



Physician News Brief

NEWS ABOUT COVENANT HEALTHCARE FROM
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Empower! Performance Improvement Update

Our Lean transformation of Performance Improvement is predicated on the idea of allowing those that do the work, our front line staff including physicians and caregivers, to identify inefficiencies and come up with solutions. Several physicians have been involved in events to date and we extend our many thanks for their time and commitment:

Dr's. Mike Fiore and Matt Deibel-	Transformational Plan of Care (TPOC) Workshop Members of our Executive Steering Committee
Dr. Iris Marteja-	Inpatient Model Cell Value Stream Analysis (VSA) Member of the VSA Steering team
Dr. Colleen Linehan-	Supply Chain management VSA.
Dr's. M.A. Khan and Glenn Cipullo-	"Multidisciplinary Rounds" Rapid Improvement Team.

There will be many opportunities to become involved moving forward. Please contact Dr. Michael Sullivan, msullivan@chs-mi.com, if you have any questions. Empowering positive change!

Laboratory Update – New Syphilis Testing

As of August 2, the Covenant Laboratory will be implementing the new CDC recommended Reverse Algorithm for diagnosis of syphilis. The current rapid plasma reagin (RPR – non treponemal) test will be replaced with the Syphilis Antibody (Treponemal) test. All positive antibody screens will be sent out for confirmation with the RPR testing and further testing if deemed necessary. When a RPR is ordered it will be converted to the new syphilis antibody test. For more information, contact Angela Hirschenberger, Chemistry Lead Tech at 989.583.6757.

Discontinuing a Telemetry Order

Recently, the new Class 1 and Class 2 telemetry orders went live. These orders do not automatically discontinue. To do so, open a patient's chart, select Manage Orders and the patient's active orders will display. Locate the telemetry order under Other Orders and click the Discontinue button. The telemetry order will be discontinued.

Welcome to Covenant Medical Staff!

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