

MEDICAL STAFF



Newsletter

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Physician Office Staff Luncheon

August 26, 2009 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Auxiliary Conference Room (Shelton Building)

Requirements for Medicaid authorizations, updates on healthcare legislation, and new features available in on-line scheduling will be presented.

Please contact Susan Wade at 670-2460 if you have any additional topics you would like reviewed during this luncheon or future luncheons.

Dr. Preston Pate will be riding in the Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association on September 12th. He will be riding with other members of his family under the banner Team Pate in honor of his father, Gilbert, who passed away last year. Gilbert had Type I diabetes since the age of 18 and died of cardiac complications of his disease. This is a fundraiser for diabetes research. Contributions can be made at

http://tour.diabetes.org/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr_id=6830.

In the search type in Pate, select Preston and click. All contributions are appreciated!

NEW MATTRESSES

Most of the bedded units at HMC have recently received new mattresses. The AccuMax Quantum mattress has many features which will not only provide a comfortable sleep surface for patients, but also help in the prevention of skin breakdown which could lead to pressure ulcer development and can accommodate weights up to 500 pounds.

Since these mattresses are designed for moderate risk patients to prevent and treat pressure ulcers and there are proven clinical outcomes on Stage III or IV pressure ulcer patients, there should be a decreased need for the use of air overlays or specialty beds.

For any questions about the new surface or if there is a question about the need of a specialty bed, call Charlotte Allen, RN, CWOCN (Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse), at 670-4302.



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To alleviate computer issues caused by loss of electricity, 21 Information Systems technicians, five AEP electricians, seven electricians and two employees from Plant Operations recently rewired the Information Systems data center, added a new generator and replaced the air conditioners in the computer room. Total cost of the project was \$650,000.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING CME!

14th Annual Physician CME Symposium

Friday, 09/18/09 and Saturday, 09/19/09

Up to 13 AMA PRA Category I credits available

Grand Rounds

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

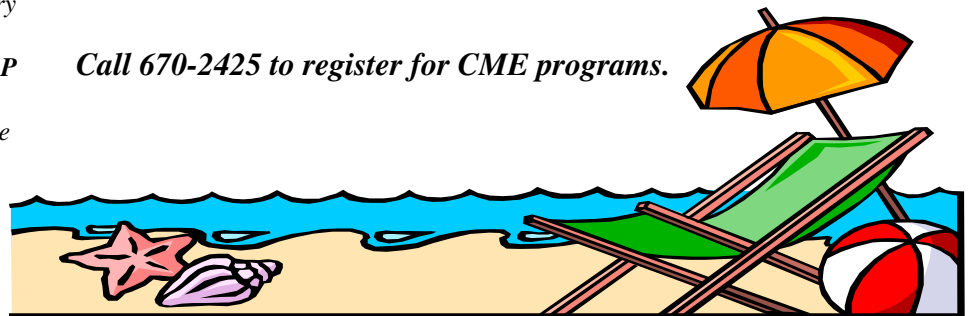
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

*“Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury
(TRALI)”*

*Lesley A. Kresie, MD, D(ABHI), FCAP
Medical Director*

*Laboratory Services Carter BloodCare
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Call 670-2425 to register for CME programs.



Hendrick Medical Center Diabetes Education Program Merits ADA Recognition

The Hendrick Diabetes Self-Management Program has been awarded continued Recognition from the American Diabetes Association. The program has been recognized since July 2003.

Assuring high-quality education for patient self-care is one of the primary goals of the Education Recognition program. Through the support of the health care team and increased knowledge and awareness of diabetes, the patient can assume a major part of the responsibility for his/her diabetes management. Unnecessary hospital admissions and some of the acute and chronic complications of diabetes may be prevented through self-management education.

For more information contact Becky Wells, RN, Department of Education at 670-4306.