12-2009

Prescribed Reading: December 2009

CentraCare Clinic

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.centracare.com/prescribed-reading

Part of the Organizational Communication Commons
Welcome to our new provider

Dagny Oliver, CNM, joined Women & Children. She completed her master’s degree in nursing/midwifery from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She is certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives. Her interests include OB and women’s health.

Welcome to these new employees
Shannon Budeau, Nursing, Melrose
Deborah Fitzgerald, Business Center
Angela Galbrecht, Nursing, Women & Children
Kristi Ritter, Clinical Services Assistant, Big Lake
Tina Roering, Clinical Services Assistant, River Campus
Ashley, Seppelt, Nursing, Women & Children
Lindsey Skaggs, Nursing, River Campus
Karla Vasek, Clinic Services Asst, Plaza - Family Med.

Recognition for years of service
35 years: Yvonne Ruprecht, Business Office
30 years: Pat Faust, Women & Children
15 years: Patti Bruggeman, Plaza – Family Medicine
10 years: Mark Holm, MD, and Betti Ramseyer, Plaza - Endocrine; Tammy Olson, River Campus; Rosanne Spieker, Long Prairie
5 years: Kathryn Devine, Roberta Todd, River Campus

Jolkovsky to lead new Palliative Care Service
Nephrologist Merryn Jolkovsky, MD, River Campus, will be the medical director of the Inpatient Palliative Care Service at SCH. Beginning in January, the team, including Jolkovsky, a nurse, social worker and chaplain, will see hospitalized patients with complex medical problems at the request of the admitting doctor.

CentraCare Clinic - Melrose open house planned
Join the providers and staff for a public open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at 525 West Main St. Enjoy tours, entertainment, children’s activities and refreshments. The clinic opens for patients Dec. 7.

CentraCare Clinic received the National Guard’s ROSE (Recognition of Spouse’s Employer) award Dec. 1. Jill Oechsle, Business Office, nominated CentraCare for its support during her husband's deployment. Pictured from left to right are: Jeremey Stockinger, Karen Hoffman, Jill Oechsle from the Business Office, and Megan Riffe from the National Guard.

Employee of the quarter winners
Amy Kramer, CNP, Plaza - Internal Medicine, was nominated for mentoring and teaching. “Amy has gone above and beyond in precepting nurse practitioner students. Precepting can be time-consuming. Amy’s willingness to mentor and teach students is outstanding!”

The other winner is Tracy Rodriguez, RN, River Campus. Four of her colleagues described Tracy as, “dedicated to the job, a great communicator, with wonderful interpersonal skills. Tracy is eager to help and learn better ways to provide patient care. She pulls together all the loose ends to ensure outstanding care.”

The random drawing winner was Margie Danger, Long Prairie. Others nominated included Angela Barnett, Becker, and Virginia Evans, Long Prairie.
Mandatory online education for all employees

By Dec. 18, 2009, all CentraCare employees and physicians must complete a mandatory education module on health care fraud, waste and abuse. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid require organizations providing care to Medicare patients to provide this education to employees. Visit the Education tab on CentraNet and click on Online Education Registration Center.

Kudos to . . .

CentraCare Kidney Program’s Home Dialysis department received the “Pursuit of Excellence” award from Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

Thomas Schrup, MD, and Molly Dunn, Women & Children, participated in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention H1N1 pandemic planning conference in Atlanta, Ga., along with health care providers from across the nation in September.

Thomas Schrup, MD, Women & Children, and Perry Severance, MD, River Campus, presented on H1N1 at the Nov. 20 Grand Rounds at SCH.

Thomas Schrup, MD, Women & Children, is the new Associate Medical Director for CentraCare Clinic. He will spend about one fourth of his time in this new role.

Jon Dennis, MD, Women & Children, has co-authored a chapter on collaborative mental health care in the first edition of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by Mina Dulcan. This chapter draws on the creation of the collaborative care program at CentraCare.

Richard Aplin, MD, published an article in a recent Journal of Interventional Cardiology.

Troy Payne, MD, presented on insomnia at the Dec. 4 Grand Rounds at SCH. Dr. Payne also authored an Oct. 26 article in the St. Cloud Times on sleep terrors and nightmares in children.

Anthony Bottini, MD, River Campus, presented on minimally invasive surgery for lumbar stenosis and health care reform at the Minnesota Neurosurgical Society meeting. Bottini is the organization’s president.

Mary Keating, MD, Women & Children, presented on Food Allergies Oct. 26 at CentraCare Health Plaza.

Tim Brown, River Campus, was nominated for St. Cloud School District’s ‘Partner in Education’ award. This award shows support and gratitude for the efforts and contributions nominees have given to District 742.

Pediatric Walk-in Care opens Jan. 11

Beginning Jan. 11, 2010, pediatric providers will see sick children (without an appointment) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at CentraCare Clinic – Women & Children. Walk-in care is designed for children with acute/urgent care needs, such as cough/cold, ear pain, sore throat, fever, vomiting/diarrhea, minor injuries/lacerations, pinkeye, rash, stomach pain, urinary symptoms.

Year-end reminders

• Flexible spending account balances can be found on your pay stub under “Balance YTD (su less claims).”
• Because Jan. 1 is a legal holiday and employees would not have access to their money until Jan. 4, the Jan. 1, 2010 pay date was changed to Dec. 31, 2009. There will still be 26 paychecks in 2010. Moving the pay date will affect deductions from your check. If you have concerns about having enough taxes withheld for the year because of this additional check, you may want to check with your tax advisor or visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and use the “withholding calculator.” To change your tax withholdings, complete and turn in a new W-4 form to Human Resources. Visit CentraNet Messenger to view the notice and the table showing what deduction will be withheld on this check.

Condolences to . . .

Lydia Wade, MD, Women & Children, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Joy Karls, Women & Children, on the loss of her father; Rita Scherpink, St. Joseph, on the loss of her father-in-law; and Business Center employees: Christy VanVickle on the loss of her sister; Kathy Meyer on the loss of her mother-in-law and a niece; Janet Schneider on the loss of her mother and daughter; Cathy Goerger on the loss of a niece; and Deb Fitzgerald on the loss of her stepfather.

Congratulations to . . .

Cindy Robertson, CNP, Oncology, on passing her oncology certification exam; Dan Lalli, Business Center, on passing the Registered Health Information Technician certification exam; Kathie Elorriaga, Business Center, on passing her Certified Professional Coder certification exam; Robyn Mechtel, River Campus, on the birth of her son; Judy Schelek, Business Center, on the birth of a granddaughter; Jeri Andria, Business Center, on the birth of a grandson; Wendy Jehoich, Business Center, on the birth of her granddaughter; and Kim Allen, Business Center, on the birth of her granddaughter.

Reaching patients with limited English proficiency

CentraCare Clinic – Long Prairie and Melrose now offer a new service designed to provide linguistically and culturally competent care to patients with limited English proficiency (LEP). This new software application, called ProLingua, helps staff to speak directly to LEP patients in their primary language. ProLingua enables staff to provide patient-specific medication and discharge instructions, deliver dynamic patient education content, and disseminate translated documents. ProLingua currently supports Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Russian, and Korean, with Somali, Arabic, and Haitian-Creole in development.