

Riverside
HEADLINE NEWS
a weekly news update for our medical staff

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November 12, 2009 Office Staff – Please distribute to all physicians in your office

Center for Medical Education and Innovation (CME+I) Director Selected. Jennifer Beard, MD has been selected as the new Director of the CME + I. Dr. Beard has served most recently in Medical Education as the Assistant Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. She has a proven track record of educational excellence and leadership. Dr. Beard has developed and coordinated the simulation training for students and medicine residents in the CME+I, and having her in this role will allow us to expand the use of simulation for competency-based medical education. We also plan to enhance our patient safety and quality initiatives for physicians and staff at the hospital and within the system. She will also help develop industry relationships and research opportunities through the Center. Please congratulate Dr. Beard on her new position. **Contact Dr. Doug Knutson, 566-5775**

In-House Stroke Protocol. A new process has been developed to provide inpatients with a rapid and coordinated response to a change in their condition indicating they may be having a stroke. This process, modeled after the ED Stroke Alert Protocol, will be initiated when a nurse or physician believes an inpatient has signs or symptoms of a stroke and then calls the Rapid Response nurse and the Acute Medical Consultant (AMC). If the AMC suspects an acute stroke, the neurologist is paged and the determination is made to activate the In-House Stroke Alert. An overhead announcement is made by the operator and the patient is immediately taken for a CT scan. Coordinated actions and notifications follow to confirm the diagnosis and to provide the patient the highest level of care expected for all stroke patients entering or within RMH. As the Stroke Alert is announced, the nursing unit will call the attending physician to inform them of the situation. The AMC will receive the results of the CT and if positive, the neurologist will direct further management and treatment. The In-House Stroke Protocol will go live on November 17, 2009. **For more information, contact Dr. Wayne McBride, at 566-5956.**

New standardized colors for hospital-based patient armbands. On November 2, OhioHealth began using standardized, hospital-issued patient armbands at all five of our central Ohio hospitals to improve patient safety and reduce the risk of potential confusion associated with the use of different colored armbands at each hospital. All patients will be asked to remove any social cause armbands, such as the yellow Lance Armstrong “Live Strong” bracelets. Patients should, however, continue to wear any medical alert bracelets. The standardized armbands will be:

- White – Patient identification,
- Red – Allergy,
- Yellow – Fall Risk,
- Purple – Do Not Resuscitate Comfort Care (DNRCC or DNRCCA),
- Orange – Extremity Not to be Used (No Blood Draws, No IV, No BP), and
- White with Red Lettering - No Blood or Blood Products.

In addition, there are three approved campus-specific armbands: Kelly Green (Grant Only) – Difficult Airway, Green with patient name and tabs (Grady Only) – Blood Product, and Cranberry (Riverside Inpatient Rehab Unit Only) – Swallowing Group. **Contact Angie Surace, 566-3729**

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