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Blood Borne Pathogen - Post Exposure

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Prevention is the best method to decrease your risk of a blood borne pathogen (BBP) exposure. Please know where to locate and how to utilize personal protective equipment. If there is any risk of spray or spatter, use facemasks/eye protection.

In the event you do become exposed to a BBP or question whether you have, please follow these steps.

1. Start initial first aid, wash the wound or flush eyes or mucous membranes. Eyewash stations are not necessary to begin the initial wash/flush the exposed area.
2. Contact Employee Health Services (EHS) at 255-5634 between the hours of 7:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. If outside of these hours, please contact the Administrative Nursing Supervisor on duty so you can receive appropriate follow-up.
3. Fill out an "RL solutions report". Your health and safety are important. Protect yourself and, if an exposure does occur, begin immediate first aid and obtain the appropriate follow-up care as soon as possible. Contact EHS if you haven't already to receive a post exposure consultation.

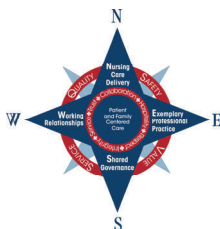
Annual First Choice PTO Process Coming Soon

Terri Krause, Coordinator for Staffing/Scheduling/Secretarial Patient Care Support

The Annual First Choice PTO Process will open up to staff on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 and will run through Sunday, October 26th. Each skill level will be divided into tiers by seniority and will be given a specific timeframe for submitting their requests. You can expect to receive communication from your Scheduling Associate on or before Friday, August 29th, which will contain all the details you need on how to submit your First Choice and Alternate PTO requests.

Please refer to the *Staffing/Scheduling: PTO, Scheduled and Unscheduled, Guidelines* policy for further clarification of PTO/holiday time off. You can access the policy on CentraNet by selecting the "Policies & Procedures" tab. At the far left hand corner under All Entities click on the triangle and select St. Cloud Hospital (the bottom of the list), then click on Patient Care. Select "S" from the index listed at the top of the page to access the Staffing/Scheduling: PTO, Scheduled and Unscheduled, Guidelines for Patient Care Areas. Baylor staff should refer to their Unit Specific Scheduling Guidelines for any further clarification to the centralized policy guidelines.

Please contact your Scheduling Associate if you have any specific questions related to your status and/or eligibility.



Clinical Ladder Status

Congratulations on your Clinical Ladder attainment and/or maintenance of :

Level IV:

Nova Schmitz, RN - Surgical Care 2

Level III:

Janet Bearden, RN - Children's Center
Ashley Foy, RN - Children's Center
Donna Gregory, RN - Medical/Oncology
Amanda Hitchings, RN - Medical 2/MPCU
Nicole Koenig, RN - Surgery
Krista Kuklok, RN - Neuro/Spine
Karen Lashinski, RN - Center for Surgical Care
Mary Jo Lemke, RN - Heart Center
Mallory Mondloch, RN - Surgical Care 1
Jodi Nelson, RN - Center for Surgical Care
Sadie Seezs, RN - Bone & Joint

Upcoming Education & Professional Development

August 2014:

- 11/12 Cardiac Vascular Certification Course; 7:30am-3:45pm; Windfeldt*
- 13 American Heart Association PEARS (Pediatric Emergency, Assessment, Recognition, & Stabilization); 8:30am-3:30pm; Women & Children's Classroom
- 18 ACLS Refresher Course; 1:00-9:30pm; Windfeldt*
- 21/22 Basic ECG Class; 8:00am-4:00pm; Skyview
- 27 Neonatal Resuscitation Program; 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm; Women & Children's Classroom

September 2014:

- 12 ACLS Refresher Course; 8:30am-5:00pm; Windfeldt*
- 122/23 AWHONN; 7:45am-4:30pm; Windfeldt*
- 23 ACLS Initial Course; 8:00am-9:00pm; Hughes/Mathews*
- 24 Neonatal Resuscitation Program; 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm.; Women & Children's Classroom
- 26/27 HTI Healing Touch Certificate Program, Level 1; 8:30am-6:00pm; CCH Plaza
- 29/30 CRRN Rehab Certification Review Course; 7:45am-5:00pm; Kremers*
- 30/1 Basic ECG Class; 8:00am-4:00pm; Hughes/Mathews*