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NEWS BRIEF

BUSINESS UPDATES

CMU Building Update

The new CMU building is in its final stage of completion, which includes completing excavation around the exterior of the building and finishing the barrier area around the physician lot. This will occur with minimal interruption and the majority of work will take place beginning Fridays and continue through the weekend. The anticipated date for completion is within 2 weeks. Please direct any questions to Jeff Berger, Director of Facility Services at 989.583.6066.

Physician/NP/PA Engagement Survey to Launch May 4th

Please be aware that the Physician/NP/PA Engagement Survey will begin on May 4th and be open for 4 weeks. We encourage you to participate and provide feedback so that we may make Covenant HealthCare the most attractive environment to take care of your patients. Please contact your Physician Liaison for more information...more information to follow.

Reagents Changing for TAPTT Testing

The lab will be changing reagents for TAPTT testing, which will result in a reference range change. Accordingly, all heparin dosing orders and order sets will change slightly. These changes will go into effect on April 30, 2015 at 9:00 am. More detailed information has been sent to your email address on file or if you have any questions please contact Daniel Warner, Core Laboratory Coordinator at 989.583.6746.

Covenant Center for the Heart Physician Group is now *Covenant Cardiology*

In an effort to avoid confusion between the 2nd floor cardiac testing area and the 4th floor cardiology physician office, Covenant Center for the Heart Physician Group is changing their name to *Covenant Cardiology*. Contact information for the physicians and the office will remain the same.

Covenant Partners with the Michigan Spine Surgery Improvement Collaborative (MSSIC)

On March 4, 2015, Covenant HealthCare went "live" with MSSIC and is one of 22 hospitals statewide involved in the collaboration. Dr. Schinco is serving as Covenant's physician champion. MSSIC is a statewide, surgeon led, hospital collaborative sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). The program focuses on spine surgeries, specifically on pain relief and restoration of function. Information will be collected on patient characteristics, treatment processes, and outcomes of care. With their colleagues around the state, surgeons will review the data and share their thoughts and observations to improve patient care. The aim will be to reduce post-operative complications and the need for further surgeries. They will also work together to develop consistent approaches to areas like post-surgical exercise, physical therapy, and returning to work. For additional information, please contact Kari Jarabek, RN, Patient Safety & Quality at 989.583.6210.

NEW FACES

Welcome Back!

Martin Blank, MD, Thoracic & Vascular Access Surgery, 4701 Towne Centre Road, Suite 202, Saginaw. Dr. Blank can be reached at 989.355.1982

EMR UPDATES

A Message from Dr. Sullivan - *MDCalc* Link Added to Epic

A link to *MDCalc* has been added to Epic. *MDCalc* is a website that contains useful medical calculators, formulas, and helpful scoring systems. You can access the site through Epic by selecting "Links" under the "Epic" button in the upper left hand corner. For more information, please contact Dr. Sullivan at 989.583.7351.