

October 2007 Monthly newsletter for physicians at Thomasville Medical Center

Delinquent Records

Due to the increase in delinquent records at TMC, we are requesting your help in making sure all records are signed in a prompt manner. Below are excerpts from the TMC Rules & Regs regarding delinquent records. To view the complete rules and regulations, go to the Medical Staff Services section on www.thomasvillemdlinks.org.

- All incomplete Medical Records will be considered delinquent on the thirtieth (30th) day post discharge or patient death (Each week on Tuesday by 12:00 Noon).
- The names of the members of the Medical Staff who have delinquent (>30 days old) records will be placed on a delinquent list by department and posted in the Medical Staff Lounge with delinquent records highlighted in orange (Each week on Thursday by 12:00 noon).

Medication Reconciliation

In a continued effort to improve patient safety, a new medication reconciliation process will be implemented. The physician's role will be to identify the provider that should receive the list of home medications. The nursing staff will fax the completed list of home medications to the next provider at discharge or transfer. This process will begin 10/15/2007 following staff education.

Change in Medical Staff Services

Janice Berrier has resigned her position as Medical Staff Coordinator. She will continue to work for TMC but in a different capacity. Janice will be working from home doing special projects for the Medical Staff Services department. Interviews are being held for her replacement.

Thanks for Playing

The Foundation golf tournament collected over \$33,000. Thanks to those who played in this great tournament. The date for next year's tournament at Meadowlands is Sept. 17, 2008.

Christmas Trees of Thomasville

Now's the time to start thinking about the "Christmas Trees of Thomasville" and we hope you will consider placing a tree in the hospital lobby as a gift to your patients and the community. For information, please call Linda Hunt at 476-2881 or e-mail at lhunt@novanthealth.org

Events

- 10/16/07 (CME) - Dr. DeKarlos Dial "Stress Fractures in the Foot and Ankle". Location will be, TMC Board Room, 12:15pm.
- 10/30/07 (CME) - Gerald Proctor "New Medicare Inpatient Reimbursement System". Location will be, TMC Board Room, 12:15pm.
- 11/03/07 - TMC Foundation will host the annual "Harvest Moon Ball" on Saturday, November 3, 6pm, TFI Ballroom. Dinner, auction and a live band.
- 11/13/07 (CME) - Dr. Usman Khawaja "Peripheral Vascular Disease". Location will be, TMC Board Room, 12:15pm.