

TGH to Hire Physician Advisor For Clinical Effectiveness

Chuck Bombard, Director, Quality Improvement

Tampa General recently created and is advertising for a new physician post that will serve as a clinical consultant and liaison between attending physicians, case managers, Health Information Management personnel, and hospital administration. The new position will be entitled “Physician Advisor for Clinical Effectiveness” and will report to the Chief Medical Officer.

The physician filling this role will assist other physicians and hospital personnel resolve issues with payers, including the denial and appeals process and termination of benefits. This individual will also work to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of health care services from the patient’s admission through discharge.

The qualifications established for the position include holding a current Florida MD or DO license (or obtaining same within six months of hire) and be board certified. Training and experience in utilization management is preferred. The job description with more detailed information can be obtained online through the TGH website: www.tgh.org or from the TGH Human Resource Office (844-7551).



New Residents Welcomed to TGH

There are 216 new residents to the hospital...just under last year's 225. There are 125 PGY 1 residents

Of Interest:

The residents range in age from 21 to 44

There are 117 Males and 99 Females

There are 45 Residents from USF


Largest specialities:

Internal Medicine-26; Pediatrics-18; Surgery-16 & Emergency Medicine-10

Countries of origin: Egypt, Iran, Hungary, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Japan, Vietnam, Trinidad, Costa Rica, India, Argentina, Senegal, Netherlands, Russia and Cuba

All residents attended a one-day orientation sponsored by Dr. Sally Houston, TGH Sr. VP/Chief Medical Officer. Administrative information was provided from a number of hospital departments and included a special presentation of "Showtime", the hospital's demonstration of how a culture of service and safety is incorporated into patient care and staff activities.

Information provided by Elaine Adams, USF Senior Education Coordinator & Chuck Bombard, Director, Quality Improvement



SAVE THE DAY!

The Medical Staff 2009 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Westin Harbour Island Hotel at 6 PM.

Guest Speaker: Thom Mayer, MD, FACEP, FAAP
Medical Staff Members Service Recognition

TGH Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee UPDATE: May 2009

Earnest Alexander, Pharm D, Manager, Pharmacy Services

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Recombinant Hyaluronidase (Hylenex):

This agent was added to the TGH formulary in April 2009, pending development of a policy guiding its use. The agent is administered subcutaneously for hydration and is restricted to pediatric ED use as a second-line option when intravenous access cannot be obtained. The policy was approved in May 2009 P & T.

Plan for flu – oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza):

TGH's plan for dispensing Tamiflu and Relenza for the H1N1 virus was evaluated and approved.

Assessment of CRRT Phosphate replacement protocol:

Data from a research project conducted by My Le, Pharm.D., Pharmacy Practice (PGY1) Resident, was presented. The study evaluated the impact of changes in phosphate replacement practices since the implementation of the CRRT phosphate replacement protocol. Based on results, the CRRT phosphate replacement protocol is being revised to increase doses for more rapid correction of phosphorus levels, particularly in severely hypophosphatemic patients. The revised protocol and nursing/physician education plan are to be evaluated at a future meeting.

Evaluation of Epoetin alfa (Procrit) and Anemia Guidelines:

Data from a research project conducted by Melissa Pozotrigo, Pharm.D., Pharmacy Practice (PGY1) Resident, was presented. The study evaluated the effectiveness of pharmacist monitored use of epoetin alfa. Throughout the study period (3 months), a pharmacist assessed indication, contraindications, anemia work-up, iron replacement, and epoetin dosing upon initiation of therapy. P & T approved the expansion of this monitoring program to all pharmacists, based on improvements noted in routine anemia work-up and improved cost effectiveness of modified dosing strategies for epoetin alfa when appropriate. Guidelines for epoetin alfa (EPO) are available through Micromedex - Formulary Advisor.

Propoxyphene (Darvocet and Darvon) safety and efficacy concerns:

A public citizen group has been petitioning the FDA to phase out propoxyphene-containing products since 2006, based on concerns related to efficacy and risk of toxicity in accidental and deliberate overdoses compared with other analgesic options. Although no action has been taken by the FDA at present, other countries have removed these agents from the market. In light of these concerns, an evaluation of usage of the agents was performed at TGH. Currently, six pre-printed order sets account for more than 60% of orders for the agents. In order to minimize the exposure of these agents, P & T has approved the removal of these agents from all pre-printed order sets after targeted education for physicians and nurses using these order sets. Recommended alternatives may include acetaminophen, acetaminophen with codein (Tylenol with Codeine #3), or Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen (Norco).

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TGH Welcomes our new Physicians

The physicians below were added to TGH staff May 31st

Daniel S. Chan, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
Richard L. Crank, Jr. DO	Orthopaedic Surgery
Chandler D. Dora, MD	Urology
Daniel R. Dziadosz, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
Bethany Gallagher, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
James L. Huang, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
Ted W. Parcel, DO	Orthopaedic Surgery
Steven M. Schwartz, DO	Emergency Medicine
Justin C. Siebler, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery
Charles D. Talakkottur, MD	Internal Medicine
Bethany A. Weaver, DO	Internal Medicine
Matthew P. Willis, MD	Orthopaedic Surgery

KUDOS TO OUR PHYSICIANS!

Congratulations to the following physicians who were recognized by their patients in the form of personal letters to TGH leadership.

Dr. Frank Vazzana, Dr. Thomas Bernasek, Dr. Laurence T. Neufeld, Dr. Mark W. El-Deiry & Dr. John Delgado



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