

Medicine Matters

ADVANCED MEDICINE. COMPASSIONATE CARE.

A newsletter for physicians and medical office staff

JANUARY CME'S

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CME'S NOW BEGIN AT 7:30 a.m.

St. Anthony's Medical Center is accredited by the Missouri State Medical Association to provide continuing medical education programs for physicians. Upcoming CME programs include:

Tuesday, Jan. 3: "Evidence-based Medicine in Orthopedics," presented by Michael Ralph, M.D.

Tuesday, Jan. 17: "Case Studies on Profiling and Physician Documentation," presented by Eleanor A. McCain, M.D.

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs take place at 7:30 a.m. in the physicians' dining room and last approximately one hour. St. Anthony's designates this educational activity for a maximum of one hour in Category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician Recognition Award. For additional information or any special needs, please contact St. Anthony's Medical Staff Services at (314) 525-1062.

Wound Treatment Center Installs Two New Hyperbaric Chambers

St. Anthony's Medical Center's Wound Treatment Center, which schedules more than 400 patients each month, recently installed two state-of-the-art hyperbaric oxygen chambers and has added three more treatment rooms. Patients benefit from HBOT by breathing 100 percent oxygen while enclosed in a pressurized chamber at greater than normal atmospheric pressure. The pressurized chambers delivers enriched levels of oxygen to areas with decreased blood flow, promotes new blood vessel generation, accelerates healing and improves ability of white blood cells to fight infection.

Multi-specialty care is supplemented with extensive patient education. The result – patient outcomes exceed the national averages for wound healing with an overall patient satisfaction rate of 96% and an amputation rate of less than one percent.

The new chambers are the largest on the market, to help minimize patient claustrophobia. Patients may sit up or recline while inside, and they also can view television or DVDs or listen to CDs.

Although many non-healing, complex wounds require specialty or advanced wound care, not all patients are candidates for hyperbaric

Please remember to discharge your patients by noon to aid in opening beds for admission out of the Emergency Department and to increase patient satisfaction.

oxygen therapy. Specialized evaluation and testing help determine the likelihood for positive clinical outcomes. In St. Anthony's outpatient treatment setting, wound care patients are most commonly referred for evaluation and treatment of non-emergent conditions including:

- diabetic wounds of lower extremities
- chronic refractory osteomyelitis
- late radiation tissue injury
- soft tissue radionecrosis
- osteoradionecrosis
- compromised skin grafts/flaps
- problem/compromised wounds
- (non-emergent) decompression illness.

To schedule an appointment, please call (314) 525-1798. The Wound Treatment Center is located at 12700 Southfork Road, Suite 175, in the St. Anthony's Medical Plaza.

Ostomy Clinic Improving Patient Quality of Life

St. Anthony's Medical Center's Outpatient Ostomy Clinic offers education and support services aimed at improving the quality of life for patients who have had ostomy surgery.

The goal is to help patients adapt to life with their ostomies and return to their normal activities as soon as possible.

The Outpatient Ostomy Clinic is staffed by a certified ostomy care nurse and nurses specially trained in the care and management of an ostomy. The clinic provides:

- pre and post-operative counseling on stoma care and management
- pre-op stoma marking to ensure that the stoma is in the best possible location for patients to manage their care after surgery
- full and impartial information about all ostomy supplies and products available
- support and information for families and caregivers to increase their understanding of the condition and any lifestyle adjustments necessary
- management of skin conditions due to improperly fitted appliances or common complications post-surgery
- close coordination of care with the patient's primary physician or specialty surgeon to ensure the best possible outcomes.

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Stethe-Scoop

The following physicians have recently joined St. Anthony's Medical Center staff. Additional information (e.g., office address, phone number, etc.) may be found at www.stanthonysmedcenter.com. Please welcome and support them:

- Betz, William, M.D.—Radiology/Teleradiology
- Lenk, Christina N., M.D.—Medicine/Neurology
- Martin, Carol R., M.D.—Medicine/Internal Medicine
- Radhakrishnan, Jay K., M.D.—Radiology/Teleradiology
- Salem, Aram N., M.D.—Radiology/Teleradiology
- Spearman, Michael L., M.D.—Medicine/Internal Medicine
- Stegman, Mark F., M.D.—OB/GYN/House OB (Beginning 12/1/2011)
- Bharadwaj, Mythili G.C., M.D.—Medicine/Hospitalist (IMI)
- Munir, Gulminay, M.D.—Medicine/Hospitalist (IMI)

Two Out of Three Medical Students Don't Know When to Wash Their Hands

Only 21 percent of surveyed medical students could identify five true and two false indications of when and when not to wash their hands in the clinical setting, according to a study published in the December issue of the American Journal of Infection Control.

This flu season and the whole year through, wash your hands. People do notice...

IMPORTANT REMINDER – LICENSE RENEWAL!

M.D. and D.O. licenses expire 1/31/2012.
D.P.M. licenses expire 2/29/2012.
Don't forget to renew !

EPIC Education A MUST

As we move forward with education and training for the electronic health record, we have transitioned to a maintenance model. This means that all current staff should have received their initial training and access; and now our training will focus on educating new staff and physicians, as well as providing education on changes and updates.

Training classes have been scheduled through the end of the year. Going forward, the training needs for any staff member or physician needs to be accommodated through the scheduled classes. The ability to support just-in-time training is no longer available.

With this in mind, managers, directors, physicians and staff members need to allow adequate time to attend training and receive access before being scheduled in their respective area.

The expectation is that no one will be scheduled to work until his or her training is complete. Once the individual has attended training, there is a 3-5-business-day turn around time for access to the system. This means that if I attend training on Monday, I will likely not have access until that Friday; and I should not be scheduled to provide care until that time.

The frequency of classes is designed to be adequate to meet the needs of our new hires and to get them up and running in their roles as quickly as possible. Additional education changes (transfers, status changes) will be managed in the same fashion.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the Physician Support Liaisons at (314) 525-4DOC (x4362).

ACCREDITATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Handwritten medical record entries must be legible, signed, dated and timed.

- Telephone orders must be signed, dated and timed upon the physician's next visit to the hospital-not to exceed 48 hours (not to exceed 24 hours for restraint or Acute Rehab patient orders). Faxed orders are accepted for hospital outpatient departments only (preferably by non-Epic physicians). No faxed orders can be accepted for inpatients other than chemotherapy orders.
- Please refrain from using unapproved abbreviations and texting shortcuts in Epic documentation. If you have questions please contact HIM department for assistance at (314) 525-1238, -1239 or -4218 (evenings only).
- IN-BASKET– 5 steps for signing
 - 1) Click on "In Basket" on the toolbar, then select Hospital Chart Completion
 - 2) Select patient items with E-Signature needed
 - 3) To sign the note or order click the SIGN button
 - 4) To make changes to a note, click the EDIT button (then F2 through the note)
 - 5) If item does not belong to you, click decline and enter reason.