



Physician Update

SIERRA VISTA RECEIVES TENET CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center has been named to Tenet Healthcare Corporation's 2010 Circle of Excellence. Sierra Vista was only one of eight Tenet hospitals nationally and one of only two in its California Region to achieve this recognition.

The Circle of Excellence honors Tenet hospitals that have achieved the highest levels of quality, service and operational performance. Key metrics used to evaluate the hospitals were patient, physician and employee satisfaction scores, clinical quality and financial performance.

"The hard work, determination and

commitment of the employees at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center made 2009 a great year for the hospital," said Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet's chief operating officer. "The staff at Sierra Vista constantly looks for ways to improve. I'm proud of everything that they've accomplished and am delighted to honor them with Tenet's Circle of Excellence Award."

Sierra Vista Chief Executive Officer Candy Markwith added, "It's the dedication of our nurses, physicians and staff to providing high-quality care that earned Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center this honor, and I can say without a doubt that it is well deserved."

PHYSICIAN CHAMPION TO LEAD EMR EFFORT

Rob Meyers, MD, recently retired Chief Medical Officer at the California Men's Colony, has joined Sierra Vista as physician liaison assisting the hospital to complete its conversion to a fully implemented Electronic Medical Record.

"The conversion from paper charts and manual processes to secure electronic health records will provide health care providers with immediate access to a patient's medical history, including past visits, labs, immunizations and medications," Meyers said.

Board certified in Family Medicine, Dr. Meyers has been in San Luis Obispo

County since 1987. He originally joined the San Luis Medical Specialty Group. He started working for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 1988 and served in many leadership capacities at the California Men's Colony before retiring in December 2009.

Dr. Meyers holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado and earned his medical degree at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He completed his Family Medicine Residency and a Masters Degree in Medical Education at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

TAP-N-GO COMPUTER SIGN-ON NOW AVAILABLE

In our continuous effort to improve ease of access to our electronic environment, SVRMC recently finished installation of Tap-N-Go Single Sign-On Authentication. Physicians can now use their ID badge to "Tap-In" to Cerner and HPF while in the hospital.

To utilize the tool, a physician must tap their ID badge on the reader. The first time a physician "Taps-In" within a 13 hour period, they will be prompted to

enter their eTenet password to verify security. Upon all subsequent returns to a workstation within that time frame, the physician can log-in simply by tapping their ID badge to the reader. If you "Tap-Out" or "Lock" the computer before walking away from a workstation, the application you are working in will be saved and reopened the next time you "Tap-In". For help activating your badge, call Shannon Downing @ 546-7927.

Upcoming Meetings

July

- 7/6/10: Sushi Tuesday
- 7/8/10: IC/P&T @ 12:30p
- 7/13/10: OB-GYN @ 12:30p
- 7/15/10: Surgery Review @ 12:30p
- 7/16/10: CME Luncheon @ 12:15p (Neurocritical Care)
- 7/20/10: Quality Council @ 12:30p
- 7/28/10: Cardiology @ 12:30p
- 7/27/10: Med Exec @ 12:15p

August

- 8/3/10: Sushi Tuesday
- 8/3/10: Bioethics @ 12:30p
- 8/10/10: Medicine @ 12:15p
- 8/11/10: Bylaws/Library @ 12:30p
- 8/20/10: CME Luncheon @ 12:15p (Pacific Eye Surgeons)
- 8/24/10: Med Exec @ 12:15p

September

- 9/1/10: Anesthesia @ 6:30am
- 9/7/10: Sushi Tuesday
- 9/7/10: Pediatrics @ 7am
- 9/8/10: Utilization Review @ 12:30p
- 9/14/10: Cancer @ 12:30p
- 9/14/10: Med Staff Aid @ 12:30p
- 9/16/10: Interdisciplinary @ 12:30p
- 9/21/10: Quality Council @ 12:30p
- 9/22/10: Emergency @ 12:30p
- 9/25/10: CME @ 8am (Children's Hospital Central CA)
- 9/28/10: Med Exec @ 12:15p

NUCLEAR MED CAMERA

SVRMC recently completed the installation of a new nuclear medicine camera. The GE Infinia Hawkeye delivers outstanding image quality and provides diagnostic confidence.

The GE Infinia uses the latest technology for processing speed, innovative productivity tools and built-in connectivity. Doctors at Sierra Vista will now be able to more accurately detect disease that may otherwise not be detected by other means such as with CT scans alone. You can now determine where the disease is located, distinguishing it from normal tissue and physiological activity and predict where it might go next.

