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# Patient Care News

September 2014

## Global Immunizations: Influenza Screening Resumes

Kristi Patterson, RN BSN, Performance Improvement Clinical Consultant, Senior

Effective **September 23, 2014**, St. Cloud Hospital (SCH) will resume screening patients for the influenza vaccine. The associated BPA will also go-live September 23<sup>th</sup>, however, pharmacy will begin dispensing the vaccine October 1<sup>st</sup>. Screening will continue through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

SCH inpatients  $\geq 6$  months old are screened for the influenza vaccine and inpatients  $\geq 5$  years are screened for the pneumococcal vaccine. The goal is to provide the influenza and pneumococcal vaccine to all patients who meet criteria as outlined in the policy.

SCH reports its performance against influenza and pneumococcal immunizations for inpatient discharges to The Joint Commission and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Influenza immunization is now included in CMS's Value Based Purchasing program--meaning our performance impacts SCH's Medicare payment.

For more information, please contact your unit based case manager, charge nurse, or nurse educator.

## 'Dr. Quick' Code is Now 'Immediate Delivery'

Communications Department

The St. Cloud Hospital "Dr. Quick" code has been changed to "Immediate Delivery + Location." For example, an overhead page of "Immediate Delivery, ETC garage" means a doctor should respond quickly for delivery of a baby in the ETC garage.

### Clinical Ladder Status

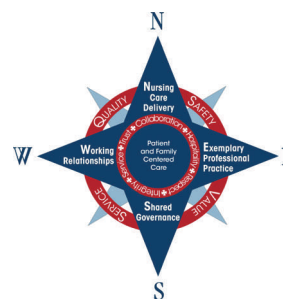
Congratulations on your Clinical Ladder attainment and/or maintenance of:

#### Level III:

Katie Gefre, RN, Center for Surgical Care  
 Nicholas Gruber, RN, Surgery  
 Daren Hendrickson, RN, Adult Mental Health  
 Kathy Klaustermeier, RN, Patient Care Support  
 Bridget Klein, RN, Telemetry  
 Lois Lenzmeier, RN, Intensive Care  
 Hanni Lyon, RN, Patient Care Support  
 Katie Meyer, RN, Surgical 2  
 Carol Primus, RN, Chemo/Infusion  
 Joyce Salzer, RN, Adult Mental Health  
 Carol Steil, RN, Intensive Care  
 Jessica Thoma, RN, Cardiovascular Thoracic Unit

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## Upcoming Education & Professional Development

### September 2014:

12 ACLS Refresher Course; 8:30am-5:00pm; Windfeldt\*  
 22/23 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\*

\*Located at the CentraCare Health Plaza



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## SHARPS SAFETY

Did you know there were 57 needle sticks within the last fiscal year (Jul13-Jun14); 41 of the 57 were dirty needle sticks. Over 500,000 health care workers continue to experience sharps injuries yearly.

Annual cost is estimated at \$65 million, with facility cost to manage ranging \$71- 4,838/per exposure. Literature suggests that sharp injuries are preventable occurrences. Sharps safety is a priority in your daily practice to promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of self, patients, and coworkers.

- Eliminate the use of sharps by using alternative ways to perform the task if able.
- Be attentive to the product, utilizing those with built in safety features.
- When handling sharps, have a neutral zone designated during procedures to eliminate hand to hand transfer, decreasing manipulation of sharps.
- Situational awareness during use of sharps. STAY FOCUSED.
- OSHA requires standard precautions and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): gloving (OR-double gloving) greatly reduces blood exposure, bacterial and viral load when there is a potential for a dirty sharps injury.
- Needles or sharps should never be re-sheathed or recapped.
- Sharps containers should be recognizable, puncture proof, and located in close proximity of use.
- Communicate to coworkers if you feel safety technique has been compromised.
- Research shows, sharps injuries occur most frequently to someone other than the original user of the sharps device. Protect coworkers by being diligent in safe disposal.
- Sharps injuries pose a threat to patients as well as employees. Remember that disease transmission is a reciprocated risk.
- Complete annual CBT education related to Standard Precautions and Blood-borne Pathogens.
- It only takes ONE STICK to cause emotional and psychological effects that may be life changing.

The best follow up care, is to report the injury immediately and complete RL solutions report.

References: Attached to 7/24/14 Minutes. Also available upon request.

## Magnet Stories from RNs

Barb Scheiber, Magnet Steering Committee

Magnet is about nurses making a difference. This is the heart of what appraisers look for when they come here. It is much easier to collect such wonderful stories as they occur then to retrieve them 1-2 years later. Do you have a story to share? If so, please complete the Magnet Story Template located in the Employee Resources/Recognition/Magnet section of CentraNet (or [click here](#)) and give it to your Director/Supervisor. The stories will be collected by our Magnet Project Coordinator for future reference.

Thank you for sharing, for caring, and for being that special person your patient will never forget!

*(See form on page 3)*

### St. Cloud Hospital Magnet Redesignation Practice Story Form

Magnet is about nurses making a difference. How you practice nursing at the highest level to do the best for the patient and family. It is your stories of creatively or innovatively making a difference that help the appraisers see how nurses function at St. Cloud Hospital.

Please fill this in to tell your story of a time that you made a difference for a patient and/or family. This difference can be related to:

- **Making nursing decisions:** working out ethical situations, collaborating with other members of the health care team to get the patient what they needed to improve their health outcome.
- **Support for professional growth:** going on for an academic degree, certification, or external conference related to your job. Specify what made that support unique or how it was out of the ordinary.

Contact information is required. If further information is needed on this story you will get a call or email.

<b>Your name:</b>	
<b>Your Unit / Dept:</b>	
<b>Phone # (extension)</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

\*Return this form via email or interoffice envelope to PI (Performance Improvement)



# Schwartz Center Rounds®

A multidisciplinary forum where clinical caregivers discuss social and emotional issues that arise in caring for patients.

Schwartz Center Rounds® sessions are open to ALL employees, affiliated clinicians, trainees and other authorized personnel.



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**September 16, 2014**

Hoppe Auditorium

**11:30-12:00 p.m. – Lunch\***

(box lunch/water will be provided)

**12:00-1:00 p.m. – Presentation**

## “Drug Seeking Behavior: The Label that Sticks”

**Physician Leader:** Merryn R. Jolkovsky, MD

**Facilitator:** Jeff Wallager, BCC

**Panelists:** Wayne Jorgensen, PAC

Shannon Krumvieda, RN

Carl Melling, MD

Jared Nordstrom, RN

### Objectives:

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:

1. Demonstrate enhanced communication with patients, family members, and colleagues.
2. Value opportunities to explore and understand multiple perspectives across professions and disciplines.
3. Value opportunities to provide and receive professional support.

“This education offering has been designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing continuing education requirements for 1.2 contact hours. It is the personal responsibility of each participant to determine whether this activity meets the requirements for acceptable continuing education by their licensing organization. To earn contact hours, participant must attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form.”

“St. Cloud Hospital has been approved as a provider by the State of Minnesota Board of Social Work – CE Provider Approval Number CEP-77. Participants will earn 1.0 contact hour(s).”

Please contact Deb Weber at 251-2700 x 54197 if you have special mobility, dietary, vision, hearing, or other needs.