

EPIC Beaker and Blood Product Administration Go Live

Covenant HealthCare is now live with Beaker (Epic's lab system) and the Blood Product Administration Module (BPAM) as of 7am September 12, 2018. Beaker is a replacement for our current lab system, Cerner. The Blood Product Administration Module will provide us with enhanced patient safety and electronic documentation when administering blood products.

Please **review the 3 attached tip sheets** addressing the following topics:

1. Wound culture ordering
2. Ability to add tests to an existing specimen
3. Blood transfusions

For any questions, or support, please contact Beaker Command Center at 989.583.3135.

Pharmacy Updates

- Covenant HealthCare offers RxExpress Program- Expands to Additional Floors
 - 'Meds to Beds' program for discharge prescriptions
 - Full time availability- Cooper 3rd floor, Cooper 5th floor
 - On Call availability- CVRU, Pediatrics, NICU, *Cooper 4th and 6th floors (newly added)*
- Please refer patients being discharged on Oral Vancomycin to the Outpatient Pharmacy or RxExpress, as this medication can be hard to find and/or have insurance issues.
- Alternative to Lidoderm Patches. Lidocaine 4% patches have been added to the Michigan Medicaid Common Formulary, and should be considered as an alternative to prescription Lidoderm patches. Many Medicare or private insurers do not cover Lidoderm patches, so the over the counter patches would be a viable alternative for them and are comparatively inexpensive.