

# MEDICAL STAFF



Newsletter

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO



## PHYSICIAN OF THE QUARTER

**Dr. Taliaferro 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.*

### *Performance Improvement Salutes our Doctors*

The Performance Improvement Department is keeping an eye out and watching for situations when MDs are using excellent documentation... especially when providing reasons for something not being done or given. This month, we happened to catch a couple of physicians doing just that. Gorman Thorp, M.D. and Bobby Lawson, M.D. received "You're A Keeper" awards for excellent documentation.

Dr. Thorp detailed the reasoning for not using a Beta Blocker perioperatively and at discharge. Dr. Lawson also documented clearly the reasons for not giving a Beta Blocker or an aspirin in a Trauma Center patient being taken to the Cath Lab.

Thanks to all our wonderful doctors for working so hard to get it.... **RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!**

#### **Address/Phone Changes**

Rodney Van An del, M.D. - updated contact information

During office hours call 670-6140

After hours call 671-5261 or

Cell phone 665-9332 or

Home phone 690-0658

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## CMS and Pneumonia Antibiotics

CMS has recommendations (i.e., expectations) for appropriate antibiotic selection for patients with community acquired pneumonia. Here are the CURRENT recommended for general Non-ICU admissions:

- IV/IM: Ceftriaxone, Cefotaxime or Ampicillin/Sulbactam AND
- IV/PO: Erythromycin, Clarithromycin or Azithromycin OR
- IV/PO: Levofloxacin 750 mg OR
- IV/IM: Ceftriaxone, Cefotaxime or Ampicillin/Sulbactam AND
- IV/PO: Doxycycline

There are preprinted order sets available on every unit that include the full list or you can secure the list by calling The PI Department at 670-3517

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## Radiology Corner

The Nuclear Medicine Department has been experiencing issues in obtaining Tc99 which is the base material for over 90% of the radiopharmaceuticals used in Nuclear Medicine studies, e.g., heart, bone scans, etc. This Tc99 shortage is world wide and we have been limited by our supplier to 30 to 50% of our normal case load. Starting the week of June 8, 2009, this allotment goes down to 15%. We are able to do emergency cases, but this may become an issue as this Tc99 shortage continues. There are currently two (2) reactors down for service and one is not expected to come back on-line for one to eight (1 to 8) months.

We monitor this situation daily so please call the Nuclear Medicine Department @ extension 3376 if you have any questions regarding your patient care activities.

## Physician Education Regarding National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG)

### NPSG.07.03.01 Implement evidence-based practices to prevent health care associated infections due to multidrug resistant organisms in acute care.

MRSA and Clostridium difficile are two of the multidrug resistant organisms that are common in hospital settings. Specific practices for prevention include the following:

- Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based rub before and after caring for every patient.
- Healthcare providers must put on gloves and wear a gown over their clothing while taking care of these patients.
- When leaving the room, healthcare providers must remove their gowns and gloves and clean their hands
- Antibiotics should be given only when necessary.

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The Medical Staff Performance Improvement Committee would like to remind physicians that when a urinary catheter is inserted, the projected date of removal is approximately 48 hours after insertion. Unless the physician writes an order to maintain the catheter, it will be removed after 48 hours.  
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## Grand Rounds

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

(serving begins at 12 noon)

Tom Roberts Conference Room

### Disruptive Behavior in Physicians: Professional and Ethical Considerations

Lloyd M. Garland, M.D., FACS

Neurosurgeon

Lubbock, Texas

Leigh Taliaferro, M.D., Chief of Staff  
and

Gary Goodnight, D.O., Vice Chief of Staff

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