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NEWS BRIEF

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

Covenant Creates “Surge” Unit

Covenant HealthCare is committed to providing the highest quality care to patients and families. It is with this in mind that the E-Team has approved the creation of a “surge” unit that can be opened as needed to accommodate high census times and improve throughput with the Inpatient areas, OR and the ECC. Creating a new “surge unit” at Cooper campus will allow us to maximize on our current facility beds and meet patient volume demands. This unit, when available, will provide an inpatient location for a variety of patients. We will have the capability to provide med surg, cardiac tele and critical care to patients and families in the setting. It will be 20 beds (5 capable for critical care patients). We hope to have the unit available this summer after implementation of telemetry and bedside monitoring capability. Additionally, plans are currently in the works to move 4M Cooper to 3South Harrison and then move Cooper Ambulatory Surgery to 4M Cooper. We will keep you updated with these changes as they occur.

MyChart Goes Mobile

MyChart is now available on your smartphone. The online service allows patients to connect with their doctor’s office to request appointments, review health history and medications, get test results and more.

The Covenant MyChart mobile service went live on June 5.

Patients can download MyChart on the iPhone® or Android. To download, patients simply visit the Android market or the App store for the mobile device and search for “MyChart”.

This service is only available to patients of physicians who are on the Epic system, and who provide the MyChart service. MyChart is not for use for urgent medical needs. The first Covenant physician’s practice to go live with the MyChart service took place in 2008.

Ideas Wanted For Physician Portal

Covenant is in the process of developing a new online Physician Portal which will replace the existing physician portion of Covenant’s website. This portal will be secure, requiring individual authentication credentials. Being password protected, this online environment for Covenant physicians will have the capability of being much more robust than the current website. We have amassed a variety of ideas that physicians would like to see within that portal, ranging from an archive of all News Brief issues to a forum for discussion of medical conundrums. Recently, Dr. Michael Schultz, Chief Medical Quality and Informatics Officer, sent an EPIC In Basket message to physicians asking for additional input as to what functions and features they might wish to have included. To register your input please contact your physician liaison, Cathie Strongrich at 583.4049 or Mary Pickelman at 583.4051.

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Mangulabnan To Head Hospital Medicine Group

Dr. Iris Mangulabnan is the new Medical Director for Hospital Medicine. She has been with the group since its inception, in 2003. Covenant’s Hospital Medicine Group has 27 providers and is currently servicing 130 physicians. Dr. Mangulabnan plans to meet with those independent physicians who utilize the Covenant Hospital Medicine Program. She can be reached at 583.6222.



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