For more information about this publication or to submit your ideas, contact Christie Gonder, CNO at 546-7687 or Christie.Gonder@TenetHealth.com

CENTRAL COAST CANCER CHALLENGE

Sierra Vista is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Central Coast Cancer Challenge. Join us Saturday, September 18 at Laguna Lake Park to raise funds for The Wellness Community and the Livestrong Foundation. Events include cycling, running and a concert with the Damon Castillo Band. REGISTER at CentralCoastCancerChallenge.com

VERBAL ORDERS FOR PAIN

When giving a verbal order for pain medication, the order must include the level of pain for the medication and CANNOT be a range order.

Acceptable Order

Dilaudid 0.4mg IV Q 2 hours PRN severe pain
 Norco 5/325 1 tab PO Q 6 hours PRN moderate pain
 Norco 10/325 1 tab PO Q 6 hours PRN mild pain

Unacceptable

Dilaudid 0.5-1mg IV Q 2 hours PRN pain
 Norco 5/325 1-2 tabs PO Q 6 hours PRN pain

NEW CENTRAL LINE STICKER

This sticker will be placed on all patient charts that have a Central Line.

Central Line was inserted on _____ / _____ / _____
Location: <input type="checkbox"/> PICC <input type="checkbox"/> Subclavian <input type="checkbox"/> Femoral <input type="checkbox"/> Jugular
MD: Evaluate daily necessity for Central Line and document in progress notes
Nursing: Change dressing every Wednesday

ORGAN DONATION EDUCATION

Enclosed with this quarter's physician newsletter is the Licensed Independent Provider Annual Education on Organ Donation. The Department of Human Services requires that Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center provide you with this information. Please take a moment to review.

PATIENT ORDERS & ADMISSIONS

- Per CMS guidelines, ALL admission orders must include patient status, either Inpatient or Outpatient. It is no longer sufficient to order "Admit to Med-Surg" or "Admit to ICU".
- In order to provide safe and appropriate care to our patients, please **DO NOT** write "Resume Previous Order" or "Same Orders". These orders are deemed unacceptable by The Joint Commission.

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS RISK

A recent outbreak in New York and Ohio of bacterial meningitis following spinal anesthesia during labor was linked to the anesthesiologist who did not wear a mask. The American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine recommended the use of surgical masks during all regional anesthesia procedures.

WELCOME TO SIERRA VISTA

DR. DAVID SAMANIE	ANESTHESIA
DR. MARK SHERMAN	OPHTHALMOLOGY
DR. SOHAL TABLIZO	PEDS PULMONARY
DR. MARY ANNE ARCILLA	PEDS PULMONARY

NEW CODE DESIGNATIONS

Effective June 1, 2010, Sierra Vista's Emergency Code System will reflect Universal California Codes.

CODE RED	FIRE
CODE BLUE	CARDIAC ARREST
CODE BLUE (PEDS)	PEDIATRIC ARREST
CODE PINK	INFANT/CHILD ABDUCTION
CODE YELLOW	BOMB THREAT
CODE GRAY	SECURITY NEEDED
CODE ORANGE	HAZEROUS MATERIALS
CODE SILVER	WEAPON
CODE WHITE	NEONATAL ARREST
CODE GREEN	PATIENT ELOPEMENT
CODE TRIAGE (IN)	INTERNAL DISASTER
CODE TRIAGE (EX)	EXTERNAL DISASTER
CODE STROKE	STROKE
TRAUMA ACTIVATION	TRAUMA

CODE STATUS: PHYSICIAN ORDER SET

This newly developed physician order set for Code Status has been printed on blue paper and is available on all the nursing units.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (Choose One)

- Full Code – Attempt Resuscitation/CPR
- DNR – Do Not Attempt Resuscitation
- Limit Resuscitation Measures to the following:
 - o ACLS Medications
 - o CPR including chest compression & bag mask ventilation
 - o Defibrillation
 - o Endotracheal Intubation or other advanced airway intervention

INITIATE END OF LIFE PATHWAYS

- Yes
- No

"I'M GONNA WASH MY HANDS!"

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center recently filmed a music video that features employees washing their hands to the tune of the popular Beatles song "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

The song, "I'm Gonna Wash My Hands," is performed by *The Bluz Dogz*, a local band featuring Dr. Harold Segal and Sierra Vista nurses Linda Martin and Bud McCabe. The lyrics encourage people to wash their hands to help stop the spread of infection. Nathan Nybakke, Director of Radiology, filmed and edited the music video, which features employees from all over the hospital.

The video kicks off Sierra Vista's "Clean Hands-Clean Environment" hand washing campaign. Light pole banners were also recently hung to remind visitors about the importance of washing their hands as a way of controlling infections and contributing to their overall health.

The music video can be seen on the Sierra Vista website, at www.SierraVistaRegional.com or on YouTube.