



Physician News Brief

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New Clinical Decision Support for Radiology

The U.S. legislation mandates the use of clinical decision support (CDS) when ordering imaging exams. As of January 1, 2017, CMS will withhold payment unless the referring provider documents use of CDS in the claim for the exam.

To be properly prepared, starting in July 2016, eCovenant will be implementing the American College of Radiology (ACR) Select Software provided by National Decision Support Company (NDSC) to help meet this regulation. This software utilizes a library of criteria from the ACR's Appropriateness Criteria. Please note that the ACR Appropriateness Criteria does not cover all radiological exams but does include nuclear medicine studies, PET, MRI and diagnostic CT.

This July you will see a change in Epic to the "Reason for Exam" for these imaging exams. Reporting will only occur behind the scenes at that time. Beginning later this fall, there will be a decision support box that will pop up to suggest the more appropriate imaging exam to order based on the reason for the exam or the patient's diagnosis.

More information to follow and this will be further discussed at the June 21 Active Staff Meeting by Dr. Talati.

A Message from Dr. Sullivan- Performance Improvement Lean Update

As you may be aware, our Performance Improvement transformation has begun. We have successfully completed our first Rapid Improvement Event (RIE) regarding bed placement on Harrison 6M and have seen a decrease in the number of inter-unit transfers and unnecessary phone calls during the admission process. We are working diligently to hard wire these improvements and to sustain our gains. The next RIE scheduled for June 13-17 will focus on the patient room turnover process. We invite you to attend the report out celebration on Friday, June 17 at 9:30 am in the Anderson Wellness Room. Additionally, we will be beginning our second value stream in Supply Chain Management, with a Value Stream Analysis (VSA) on June 27-30.

We would encourage you to visit our Value Stream Board outside of Harrison 6M to see some of our progress. As we further delve into clinical processes, there will be many opportunities to get involved and become a part of a RIE. For more information, please contact, Dr. Michael Sullivan at 989.583.7351 or msullivan@chs-mi.com.

Attention Specialist - Request Regarding Discharge

Any specialist who desires the patient to be seen for outpatient follow-up in their office, please complete the follow-up portion of the discharge template. This creates a smoother transition, serves as a reminder for patients/families and assures that appointments will be made for patients that need to be seen following discharge.

Liver Directed Therapy - Tumor Conference Guest Presenter, June 2

Please join us on Thursday, June 2 at 12:00 noon for a special tumor conference presentation by Surgical Oncologist, Dr. Mark Bloomston. Dr. Bloomston has recently served as Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology Fellowship Director and GI Cancer Service Line Director at Ohio State University. Presentation will be held at Spencer T Maidlow Conference Room. CMEs available and lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Lisa Hill at 989.583.5124.



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