

# MEDICAL STAFF

Newsletter

April, 2009

## Medical Executive Committee News

### Medical Staff Bylaws Documents

The following new and amended documents were recommended by the MEC on 03/27/09 and approved by the Board of Trustees on 04/02/09. The documents became effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

#### Amendment – Medical Staff Bylaws

##### Article III Officers

A proposal was made to elect officers (Chief and Vice Chief of Staff) at the May General Staff meeting rather than the November meeting. A letter from Dr. Faehnle on behalf of the MEC was circulated to members of the Active Medical Staff explaining the current process of electing officers, the proposed process and why changes were being recommended.

#### New – Medical Staff Policy

##### Code of Conduct

A Code of Conduct policy for the Medical Staff and Allied Health Professionals was developed by the Bylaws Committee at the direction of the MEC.

#### Amendment – Organization and Functions Manual

##### Article II Professional Staff Committees

The Code of Conduct policy requires the addition of a Code of Conduct Committee to review complaints related to conduct. The Committee consists of the Chief of Staff, Vice Chief of Staff, Chief Medical Officer, and a former Chief of Staff.

#### Amendment – Medical Staff Hearing Plan

##### Articles II and III

The time frame within which the MEC must act after summary restriction or suspension was increased from five days to ten days to coincide with amendments to the Organization and Functions Manual.

The Medical Staff Bylaws documents are posted on the Hendrick website at [www.ehendrick.org/medstaff](http://www.ehendrick.org/medstaff). For print or e-mail versions of the above documents, contact the Medical Staff Office at 670-2932.

### *Informed Consent*

Administrative policy 6010-01 outlines the informed consent process, i.e., responsibility of the physician to determine the decision-making capacity of the patient or appropriate surrogate decision maker. This policy also outlines persons eligible to serve as a surrogate decision-maker if the physician determines the patient lacks decision-making capacity.

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Hendrick has had a new application on its web site called YouLink for the last couple of months. It is a way for the Hospital to be better connected with our patients. It allows for patients to manage information for themselves and the members of their family.

We have been live for the last couple of months with pre-registration and job application link, but this week we just went live with a new module called Medication tracker that will allow patients to help keep track of their current medications and allergies.

If you have not signed up for this or would like more information go to our web site at [www.ehendrick.org](http://www.ehendrick.org) and register there.



April 22 is Arbor Day - Plant a Tree!!

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## New Medical Staff Members

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Benjamin George, M.D., Hematology-Oncology  
Abilene Hematology Oncology Group (locum tenens)  
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## New/Updated Address/Phone

Krystin Baker, M.D. – new answering service 800-905-3615. This number should be utilized for all after-hours calls. All requests during business hours should be directed to Dr. Baker's nurse at 670-6193.

Jeanne Bayless, D.D.S. – updated fax number is 672-5988.

Thomas Cotney, M.D. – Dr. Cotney no longer has an answering service. During business hours he can be reached at his office at 695-7740. After business hours Dr. Cotney can be reached at 668-6650.

## Resignations

Mohamad Ayoubi, M.D., Hospitalist  
Ted Carlson, M.D., Pediatric Cardiology  
Sandra Clapp, M.D., Pediatric Cardiology  
Daryl Eakin, M.D., Hematology/Oncology  
Victoria Fernando, M.D., Family Practice  
Jim Guerra, M.D., Hospitalist  
John Gullett, M.D., Infectious Disease  
Walter Harper, D.O., Radiology  
Philip Mason, M.D., Emergency Medicine  
Jim Morrison, M.D., Emergency Medicine  
Mark Rubin, M.D., Colorectal Surgery  
John Walke, M.D., Hyperbaric Medicine  
Vic Wall, M.D., Emergency Medicine

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## Decrease in Use of Verbal Orders

### CMS Conditions for Participation (CoPs)

Each physician and hospital that accepts Medicare and Medicaid funding is required to maintain the CMS CoPs. The CoP for Verbal Orders requires that the use of verbal orders is minimized and that they are signed by a physician within 48 hours of authorizing. In an effort to comply, HMC physicians will be asked by the nurse or other staff to write all orders being given while they are on the unit/department.

**Source:** Federal Register / Vol. 71, No. 227 / Monday, November 27, 2006 / Rules and Regulations Pages 68691 – 68693 Section 482.24(c)(1)(ii).

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## Heads Up!!

The Joint Commission is now interested in physician to physician transfer of patient care. We are currently looking at this issue – more information will be provided in the next newsletter.