



Physician News Brief

NEWS ABOUT COVENANT HEALTHCARE FROM
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HFAP Primary Stroke Re-certification

Covenant HealthCare will be having their HFAP Primary Stroke re-certification on October 24. This is a one-day event. Physicians that admit or cares for Stroke/TIA/Hemorrhagic patients should be prepared to answer questions regarding the care of these patients if asked. Melissa Duchene, Stroke Coordinator, has prepared a "Questions HFAP May Ask" tip sheet and can send out to anyone interested. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Melissa at 583.6685.

National Shortage of Morphine- Covenant Response

The American Society of Health System Pharmacists has officially placed all injectable morphine products on the National Drug Shortage List. The Covenant HealthCare Pharmacy Department has been managing this shortage since July, but it does not appear the shortage will fully resolve until June of 2018. The Pharmacy Department has been receiving limited shipments of injectable morphine, but this is not enough to sustain our current utilization.

To conserve what injectable morphine the pharmacy does have, an overridable alert has been placed in EPIC encouraging providers to consider using fentanyl instead of morphine when clinically appropriate. Please consider this alert when providing care for your patients. Fentanyl is suggested instead of hydromorphone because the supply of hydromorphone is also limited at this time. The pharmacy will continue to work hard and explore all options to secure a steady supply of injectable morphine and hydromorphone for your patients. We appreciate your help during this shortage. For any further questions please contact Blake Bonkowski, Pharmacy Manager at 583.4061.

Medical Staff Office Offering Influenza Vaccines

The Medical Staff Office will be hosting influenza clinics on all Wednesdays in October from 9:00am-1:00pm. The Medical Staff Office is located at 700 Cooper in the Administration Wing, Room 1EA-150. No appointments are necessary. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Medical Staff Office at 583.6595.

Interfaith Service

As part of celebrating Pastoral Care Week this year, the Department of Pastoral Care and Education invites members of all faiths to gather at 12 noon on Thursday, October 26 in the Cooper Chapel to celebrate in the spirit of hospitality and inclusion. For further information, please contact Kathy Bonn, Director of Pastoral Care and Education at 583.6037.

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