



Physician News Brief

NEWS ABOUT COVENANT HEALTHCARE FROM
The Office of Physician Relations & Regional Outreach

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Mark Your Calendars- Holiday Gatherings

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Holiday Gatherings:

Physician Office and Staff Holiday Reception	November 30, 5:00-8:00p at Horizon's Conference Center
Active Medical Staff Dinner Meeting	December 5, 6:00-8:00p at Apple Mountain

National Shortage of Morphine- Covenant Response

The American Society of Health System Pharmacists has officially placed all injectable morphine products on the National Drug Shortage List. The Covenant HealthCare Pharmacy Department has been managing this shortage since July, but it does not appear the shortage will fully resolve until June of 2018. The Pharmacy Department has been receiving limited shipments of injectable morphine, but this is not enough to sustain our current utilization.

To conserve what injectable morphine the pharmacy does have, an overridable alert has been placed in EPIC encouraging providers to consider using fentanyl or hydromorphone instead of morphine when clinically appropriate. Please consider this alert when providing care for your patients. The pharmacy will continue to work hard and explore all options to secure a steady supply of injectable morphine for your patients. We appreciate your help during this shortage. For any further questions please contact Blake Bonkowski, Pharmacy Manager at 583.4061.

Medical Staff Office Offering Influenza Vaccines- Deadline Approaching

The Medical Staff Office will be hosting an influenza clinic today, October 25 and Wednesday, November 1 from 9:00am-1:00pm. You must have your flu vaccination, proof of vaccination, or declination form filled out by November 1. The Medical Staff Office is located at 700 Cooper in the Administration Wing, Room 1EA-150. No appointments are necessary. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Medical Staff Office at 583.6595.

Select Specialty Hospital Appoints New Critical Care Program Director

Select Specialty Hospital is pleased to announce a new appointment to their Medical Executive Committee. Dr. Amjad Nader has recently accepted the position of Critical Care Program Director and will be tasked with formulating and implementing policies, procedures and clinical protocols for the treatment of the chronically critically ill patient. Dr. Nader will also be responsible for Wean Team, an interdisciplinary team that occurs weekly on all ventilator patients at the bedside in an attempt to progress the plan of care.



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