



Physician News Brief

NEWS ABOUT COVENANT HEALTHCARE FROM
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Code Status with Guardianship Patients

A court appointed guardian CANNOT decide to have a code status limiting resuscitation (DNAR, AND-CMO, or Specified Resuscitation) for a patient with a developmental disability *unless* the guardianship papers specifically states this authority or a separate court order defines this. For more information, please contact your unit social worker." If you have additional question please contact Tracy Barger on at 989.583.6292.

Dying with Dignity... When Should I Consult VNA Hospice?

Covenant VNA Hospice is a resource to you to assist your patients to have a dignified death and reduce the rate of in hospital hospice deaths. This year so far at Covenant there have been 69 deaths with a hospice consult. Of these, 36 passed within one day of the hospice consult. A hospice consult can be as simple as providing information for the patient and family for future reference or even just having a discussion with the medical team about options and qualifications. It can expedite a patient's wish to be home and focus on the Patient Centric Mission of Covenant. Contact Tiffany Leiter, Hospice Liaison at 989.751.3864 or place a Hospice Consult in Epic for assistance with your patients.

Please sign ALL Inpatient Orders

On June 27th, the After Visit Summary (AVS) will be blocked for all inpatient admissions that do not have their inpatient order SIGNED by the attending physician. Please note, there may be more than one inpatient order in the chart. Sign the first inpatient order on the chart for complete accuracy, which is required for reimbursement for Medicare inpatient hospitalizations. Once a Medicare patient is discharged, you will not be able to retroactively sign the order which will result in no reimbursement for that hospitalization. If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Glenn Cipullo at 989.583.7002.

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