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Are you automating?

Clinical Resources at your fingertips

The “SJO Clinical Applications” icon is found on all department computer desktops and brings a wealth of online resources to clinicians just with a click of the mouse.

SJO Clinical Applications links offer evidence-based clinical information to help support perfect care; access to clinical applications, as well as a wide variety of other information resources.

Examples of what you will find if you click on this central resource include: Lexi-Comp (formulary drug reference), Medication Management Resources, Physician Resources and WebPaging.

Lexi-Comp – a new online drug resource!

Check out our new drug information, formulary and IV administration guidelines reference. Lexi-Comp is a comprehensive online pediatric & adult drug resource database. It is now available on the SJO Clinical Applications page & soon to be on GEN2 Physician Portal. Lexi-Comp will replace Micromedex on July 1.

Simplify your workday and avoid suspensions with E-Sign

St. Joseph Hospital is moving forward with Physician Electronic Signature (E-Sign). A group of physicians have been selected to pilot the process of signing reports online in Meditech EMR. We anticipate E-Sign functionality for dictated reports to be available to all physicians by the end of August 2009.

E-Signature will be a welcomed enhancement that will simplify a physician’s workday by eliminating the hassle and time spent getting documents signed. Just think - no more travel, overnight courier costs or chasing faxes around the office!

Need more information on any of the above? Call CIS Physician Liaison/Educator **Vira Estrada-Morse** at ext. 17870.

Physicians behind “Believe & Inspire” Fashion Show

The St. Joseph Hospital Foundation and Honorary Chair **David Margileth, MD**, invite you to “Believe & Inspire,” the 2009 Circles of Life Fashion Show & Luncheon at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel on Sunday, June 28, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Executive Medical Director of The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment **Lawrence Wagman, MD**, and Dr. Margileth will speak at the event. Male and female cancer patients and survivors treated at St. Joseph Hospital highlight the event as models. Their physicians are: **Drs. Edward Alexson, Birbal Bhaskar, Timothy Byun, Michele Carpenter, Kim J. Charney, Theodore Coutsoftides, Edward Lee, Afshin Forouzannia, Anita Gregory, Sam Huang, Tariq Mahmood, David Margileth, Fred Nowrozi, Ivan Turpin, Jay Harness, Madhavi Mummaneni, Nabil Phillips and Winston Ho**. Proceeds support The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital. Tickets are \$70 or \$700 for a table of 10. Make your reservation today by calling (714) 771-8211.



Baby Friendly born at SJO

Baby-Friendly USA, a global program sponsored by the World Health Organization and the United States Children’s Fund (UNICEF), announced that St. Joseph Hospital in Orange has received recognition as a Baby-Friendly birth facility, the first hospital to achieve such distinction in Orange County.

“Baby Friendly designation gives us an edge in providing better care for moms and babies by ensuring their delivery is in a safe environment with immediate closeness, and by building greater immunity through breastfeeding,” states **Lilly Ramirez-Boyd, M.D.**, Chair of St. Joseph Hospital’s OB/GYN Department. “It speaks to our values, and our desire to provide the birthing experience our patients are asking for.”

This milestone is the result of four years of planning and action to make sure Orange County moms and their babies are off to a healthy start, according to Nursing Manager **Carol Suchy**.

Friends of Nursing

Congratulations to the physicians selected by St. Joseph Hospital nurses to receive the 2009 “Friends of Nursing” Award for their outstanding support:

Alejandro Ramirez, MD., Anesthesiology
Jairo Marin, MD, Cardiology

Clinical Institute invitation

All Clinical Institute members are invited to the Doubletree Hotel in Anaheim for an orientation dinner on Thursday, June 4, 6 - 9 p.m. Hear an overview and update on Clinical Institute priorities, outcomes, group initiatives and opportunities to join clinical teams. RSVP to 714-744-8821.

Pearls before swine: Novel H1N1 Flu priorities

Swine influenza continues to be a concern for public health officials. The Orange County Health Care Agency's priorities for surveillance have shifted to (1) severe illness to detect any changes in the virulence or epidemiology of the viruses, (2) outbreaks and assisting with mitigation in the particular outbreak setting and (3) high-risk groups (such as healthcare workers, pregnant women and institutionalized persons).

Clinicians are urged to continue their normal practice to every extent possible and apply sound clinical judgment with each patient. It is important to remember that clinical symptoms and presentation of H1N1 Flu infection may be similar to other respiratory illnesses and should be considered in the context of a complete differential diagnosis.

Exposure (to a confirmed or probable H1N1 Flu case or to a geographic area where H1N1 Flu has been identified) alone is not an indication for hospital or emergency room referral. Patients who report mild illness AND who have no underlying medical conditions that place them at higher risk of complications from influenza need not be seen in the office. These patients can be screened by phone, given symptomatic treatment recommendations, and instructed to contact the physician for any signs of worsening severity of illness. With the current limitations in confirmatory testing capacity, for typical clinical management purposes, patients with mild illness should NOT be tested for influenza because screening tests will not influence treatment decisions.

Patients who report serious illness should be further evaluated; the most appropriate setting for the evaluation of a severely ill patient may be the hospital emergency room. Do NOT send patients to an emergency department unless you believe hospital admission may be warranted.

Report any unusual clusters of febrile respiratory illness to the local health department immediately. They may request testing of patients associated with a suspect outbreak, even if the patient's illness is mild.

A link to infection control recommendations to assist physicians' offices in triaging and managing patients who may be ill with H1N1 influenza virus is available at www.sjo.org/PhysiciansOnly.

Justice for all

CCPT welcomes Family Advocates

Beginning May 28, legal clinics will be held at The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. The Family Advocates service is a collaborative between the Public Law Center, a pro bono law firm providing access to justice for low-income residents, and St. Joseph Health System. Its goal: to improve the health and welfare of low-income families.

The medical-legal collaborative expands the focus of health care beyond the medical condition to external factors causing or exacerbating the condition, and adversely affecting the overall well-being of the individual. The concept was originally introduced to California in 2004 when SJHS and the Public Law Center implemented their first legal clinic at La Amistad de Jose Family Health Center.

A clinical setting is ideal for the legal clinic because families trust doctors more than lawyers, and need doctors' encouragement to get help from the government. Family Advocates educates healthcare professionals to identify poverty-based barriers to a patients' health, and provides direct, proactive, English/Spanish legal assistance to families experiencing problems relating to health care, housing, public benefits, domestic violence, nutrition, employment, education and immigration.

For more information call (714) 541-1010.



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