



# Physician News Brief

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## Welcome Dr. Aaron Smith as Newly Appointed CMIO

Please welcome Dr. Aaron Smith as our new part time Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO). Dr. Smith is a valued member of the Covenant HealthCare Medical Staff and brings significant contributions to this new CMIO role, including his physician leadership, depth of knowledge in clinical operations and quality, and his many years as a well-respected emergency medicine physician. Congratulations Dr. Smith!

## Reminder New Travel Screening BPA – Go Live June 28

Starting on June 28, 2016, a travel screening best practice alert (BPA) will fire for physicians and advanced practice providers (APPs) on patients who have been out of the country within the last 30 days. During the admission or triage process, nursing staff will screen each patient - if the patient has been out of the country, the physician or APP will receive a BPA notification. This will prompt the provider to look at the CDC Travelers Website to review any infectious disease alerts.

## Clinical Decision Support – Penalties Delayed till Mid-Summer 2017

The penalty for omitting clinical decision support (CDS) when ordering imaging exams has been delayed until mid-summer 2017. As we continue to prepare for this transition, eCovenant will be implementing the American College of Radiology (ACR) Select Software provided by National Decision Support Company (NDSC) in July 2016 to help meet this regulation. This software utilizes a library of criteria from the ACR's Appropriateness Criteria. During this time, a change to the "Reason for Exam" for imaging exams will be in place to allow for the necessary supportive documentation. This fall, there will be a decision support pop up to suggest the more appropriate imaging exam (if applicable) based on the reason for the exam or the patient's diagnosis.

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