

VITALS

House Staff News



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July-August 2010

WELCOME NEW HOUSE STAFF!

Garden City Hospital is pleased to welcome 28 new interns, residents and fellows this academic year. The OGME-I Class of 2010-2011 includes thirteen women and eleven men, representing seven colleges of osteopathic medicine.

Diagnostic Radiology: Benjamin Pruett, DO (TUCOM), Christina Zahn, DO (WVSOM)

Emergency Medicine: Aesha Ahmad, DO (MSUCOM), Serena Jiddou, DO (MSUCOM), Kaitlin McDonald, DO (MSUCOM), Cat Nguyen, DO (NSUCOM)

Family Medicine: Nicholas Packey, DO (MSUCOM)

General Surgery: Christopher Liby, DO (Western U/COMP)

Internal Medicine: Shelandra Bell, DO (MSUCOM), Christina Blevins, DO (MSUCOM), Xiaonan Guo, DO (MSUCOM), Jims Jean-Jaques, DO (UMDNJCOM), Subir Shah, DO (MSUCOM)

Neurology: Molly Rossknecht, DO (NSUCOM)

OBGYN: Cassi Jones, DO (PCSOM), Katrina Slone, DO (PCSOM)

Orthopedic Surgery: Harinder Dhanota, DO (TUCOM), Timothy Doig, DO (MSUCOM), Chaitu Malempati, DO (PCSOM)

Traditional Rotating Internship: Melissa Andric, DO (MSUCOM), Andrew Chet, DO (TUCOM), Kimberly Earle, DO (MSUCOM), Patricia Milner, DO (MSUCOM), Mohamad Saab, DO (MSUCOM)

We also welcome Neurology resident Nicole Gill, DO and Gastroenterology fellow Alexandra Shustina, DO. Welcome back to Cardiology fellows Joseph Park, DO and Mitesh Patel, DO, each of whom completed their Internal Medicine residencies at GCH.

2010 INTERN AND RESIDENT GRADUATION

The Annual Intern and Resident Graduation Dinner was held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at The Henry in Dearborn. Over 260 guests were in attendance to recognize the interns, residents and fellows who graduated this year. Photos from the event can be viewed at www.gchmeded.org > News. Award winners included:

- Intern of the Year: Erin Frankowicz, DO
- Teaching Resident of the Year: William Nazzaro, DO
- Teaching Attendings of the Year: Howard Fertel, DO and Zachary Lemon, DO
- Allan Breakie Medical Writing Awards: 1st place: Mohamad Sobh, DO; 2nd place, Emily Penn, DO; 3rd place: Hassan Makki, DO

GCH - READY FOR PRIMETIME!

A new television commercial featuring GCH physicians and staff is currently airing on cable stations in our area. To view the commercial, visit the GCH website at www.gchosp.org and click on Press Room > Multimedia Gallery. Or you can search for "Garden City Hospital" on YouTube. Thanks to all the students, interns, and residents who helped during the filming. GCH plans to produce additional commercials over the next year.

PAYCHECKS

Please remember to pick up your paycheck notices from the Medical Education office. Notices will be available on payday Thursdays and will be held in Med Ed until the following Monday, at which time they will be placed in the house staff mailboxes instead of being mailed to your home. All house staff are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit! Anyone who is on an extended out-rotation may contact Med Ed to make arrangements for mailing.

CHART SMARTS

Beginning this year, each edition of VITALS will feature best practices in documentation. Not only is this good patient care, it will help to ensure that GCH receives proper reimbursement. Remember, if it wasn't documented, it *wasn't done!*

What is a RAC audit?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting RAC (Recovery Audit Contractor) audits which seek to recover payments made to hospitals that are not justified by the documentation provided in the medical record.

This month's Keys for Good Documentation:

- 🔑 Always write legibly! If an auditor can't read your writing, it's as though you didn't document at all.
- 🔑 Make sure that the discharge medications listed on the discharge summary match the medication reconciliation form. It is acceptable to refer to the medication reconciliation form in when dictating the discharge summary.
- 🔑 For excisional debridement, be sure to include all of the following elements in your procedure note:
 - Procedure performed: use the words "excisional debridement" as opposed to sharp debridement
 - Description of location and characteristics of wound(s)
 - Type of tissue removed and at what depth
 - Instrument used and size (e.g. #11 scalpel)
 - Amount of bleeding and measures taken to control bleeding
 - Dressing applied and follow up treatment plan
 - How patient tolerated the procedure –pain level
 - Medications used for anesthesia and/or pain control

POLICY CHANGES FOR 2010-2011

The House Staff Manual for 2010-2011 version has been posted online at www.gchmeded.org. As a reminder, all house staff are responsible for the Manual. Changes have been made this year in the following policies:

- Duty hours: New penalties for failing to complete duty hour reports
- Out-rotation requests: New requirement to submit paperwork twelve weeks in advance
- Procedure credentialing: New process for submitting procedures and getting "signed off". All returning house staff received a Procedure Credentialing log book and memo in their mailboxes.

NURSING UNIT REORGANIZATION

Changes are underway for the medical-surgery units at GCH. These include:

- Observation Unit has been relocated from 1 East to 2NT
- 2 South will be changing to an 18-bed, all private room unit
- 2 East will be reopened as an 18-bed unit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Terry Hall	7/1	Corinne Costellic	7/31	Alexandra Shustina	8/11
Robert Jameison	7/12	Aesha Ahmad	8/6	Timothy Doig	8/16
Nicholas Packey	7/17	Christina Blevins	8/7	Collin O'Keefe	8/24
John Clayton	7/19	William Nazzaro	8/7	Chaitu Malempati	8/26
Christopher Houdek	7/20	Serena Jiddou	8/9	Cat Nguyen	8/29
Andrew Zillgitt	7/23	Hadi Shaaban	8/10		