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NEWS BRIEF

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations
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Physician Engagement Survey

Please keep an eye out for a new Physician Engagement survey on March 26. A key goal for Covenant is to create the most attractive environment for physicians to practice medicine and your help is critical to achieving this task. This survey is designed with your schedule in mind. It takes approximately five minutes and your responses will help to guide us in improving our work environment. It is compatible with smart phone technology, which will allow you to complete it almost anywhere. You will be receiving updates prior to the launch date, and reminders during the month that we have to complete the survey.

Physician of the Month

Thomas E. Damuth, MD, has been selected as the Physician of the Month for March 2012. Dr. Damuth, who specializes in pulmonology and critical care. Here is what some of Dr. Damuth's patients are saying: "I was extremely satisfied once Dr. Damuth got on my case." "All 5's for Dr. Damuth!" "I really appreciate his compassion and patience."
Congratulations Dr. Damuth!

Visitation Policy

The new Visitation Policy took effect on March 1 and distribution of the educational booklet for hospital staff and patients is currently underway. All employees are expected to receive training on the new policy. Some key changes include the designation of a primary support partner, who will be listed on the white board located in the patient's room. Each patient can select a designated primary support person. This support person can have special privileges, including enhanced visitation rights (this is, however, different from a guardian or durable power of attorney).

Save the Date

National Doctor's Day is Friday, March 30. Look for your invite in the mail. See you under the tent!

Cancer Study

Covenant recently partnered with the American Cancer Society to work on a groundbreaking cancer research study. Along with the American Cancer Society (ACS), Covenant is seeking volunteers, men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who never had cancer (excluding basal or squamous cell CA) to join the Cancer Prevention Study or CPS-3. Participation includes an in-person enrollment, brief survey, signing a consent form, waist circumference measurement and a small blood sample. Participants will be asked to complete surveys every two years for 20 years. Enrollment will take place March 20-28 at the American Cancer Society, 1480 West Center Road, Suite 1, Essexville, MI, 48732. For more information, please contact Kathi Smith-Nowlan at 583.5130 or Carmen Wahl at 583.6384.



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