Med alerts optimization project significantly reduces unnecessary alerts
The Pharmacy Clinical Service Group, IT, Operations and IT PMO came together to embark on the Medication Alerts Optimization project to reduce the number of unnecessary medication alerts seen by providers. Since the beginning of the project in June 2016, the team has successfully eliminated approximately 400,000 alerts per month!
Visit “System News” on St. Luke’s intranet and search “Med alerts optimization” to learn more.

UnityPoint Clinic Family Medicine – Shellsburg celebration and ribbon cutting
Tues., Feb. 28 from 4-7 p.m.
• 4 – 7 p.m. Soup Supper at the American Legion, 114 Main St. SW, Shellsburg (Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Shellsburg Share Food Pantry)
• 4 – 6 p.m. Clinic Tours, UnityPoint Clinic Family Medicine – Shellsburg | 131 Main St. NW
• 5 p.m. Ribbon Cutting
Please RSVP to (319) 369-7676 or stlukes.foundation@unitypoint.org by Tues., Feb. 21.

New phone number for UnityPoint Clinic – Diabetes and Kidney Center
The main office number has changed to (319) 298-2200. Direct Provider line for providers only is (319) 298-2294.
Fax numbers:
• Nephrology providers, Drs. Cogdill, Ramadugu and Saxena _______________________(319) 729-5199
• Endocrinology provider, Dr. Madhavaram _______________________(319) 298-2299
• Health Promotion _______________________(319) 298-2292
• Diabetes Education (Referrals) _______________________(319) 298-2296
• Main fax for all other faxes ______________________________________________________(319) 298-2298

DEA renewals
Below is a bulletin from the Drug Enforcement Agency regarding renewals. Please review and plan accordingly.
Starting January 1, 2017, DEA will only send out one renewal notification in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 130113(e)(3). The renewal notification will be sent to the “mail” to address for each DEA registrant approximately 65 days prior to the expiration date. No other reminders to renew the DEA registration will be mailed.
This is to also advise you that the online capability to renew a DEA registration after the expiration date will no longer be available. You will have to complete an application for a new DEA registration if you do not renew by midnight Eastern Time of the expiration date. The original DEA registration will not be reinstated.
Paper renewal applications will not be accepted the day after the expiration date. If DEA has not received the paper renewal application by the day of the expiration date, mailed in renewal applications will be returned and the registrant will have to apply for a new DEA registration.
Epic update

Dr. McMahon appointed Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO)

It is with pleasure to announce the transition of my Chief Medical Information Officer duties to Dr. Mathew McMahon. I shall remain a resource for Dr. McMahon, however, he will assume the agency and authority of the position. The next phase of deploying the electronic health record is optimization. Dr. McMahon possesses the expertise to lead us successfully through this chapter of our journey. Dr. McMahon has established himself to be peerless in knowledge of the Epic platform and his advance Epic Physician Builder qualifications are unmatched. Additionally, he delivers an ambulatory capacity to the position, which previously had been limited.

I will retain my duties as Chief Medical Officer, director of the Wound Clinic and as a hospitalist. Please continue to come to me with issues, information or questions with regard to these duties.

Matthew McMahon, DO
CMIO/UPC - Cardiology

In basket change

Folder changes:

- The Overdue Results folder will be renamed to Overdue Orders. There have also been layout changes to the Message report within the folder.
- The UPH ADT Notifications folder report has been updated to more clearly show whether the message is regarding an admission, discharge or pre-admit for your patient.
- The Results folder will have a Decline button added to address messages sent to incorrect providers. Clicking Decline will send the message to the encounter department’s pool. The message will be removed from the In Basket and will NOT be marked as Reviewed. However, if you know the correct provider responsible for the result, you can forward the message to them instead.
- Various reports within several In Basket folders have been optimized.

Message routing changes:

- Height/weight notifications and POA (Present on Admission) messages will be turned off, as most providers did not find them helpful.
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MyUnityPoint Message Updates:

- A new section has been added to the Message report in the MyChart folder. This section displays the communication between the patient and provider.

Reconcile immunizations from outside organizations

Providers and clinical staff will have the opportunity to add outside immunizations that are pulled in with Care Everywhere records on the Continuity of Care Document (CCD). After pulling in records from outside facilities, the clinician will see an “Immunizations” tab. The clinician can choose to “Add All” of the immunizations to the UnityPoint record or Discard All, as well as adding or discarding individual immunizations.

This is dependent on two-way communication and other organizations’ settings. Although we have this turned on at UnityPoint Health, the site you are requesting also has to have this enabled to share with us. The majority of our trading partners do have this available to share.

PICC line and midline order updates

There are now questions with hard stops in the “Consult PICC line and midline order updates” and “Who to Insert PICC”. This enhancement was approved by IPAC.

Detailed explanation of dose warnings

To find more information about a dose warning, click the Details link. This will present a report that explains the reasoning behind the dose warning.

Documentation examples:

- Accurate Documentation: Acute on Chronic Diastolic CHF, NYHA III
- Poor Documentation: acute CHF

Denial Management update: Use of Rapid Recovery Statements

When you admit a patient to IP status but their condition improves more rapidly than expected, please add a Rapid Recovery Statement to your discharge. Documenting a Rapid Recovery Statement will assist in defending a denial or avoiding a denial altogether.

Example: @NAME@ was admitted with *** expecting a two night stay as indicated on H and P, symptoms they presented with such as *** improved more rapidly than expected, please add a Rapid Recovery Statement to your discharge.

If you have questions please contact a member of the Documentation team. Lynne Johnson at 369-7073, Carrie Bantz at 286-4307, Kelly Porttebaum at 558-4959, or Rhonda Holtkamp at 560-6928.

Upcoming events

All programs are at noon in the CRMEF Conference Room. RSVP to Cherie Weber at (319) 297-2306 or cweber@crmef.org.

PBLA Depression/Anxiety
Dr. Pramod Siddagunta
Mon., February 6

PBLA Depression/Anxiety
Dr. David Byrne
Tues., February 7

PBLA Depression/Anxiety
Dr. Ramji Matharu, Sara Snitker & BJ Willis
Wed., February 8

PBLA Depression/Anxiety
Dr. Alex Efimov
Thurs., February 9

PBLA Depression/Anxiety
Dr. Christine Hawks
Fri., February 10

Assessment of the Neonate with Heart Murmur
Dr. Marcelo Auslander, MD, University of Iowa
Tues., February 28

A show for a good cause

Dr. Bob Silber will perform at Club Basis on Feb. 18 at 11 p.m. as a fundraiser to help those in our community with financial challenges so they can receive appropriate colon cancer screenings.

St. Luke’s Hospital has agreed to match dollar for dollar money raised for their respective foundations that will be allocated to the purpose of this fundraiser. If you want to make a tax deductible contribution to this good cause, send your check to:

St. Luke’s Foundation
855 A Avenue NE, Suite 105
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Place “colon cancer screening” in the memo portion. There are no more reserved seats, however, if you get there early enough, there may be standing room only.