

VITALS

House Staff News



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May-June 2010

With this last edition of VITALS for the 2009-2010 academic year, I would like to take a moment to thank our interns, residents and fellows for their contributions to patient care and education at Garden City Hospital. Congratulations to our graduates and best of luck as you begin the next phase of your careers as osteopathic physicians! For those who are staying, I look forward to each of you continuing to make GCH a great place to learn and work.

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YEAR END NOTICES

Now is the time to be sure your academic requirements have been met and your file is complete. Graduating residents should speak with Linda Kwiecien. OGME-I house staff will have an end-of-year meeting scheduled with Dr. Waarala. Be sure that evaluations, logs, etc. are up to date.

2010 INTERN AND RESIDENT GRADUATION ON JUNE 11

The Annual Intern and Resident Graduation Dinner will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 pm. Invitations should arrive during the second week in May. We anticipate needing two individuals to provide house coverage that evening; if you are interested, contact Med Ed.

POLICY CHANGES: PREVIEWS FOR 2010-2011

The House Staff Manual annual update is in progress and when complete, the 2010-2011 version will be posted online at www.gchmeded.org. It is your responsibility to understand and follow policies and procedures detailed in the Manual. Look for changes in the following:

- 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"
- H&P assignments: Continuing on changes made this year to improve efficiency and quality of care

DOCUMENTATION FOR PATIENT FALLS AND OTHER MISHPAPS

If you are called to evaluate a patient who has fallen, potentially received the wrong medication, etc., do you document your assessment in the chart? The answer is "yes". You need to document why you were called to see the patient, what you found, and any interventions. You should also alert the attending physician, especially if any injury was sustained. What you should *not* mention is whether or not an incident report has been completed about the event.

ACCESSING YOUR OWN OR YOUR FAMILY'S MEDICAL RECORDS

This is a reminder that it is a violation of policy to access one's own medical records or those of a family member, friend, acquaintance, etc. even with their permission. You may only access medical records (including lab results, images and documents) if you need the information as a treating physician. You may get copies of medical records through Health Information Management. Surveillance is performed on accessing of health records and those who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

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HFAP INSPECTION RESULTS

As anticipated, Garden City Hospital's HFAP (Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program) inspection took place in March 2010. Overall, the results were very favorable with no major deficiencies. One issue that will be the focus of new processes for house staff will be moderate (conscious) sedation, with new policies on its use and credentialing requirements to be instituted during the coming academic year.

As a general reminder, please remain vigilant about required charting practices including:

- Inclusion of date, time, and signature on all chart entries
- Identification in progress notes of level of training and/or rotation (GS resident, IM intern, etc.)
- Inclusion of printed name and pager number on orders
- Completion of all assigned charts within 30 days after patient's discharge
- Signing of all telephone/verbal orders within 48 hours

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Erin Frankowicz	5/1	Randy Balmforth	5/30	Cara Derck	6/15
Basil Younes	5/1	Stephen Bach	6/2	Jeremy Russell	6/17
April Cox	5/2	Emily Penn	6/2	Kevin Carroll	6/20
Matthew Keibler	5/5	Shavonne Borchardt	6/9	Roberto Taarea	6/20
Matthew Byington	5/17	Megan Schrader	6/9	Justin Hollander	6/22
Anthony Pierro	5/24	Dominic Gargiulo	6/11	Philip Mataverde	6/27
Jason Gumma	5/27	Peter Bertolozzi	6/12	Jordan Taylor	6/28
				Shilpa Gupta	6/30