

# PHYSICIAN

## **NEWS BRIEF**

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations  
June 2, 2014

### **EMR UPDATES**

#### **Epic Upgrade Scheduled for June 8**

Epic will have a scheduled downtime on Sunday, June 8, from 3:30 - 6:30 am to install the 2014 release. With each upgrade Covenant installs, physician enhancements are released making charting, placement of orders and other Epic workflow completed with fewer 'clicks' and ease of use of the EMR. A power point as well as Tip Sheets will be available outlining the more efficient enhancements and changes for both Inpatient and ambulatory settings. You can also meet with an Application Specialist and/or Trainer in the Physician Lounge on Friday's. eCovenant representatives are in the Cooper lounge from 8-10 am and Harrison lounge from 10 am - 12 pm. If you have questions, please contact the HelpDesk.

### **EVENTS**

#### **CMU Presents The Manning Day Lecture - June 5 from 8:30 am to 10 am**

Guest lecturer Dr. Mark Talamonti, MD will be presenting on "Defining Quality and Improving Outcomes for Patients with Pancreatic Cancer" on June 5 from 8:30-10 am at Covenant HealthCare, Cooper Lecture Theatre. This grand rounds presentation is open to all interested health professionals and has been certified for 1.5 category 1 CME through CMU College of Medicine.

#### **Reminder: Active Medical Staff Meeting - June 17**

Mark your calendars for the next Active Medical Staff meeting on June 17 from 11:30 am -1 pm at the Cooper Lecture Theatre. Lunch will be provided.

For those who have not attended a Physician HRO Training session, one will be given immediately following the Active Staff Meeting, in the lecture theatre. For additional questions, please call Patti Roesner at 583.6595.

### **NEW TECHNOLOGY**

#### **SoneCine AWBUS Now Available at the Covenant Breast Health Center**

For women with dense breasts and/or breast implants, Automated Whole Breast Ultrasound (AWBUS) is the latest technology for breast cancer detection. AWBUS is a supplementary diagnostic tool that can find small cancers that mammography may miss, however it is not a replacement for screening mammography. Studies show that when used in conjunction with a mammogram, AWBUS will find more cancers in dense breasted women than mammography alone. If your patient's mammogram shows a dense breast rating of BI-RADS III or IV (greater than 50 percent glandular tissue), you may want to consider ordering an AWBUS examination for further exploration.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for your patients, please call 989.583.6278.

### **BUSINESS UPDATES**

#### **Payment Data to be Published on CMS public website**

Both Covenant HealthCare and physicians will have payment data published on a public website by CMS later this year, as reported to CMS by device and pharma manufacturers. This data will include any payment or transfer of value made as well as ownership or interest in a such an entity." Physicians and the hospital have the opportunity to dispute the reported information prior to publication, but will not have that dispute opportunity without enrolling in the Open Payments system. Registration will be opening beginning June 1 for the CMS Open Payments program.

Please visit the following website for additional information:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/Physicians.html>

[https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/Downloads/Program-Overview-for-Physicians-\[August-2013\].pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/Downloads/Program-Overview-for-Physicians-[August-2013].pdf)

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