

MEDICAL STAFF

Newsletter

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Congratulations To:

Dr. Yogi Patel

PHYSICIAN OF THE QUARTER

Dr. Patel was elected by Hendrick employees as Physician of the Quarter for demonstrating the Hendrick Way:

Creating a culture that inspires the workforce, with a clear focus on mission, vision and values.

Medical Executive Committee News

The MEC considered extensive proposed amendments to the Medical Staff Bylaws. The proposed amendments are posted on the Hendrick website. The direct link is as follows: <http://hendrickhealth.org/medstaff/bylaws2/index.htm>. The amendments may also be accessed from the Medical Staff page of the website at: <http://www.ehendrick.org/medstaff/index.htm>

The Medical Executive Committee will vote on the amendments at the 01/29/10 meeting. Comments should be directed to the Medical Staff Office via e-mail, nquinnett@ehendrick.org, telephone 670-2932 or fax 670-3447. The comment period will be from 12/18/09 through 01/20/10.

Hard copies of the proposed amendments can be provided by calling the Medical Staff Office.

Address Changes & Resignations

New Address & Phone Numbers

Mike Montgomery, M.D. and Eric Schackmuth, M.D.
West Texas Radiology Group
P.O. Box 6513, Abilene, TX 79608
Phone: 428-1300 Fax: 428-1319

Resignations

Richard Frazee, M.D., effective 12/10/09
Alexander Hernandez, M.D., effective 01/01/10

The Department of Medicine elected representatives for 2010-2011:

Keith Robinson, M.D., Chair
Chad Ezzell, M.D., Vice Chair
Paul Maslanka, M.D., Member At Large

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Surgical Physicians' Staff Luncheon

A Luncheon for Surgeons' Nursing Staff will be held on Wednesday, January 13th in the Tom Roberts Conference Center, from 12pm to 1pm. Nurse Managers from Pre-Admissions and Surgery will be presenting ways to streamline the surgical patient's process. Upcoming legislative changes impacting healthcare will also be presented.

Physicians, please have your staff contact Susan Wade at 670-2460 or via email, swade@ehendrick.org if they plan to attend.

New Medicare Requirement

As of April 5, 2010 all Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners (NPPs) who order items or services for Medicare beneficiaries, or who refer Medicare beneficiaries to other Medicare providers or suppliers must establish a **current** enrollment record in Medicare. Physicians and NPPs who have not updated their Medicare enrollment record since November 2003 are urged to update their enrollment record now. Additional information regarding this requirement can be found at www.traiblazerhealth.com under the PECOS link. As of April 5th if enrollments have not been updated, claims to Medicare will be rejected.

Physicians and NPPs who are dentists or physicians with a specialty such as pediatrics and are eligible to order/refer items or services for Medicare beneficiaries, but have not enrolled in Medicare because the services they provide are not covered by Medicare or they treat few Medicare beneficiaries, **still need to enroll in Medicare** to continue to order/refer items or services for Medicare beneficiaries.



It's tough to make predictions. Especially about the future.
~~~~Yogi Berra

## Protocol for Pre-Albumin Testing

Previously a pilot of pre-albumin testing in patients over 65 years of age was conducted. Since that time stickers have been placed on charts for physicians to sign if they agree with the dietician's assessment. CMS has its own definition of malnutrition and requirements for reporting the condition.

## Grand Rounds

*Overview and Management of  
Candidiasis  
(2009 IDSA Update)  
Takaaki Wada, MD  
Infectious Diseases*

*Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  
Tom Roberts Conference Center*

## Committee Chairs, 2010-2011

Allied Health Professionals – Robert Dickey, M.D.  
Bylaws – Gary Walker, M.D.  
Code of Conduct – Leigh Taliaferro, M.D.  
Credentials – Allen Schultz, M.D.  
Medical Executive – Leigh Taliaferro, M.D.  
Operating Room – David Stark, M.D.  
Performance Improvement – Gary Goodnight, D.O.  
Pharmacy & Therapeutics – Brad Kendrick, M.D.  
Physician Health & Rehab – B. J. Estes, M.D.  
Physician Review – Lance Pickard, M.D.  
Trauma Services Review – Mark Williams, M.D.