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NEWS BRIEF

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations
March 24, 2015

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) now available for lung cancer screenings

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services issued a final national coverage determination on February 5, 2015 that provides coverage of lung cancer screening to its qualifying beneficiaries. The Covenant Cancer Care Center has established a screening program to assist in the scheduling and tracking of patients having LDCT for lung cancer screening. Patients must meet ALL criteria listed:

- Age 55-77 years old
- Either a current smoker or you have quit smoking in the last 15 years
- Tobacco smoking history of at least 30 "pack years"

To learn more about the Covenant Lung Cancer Screening Program, please call Ann Werle, RN, Nurse Navigator at 989.583.5014.

EVENTS

Doctor's Day Celebration is on March 30

All Covenant Medical Staff physicians are invited to join us for breakfast as we show our appreciation for the extraordinary work that you do. The celebration will take place from 6:30 am to 11:00 am with made-to-order omelettes in the white tent, Cooper physician parking lot. We hope you can join us! If you are unable to attend the festivities, takeout orders are available on March 30 during event only, call 989.751.4983. For more details contact Maryvonne DeSmyter, Office Administrator at 989.583.4040. Thank you.

Cancer Care Symposium features panel of experts: MD Andersen, NYU and more

Covenant Cancer Care will host a Cancer Care Symposium on Friday, April 17 at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. The focus is, "Advances in Oncology: Breast and Gynecological Malignancies." Guest speakers includes both local and nationally recognized physicians from MD Anderson and NYU. Go to covenanthealthcare.com to review the course outline and register. For more information please contact Sandy Johnson at 989.583.5007.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Covenant Radiation Center Closes March 27 for Upgrades

The Covenant Radiation Center will close at the end of the business day on Friday, March 27, to be upgraded and re-equipped with a new linear accelerator (The Elekta Versa HD), in addition to a host of other new imaging technologies with the goal of providing better, safer and even more accurate radiation treatment. While the facility is closed for upgrade and remodeling, the Covenant Radiation Oncology Practice will temporarily relocate to the fifth floor of 5400 Mackinaw. Consultations and follow-up appointments will be scheduled at the temporary office. Radiation treatments will continue to be offered at surrounding radiation centers while construction is underway. Details, call Jackie Tinnin at 989.583.5250.

Cooper Physician Lot to be Blocked off for Doctor's Day 2015

Please note that a small portion of the Cooper Physician Parking lot will be blocked off beginning Saturday, March 28 to enable us to set up for Monday, March 30, National Doctors' Day event. We will have FREE valet parking available with two attendants for physicians on Doctor's Day from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

EMR UPDATES

Inappropriate Use of Nursing Communication Orders

Recently there have been several serious patient safety events resulting from inappropriate use of Nursing Communication Order, NUR185 in Epic. This order is meant for non-urgent, routine orders, for example "Notify me when family is at bedside." NUR 185 is not meant to communicate medication orders, conditional orders, or anything that may be urgent. In these situations, please use discrete Epic orders. If you have trouble finding the order that you need please contact the Charge Nurse on the unit or use Vocera-EMR Support. We also encourage direct communication with the appropriate staff member especially when the issue is urgent or emergent. For details, please call Dr. Michael Sullivan at 989.583.7351.



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