



Physician News Brief

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CPAP/BiPAP Order Changes in Epic

BIPAP/CPAP order options in the past consisted of eight different orders. To make the ordering process more user friendly, Respiratory Therapy and IT department has worked together to create a single order. This change went into effect January 19, 2016. Please contact Scott Alleshunas, RRT at 989.583.4340 or Vikas Sharma, RTT at 989.583.4404 for any questions or concerns.

You May Be Called About Your Patient's MEWS Score

You may have received a call recently from an RN notifying you of your patient/s MEWS score. The Modified Early Warning System (MEWS) is a tool for nurses to help monitor their patients and improve how quickly a patient experiencing a sudden decline receives clinical care. Scoring is automatic within Epic and is based on the last filed values of the following 5 items:

- Respiratory rate
- Heart rate
- Systolic blood pressure
- Pulse Oximetry
- Temperature

Each item is assigned a score from 0 to 3 based on the vital signs obtained. The sum of these 5 items provides you with the MEWS score. If the total score is 4 or greater, this prompts the nurse to call the patient's physician and the REACH team. For questions regarding this policy, please contact Rachelle Bryant at 989.583.4253.

1st Annual Diabetes Symposium – February 5

The Diabetes Symposium is set for February 5 from 8 am – 3 pm and will be held at The Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw. The registration deadline is Friday, January 29. The symposium brochure is available for download at:

<http://www.covenanthealthcare.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/Workfiles/Diabetes/DiabetesSymposium.compressed.pdf>

To register or for additional information, contact Connie Reinert at 989.583.5196.

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