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News for the EAMC Medical Staff & Affiliates



Happy Birthday!

Sept. 1	Robert McAlindon
Sept. 3	Phillip Heidepriem
Sept. 3	David Holmes
Sept. 5	Dell Crosby
Sept. 5	Gary Harrelson
Sept. 10.....	Keith Adkins
Sept. 10.....	Trey Wages
Sept. 13.....	Tonya Lyles*
Sept. 13.....	Sara Smith T
Sept. 16.....	Ramdas Kamath
Sept. 19.....	Tyanne Lindsey
Sept. 20.....	Shashi Sharma
Sept. 22.....	Katrin Klemm
Sept. 24.....	Donald Rhodes

*EAMC- Lanier Physicians

CIN Update: LLC Established

We are pleased to announce that we have established a new limited liability company, Longleaf Physician Network, LLC. This new company represents our clinically integrated network. The following persons make up the board of directors:

Physician Directors: William Blythe, MD (Chairman) • John Abrams, MD • David Fagan, MD
Richard Glaze, MD • Clay Harper, MD • Robert Marino, MD • Park McGehee, MD • Alan Moore, MD
Steven Presley, MD • Todd Sheils, MD • Michael Williams, MD

EAMC Directors: Terry Andrus • Laura Grill • Sam Price • Greg Nichols

The initial goals of this new company are to explore how physicians and the health system can work together to address coming changes in healthcare reimbursement, regulatory requirements and market changes. The East Alabama service area is in many ways unique, and we do not envision taking any unnecessary or risky steps. We are aware, however, that changes are occurring in healthcare and in markets very near to ours, so we firmly believe that attention to that will be critical for our mutual success in the coming years. We may develop protocols to be followed, a network to ensure compliance, and even contracts with payers and employers, but none of that has been determined yet. **That is why we need your help as we seek to make appropriate plans.**

The board of Longleaf Physician Network envisions the rest of 2015 and all of 2016 to be taken up with exploring these topics and developing plans for dealing with them. **If you are willing to participate in these discussions, we will compensate you both for your participation in some general meetings (and for your participation in specific committee meetings).** We have developed a Provider Participation Agreement that each member will need to sign. Your signature will not bind you to anything more than participating in these discussions, but your input is necessary for this process to be meaningful and successful.

We will be reaching out to as many members of the physician community as we can over the next number of weeks. In the meantime, **feel free to contact Brett Scullen**, executive director, at 334-528-1211 or brett.scullen@eamc.org for more information.

Meetings and Conferences

- **Cancer Conference:** Tuesday, September 8; Noon; Classroom C. Lunch will be served.
- **Pediatric Advanced Life Support Renewal:** There are no dates scheduled for September. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Health Resource Center. Call 334-528-1260 to register.
- **Pediatric Advanced Life Support for Inexperienced Providers:** Wednesday, September 16 - Thursday, September 17; 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Health Resource Center. Call 334-528-1260 to register.
- **Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal:** Wednesday, September 9, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Health Resource Center. Call 334-528-1260 to register.
- **Advanced Cardiac Life Support for Inexperienced Providers:** Tuesday, September 22 - Wednesday, September 23; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Health Resource Center. Call 334-528-1260 to register.



It's Time Again For Flu Vaccines!

EAMC: Every Tuesday and Thursday (starting September 15) • 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Employee Health Office (3rd floor)

Flu Fair Dates:

Friday, **September 11**, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Classroom C
Friday, **September 18**, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Classroom B
Wed., **September 23**, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Classroom C
Friday, **September 25**, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Classroom C

EAMC-Lanier:

Infection Prevention office (1st floor)

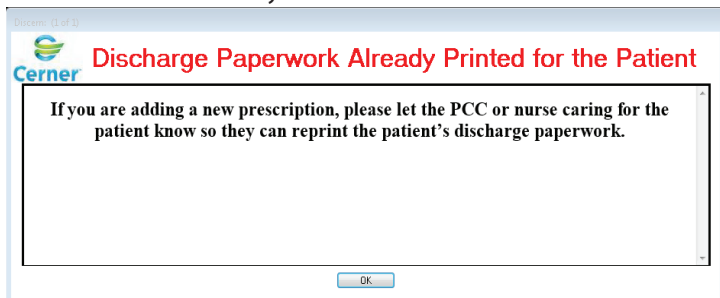
Wednesday, **September 2**, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, **September 9**, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday, **September 21**, 6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The deadline to be vaccinated is October 31.

