



Physician News Brief

NEWS ABOUT COVENANT HEALTHCARE FROM
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Text Messaging Strictly Prohibited if Contains PHI

Currently, Covenant HealthCare does not have the means to securely send Protected Health Information (PHI) via text messaging; therefore, hospital staff are strictly prohibited from texting PHI. We are currently evaluating a product on a trial basis that will allow encrypted texting. We anticipate that we will be able to accommodate secure text messaging in the future. However, until such a system is tested and in place, please do not request staff to text patient-specific information. Thank you for helping us protect the health information of our patients.

Writing a Diet Order in Epic – Easy as 1-2-3

1. Choose the main diet with modifiers; examples:
 - Consistent carb – for diabetic patients
 - Regular diet for an elderly patient not eating well or OB patient
2. Next, choose each additional diet modifier if you wish; examples:
 - 2-gram Sodium and fluid restricted – for CHF patient
 - Heart Healthy – for a heart patient
 - Fluid consistency – nectar or honey, having difficulty with thin liquids
 - Disposables – for a suicide precaution patient
 - Calorie count – for a person who hasn't eaten well in a week or more, etc.
3. Do NOT use the "Comments" area for any diet information. This information DOES NOT GET TO THE DIET office.

For more information on writing diet orders, feel free to ask a dietitian, or call 583.4500 (Vocera) and say "dietitian" between 7:00 am & 4:00 pm.

Epic Go-Live Updates

As a reminder, the following orders are set to go live on Tuesday July 12:

- NDSC – ACR Select (appropriateness criteria for imaging studies)
- New Telemetry order changes – Class 1 (72 hour) & Class 2 (24 hour)

Also, Mackinaw Surgery Center (MSC) – Order Based Discharge instructions (for those surgeons that provide services at MSC) are set to go live on Tuesday July 19.

Welcome to Covenant Medical Staff!

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