

# PHYSICIAN

## **NEWS BRIEF**

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations  
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### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation**

A reminder that the Rehab unit (3rd and 4th floors at the Michigan Facility) is licensed by CMS as an acute inpatient rehabilitation. Separate distinct rules govern its admissions, medical directorship, therapy frequency, etc. The Rehab unit follows the same bylaws as the med/surg units at the main hospital. Consults are required within 24 hours and daily physician visits are required. The Rehab unit offers a program designed to ensure a patient's recovery is to their highest level of functioning, in the shortest possible time frame.

The Transitional Care Unit (TCU) on the 2nd floor, Michigan Facility, follows the skilled nursing facility (SNF) guidelines. This unit is highly regulated and is visited for state survey on an annual basis. This program is designed to be a stepping stone to a patient's return to home recovery from surgery, injury and/or acute illness.

### **ETC.**

#### **VTE Collaborative**

Covenant HealthCare is participating in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) Hospital Medicine Safety (HMS) Consortium emphasizing improving rates of prophylaxis for hospital medical patients. The Consortium – which includes 36 participating hospitals across the state – is focused on evaluating and improving the quality of care for patients at risk for hospital-associated VTE, and for identifying and standardizing best practices across Michigan. The goals of the consortium are to have medical patients receive a risk-assessment and prophylaxis within 24 hours of admission. (This does not include ICU, surgical, or observation patients). Please address prophylaxis with every new admission for your patients!! Expect changes to current policies and order sets. Please call Jessica House at 583.6604 for any questions!

#### **New Faces**

**Erin Palmer, DPM**, Podiatry, Family Foot & Ankle Care, PLLC. The phone number is 989.652.2444.

**Eyad Wohaibi, MD**, General and Bariatric Surgery, Mid-Michigan Surgical Specialists. The phone number is 989.790.4855.

**Tinawi Mohammad, MD**, Kidney & Hypertension Consultants. The phone number is 989.607.0590.

The following physician recently joined the Covenant Medical Group.

**Sally Sperbeck, DO**, Internal Medicine, Covenant Medical Associates-West Branch. The phone number is 989.345.3171.

#### **Physician of the Month**

Haitham Salman, MD, has been selected as Physician of the Month for May 2012. Dr. Salman, who specializes in pediatric critical care, has been on our medical staff since August 2007. Congratulations Dr. Salman!



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