

PHYSICIAN

NEWS BRIEF

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

ASR Network Modified Participation Agreement

All PHO providers should have received a modified participation agreement that must be signed to be in ASR network. This includes providers currently in the ASR network. This will allow you to provide patients with a better fee schedule in Tier 1. Forums are tentatively scheduled to begin again in December. For details, call Gayle Biederman at, 583.7551.

Informed Consent

Informed consent requires that our patients fully understand the nature of the procedure/intervention that is being contemplated. This requires use of “simple sentences, at a fourth grade comprehension level”. All informed consents in the medical record require the name of the procedure/intervention as well as a description at the fourth grade comprehension level, e.g “... simply stated...” We are updating our procedure lists to ensure that we are meeting this standard. If the consent has been signed without this information, you will be asked to re-consent the patient with the appropriate language included.

Open Payments Sunshine Rule Webinar

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host the Open Payments Sunshine Rule Webinar on Wednesday, November 20, 11 am until noon.

The webinar will provide an overview of the Physician Payments Sunshine Rule. This rule requires all pharmaceutical and device companies to report any payments they make to physicians including speaker fees, research payments, consulting fees, conference sponsorships, and other “out of the ordinary” payments. These entities began reporting this data in August 2013. CMS will make this data available to the public beginning September 2014. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Below is the link to the webinar and dial-in telephone number. No password is required.

Webinar Link (URL): <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/r05-8openpayment/> . Or, you can dial-in by calling: 1.877.267.1577 and entering meeting ID number: 997 589 431.

Verbal Orders

Verbal orders increase the chance for miscommunication and medical errors. Hospital policy and Medical Staff Bylaws limit the use of verbal orders to emergent/urgent situations and instances where the EMR is unavailable. In accordance with our focus on patient safety and High Reliability, Covenant has begun a system wide effort to reduce the use of verbal orders in inappropriate situations. Hospital staff have been asked to not accept verbal orders unless appropriate. If verbal orders are utilized, tools such as three way repeat back and validate and verify should be utilized in an effort to reduce miscommunication.

Seven Day Discharge Summary Requirement

Timely and concise documentation is essential for safe and effective patient care. Medical Staff Bylaws require that all discharge summaries be completed within seven (7) days of a patient’s discharge. If this standard is not met, in basket deficiencies will be noted in red as a reminder. The deficiencies will be monitored by HIM and the MSQI committee. Non-compliance may result in possible corrective action.

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Covenant Lung Center

Roy S. Adaniya, MD, FCCP is now seeing patients at the Covenant Lung Center in Suite 3 of the POB. Dr. Adaniya will provide comprehensive diagnostic testing including advanced pulmonary function studies, cardio-pulmonary exercise testing, and state of the art bronchoscopic procedures. Dr. Adaniya focuses on patients with advanced lung disease including COPD, asthma, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary interstitial disease, lung cancer, atelectasis, hemoptysis, and dyspnea of unknown etiology. To schedule an appointment, please call 989.583.7380 or fax 989.583.7378.



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