“Patient Discharge Documents Are Printed” Alert

If a Physician adds a Prescription to a patient after the discharge process is completed by nursing, an alert will fire to let you know. **Please let the charge nurse or nurse caring for the patient know, so they are able to reprint the patient’s discharge paperwork and medications list.** The alert will only fire on EAMC InPatients.

The Go-Live for this system is October 5.



ICD-10 Documentation Tips - Altered Mental Status

- Altered Mental Status translates to confusion when coding
- To ensure the complexity of care rendered please consider documenting: encephalopathy, delirium, dementia, stupor, coma, TIA, stroke, aborted stroke, psychosis

If you have any questions, please contact one of your Clinical Documentation Specialists at 528-1254

** Using these documentation tips will get you ready for ICD-10 documentation requirements.*



Dr. Blake Smith Joins Oral & Facial Surgery of East Alabama

Blake Smith, DMD, MD, joined Oral & Facial Surgery of East Alabama on July 1. He specializes in cosmetic surgery.

Dr. Smith completed his general cosmetic surgery fellowship at Tulsa Surgical Arts in Oklahoma prior to moving here this summer. He earned his medical degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) School of Medicine after graduating Summa Cum Laude with a biology degree from Auburn University at Montgomery. He earned his doctorate of dental medicine (DMD) from the UAB School of Dentistry, where he also graduated Summa Cum Laude and was ranked first in his class. Dr. Smith completed a general surgery internship and maxillofacial surgery residency at UAB.

Dr. Smith has received numerous awards. Among them is the William S. Kramer Award for Excellence by Omicron Kappa Upsilon and the Valedictorian Scholarship from Auburn University at Montgomery. He is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and Phi Kappa Phi, among other organizations.

Originally from Montgomery, Dr. Smith and his wife, Lynsey, have two children, Ellasyn (5) and Sawyer (2).

Patient and Family Advisory Council Coming Soon to EAMC

(Editor’s note: this is the first of a two-part series)

Patient and Family Advisory Councils (PFAC) are well-recognized best practices for patient and family engagement, and a transformational indicator of excellence for hospitals across the country. Throughout the past decade, EAMC has been incorporating components of patient-family centered care and patient engagement into our healthcare delivery model.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Collaborative care model
- Bedside shift reporting
- Multidisciplinary rounds that include patients and family members
- Purposeful nurse leader and staff hourly rounding
- Process improvement events (LEAN)

Earlier this year, we began assessing our organization’s readiness for a PFAC. By assessing, researching and networking with hospitals that have already established PFAC, EAMC has developed our operating infrastructure and we are now ready to move to implementation.

About PFACs:

A PFAC is a way for patients and families to partner with hospital leadership, physicians, and staff to deliver safe, high quality care and service. Council members will engage in respectful dialogue to further promote a culture of patient and family-centered care. Council members, which will also include a few staff and administrative or physician leaders, will serve as our partners, advocates, and collaborators in improving quality, safety, outcomes, and overall patient and family experience.

The role of patient-family advisors is **not** to be clinical care experts.

Patient-Family Advisors provide:

- Fresh insights on what it is like to receive services from the healthcare delivery system, particularly at EAMC and EAMC-Lanier.
- Diverse ideas and experiences about ways to improve healthcare programs, policies, communications between providers, and services.
- Information about the priorities of consumers and meeting the needs of patients and families.

What are ways EAMC might involve Patient-Family Advisors?

- Patient and family roles in fall prevention
- Visitation policy updates or other policy revisions
- Medication reconciliation improvement efforts
- Design/construction projects, particularly about waiting areas, furnishings, etc.
- Signage and way-finding
- Orientation and other training forums
- Patient education materials/resources
- Departure process
- Select committees, improvement events, or special project teams

To learn about how you can get involved in the upcoming PFAC, look for part two of the series coming in October. For more information about PFAC, please contact **Pat Grace**, patient experience, at patricia.grace@eamc.org or 334-528-1262.