moses Cone Hospital
Residency: Moses Cone Hospital
Certification: Certified by the American Board of Family Practice
Prior to coming to TMC: Just completed residency

Dr. Dekarlos Dial



Practice: Podiatry
Status: Licensed Independent Practitioner Staff
Group: Family Foot & Ankle Specialists
Medical School: Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine
Internship: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Fellowship: University of Pittsburgh Department of Orthopedics

Associate Medical Staff

Dr. Katherine Hartley – Radiology

Dr. Adam Wallach – Radiology

Dr. Davonia Michael – Pathology

Dr. Jerald Winter – Pathology

New Allied Health

Wendy Taylor-Gregory – EEG Technologist with sponsoring physician Dr. Keith Miller