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# PHYSICIAN

## NEWS BRIEF

### PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### Diabetes Health Challenge 2016: January 19 – April 14

The YMCA of Saginaw and The Covenant Outpatient Diabetes Center will be offering a Diabetes Health Challenge again in 2016 from January 19 - April 14. If you have patients who would like to participate in the challenge, they may attend an introductory meeting on January 19 at the YMCA of Saginaw from 9:30-10:30 am or from 6-7 pm. For questions, please call 989.583.5193.

#### Covenant Bariatrics - *Back on Track* Workshops for Your Patients

Covenant HealthCare, along with Bariatric Support Centers International (BSCI), is now offering a 6-week program for patients who have had bariatric surgery in the past and are in need of some education and motivation to get back on track to reach and maintain optimal weight loss.

Upcoming workshop dates are as follows:

- January 5, 2016
- May 3, 2016
- September 6, 2016

Cost is \$149 for Covenant HealthCare bariatric patients and \$199 for all others. To register, call 989.583.4683 or email [lpalmer@chs-mi.com](mailto:lpalmer@chs-mi.com).

### BUSINESS UPDATES

#### Reminder Regarding Pronouncing Death of a Patient – Policy # 3.26

As a reminder, an RN is ONLY able to pronounce the death of a patient if they are a known DNR, ages 18 and over. Otherwise patient MUST be pronounced by the physician. To review the full policy, please refer to policy # 3.26 - *DETERMINATION OF DEATH* in the Administrative Manual in Covenant Clinical Practice Manual.

### EMR UPDATES

#### Inpatient ePrescribing Go-Live - January 5

January 5 will be the Go-Live for ePrescribing capabilities for controlled substances. In order to be able to ePrescribe on January 5, your fingerprints had to be enrolled by December 28. Your Physician Liaison will continue to be available to enroll your fingerprints as a second authentication, however please note that initially it may take up to 2 weeks following enrollment to be able to do so. The work stations that are equipped with the Fluency Direct microphones will also be equipped with fingerprint scanners and will be labeled with fingerprint logo so they are identifiable.