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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Shanda Bland
Administrative Director for OneChart

OneChart ready to offer EPIC to community physicians



Carla Goodwin, Operational Analyst, Melissa Hawkins, Clinical Analyst and Shanda Bland, Administrative Director discuss the new OneChart system which is available for physicians in OMHS' 11 county service area.

Staff will help outfit physician practices with the new EMR system.

Even before the furniture arrived in their new office, the staff of OneChart was already hard at work offering the new electronic medical record (EMR) and practice management (PM) system to area physicians.

“This new system really does mean just ‘one chart’ for the patient,” according to Shanda Bland, administrative director for the OneChart team.

Now the office is starting to come together and so is the schedule. The OneChart team is busy coordinating meetings with the region’s physicians to talk about how the new EMR/PM system can help improve efficiency for their practice and their patients. OneChart is available for all practices in OMHS’ 11 county service area. Bland says the system is the

EPIC offering that will link patient records in the participating practices to the same within the hospital.

Here’s how it will work: A patient who has a personal physician will have a medical chart through OneChart. The doctor will enter medical information into the chart whenever the patient comes in for a visit. If that patient needs to go to the hospital the same chart can be pulled up seamlessly and securely by physicians or other caregivers within the treatment team. In addition if that patient needs a prescription, the physician can write the order in OneChart and send it to the pharmacy of choice. The pharmacy will even respond letting the physician know when the order has been filled by the patient.

“That will eliminate the need to fax over medical records, decipher someone else’s handwriting and will make the process quicker and safer for the patient,”

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Upcoming Events at OMHS

February 23rd & 24th

Crucial Conversations

This two day program will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your leadership skills by conducting crucial conversations. To register for this class log into Lawson and go to the courses section.

Friday February 25th

Topping Out Ceremony

Employees are invited to watch this special construction ceremony LIVE online at www.omhs.org. The ceremony will mark the highest piece of steel on the new hospital. A public celebration commemorating the last piece of steel will be held April 16th. Watch future editions of Extra for more information on that event.

Friday March 4th

Dress in Blue Day

Support awareness for colon cancer by wearing something blue on Friday March 4th. Colon cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. Approximately 150,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer this year according to the Colon Cancer Alliance. Show your support and wear blue.

March 8th – 10th

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

This three day workshop provides the foundation to strengthen the human side of performance at the personal, managerial and organizational levels. To register for this class log into Lawson and go to the courses section.

Do you have an OMHS related event you'd like to share in Extra? Send it to stuart.peck@omhs.org and we'll include it in the 'Upcoming Events' section!

HealthPark hosts swim meet



Swimmers get ready for the start of one of the meets in the natatorium at the HealthPark last week. The HealthPark hosted the regional competition that brought in teams from as far away as Bowling Green, Hopkinsville and Paducah.

Get Movin' 2011: By the numbers

Check out some of these eye opening statistics from the Get Movin' Community Challenge. How's your team doing? Visit www.getmovin2011.com to see how all the teams rank and who's taking the top spots right now.

- 171 teams
- 1525 individuals
- Teams averaging 30 minutes a day up to 56% (from 43% previous week)
- 1,263,339 minutes exercised
- Contest average: 37 minutes per day

Dr. J. Ronald Newton joins Center for Women's Health

He will see patients at the MultiCare Ohio County clinic.



Dr. J. Ronald Newton

In an effort to make it more convenient for women to get obstetrical and gynecological care, the Center for Women's Health will be offering services at the MultiCare Ohio County clinic.

"We want to offer quality obstetrical and gynecological services to women in Ohio County and provide a convenient location for them to receive care," said Ginny Ball the center's practice manager.

Dr. J. Ronald Newton, an OB/GYN, will be seeing new patients at the clinic in Ohio County and will be offering basic gynecological services. Newton started seeing patients in Ohio County February 7th. When women reach 20 weeks in their pregnancy, Dr. Newton will transition the patient to one of the doctors at the Center for Women's Health in Owensboro to complete their obstetrical care. The goal, according to Ball, is to make the transition from Dr. Newton to one of the other doctors at the Center as smooth as possible.

Newton will also be seeing patients in Owensboro one day a week. To schedule an appointment please call 270-688-6590.

Do you have a story for Extra?
Send an email to
stuart.peck@omhs.org.

Henry Cho gets employees laughing



Comedian Henry Cho entertains the crowd during a recent show for OMHS employees at the Sportscenter in Owensboro. Hundreds of employees and their families attended the show.

From front: OneChart

said Bland. “These are huge advancements for patient care, especially in an emergency or convenient care environment.”

OneChart kicked off in November and they have been assembling the team since that point. The team started making sales calls in December and on January 31st moved into their offices in the Ford Medical Office Building next to the HealthPark. Bland says doctors are familiar with the EPIC project the

hospital is working on and knows it can potentially involve their practices.

“Physicians are very receptive,” Bland said. “There are a lot of questions, but everyone we’ve talked to wants to at least learn more. I think without us going out into the community this would be an OMHS project. A great project, but mainly an OMHS one. With OneChart, we have the opportunity to build a bridge between the hospital and physician practices and make the community a part of this project.”



Audrey Cavins – BMI; Cathy Sheffield – BMI; Ronie Cecil – Smoking Cessation; Jeri Lynne Gray – Pre Diabetes; Milly Clark – Blood Pressure; Stephanie Hardesty – Blood Pressure and Jan Neal – BMI were recognized at the annual Wellness Celebration on February 15th for taking healthy steps to improve their lives. (Not pictured: Stephanie Hardesty – Blood Pressure; Gretchen Edge – BMI; Crystal Lile – BMI; Laura Allison – Cholesterol; Tamella Wilboyte – Cholesterol; Jessica Cook – Smoking Cessation; Teresa Geary – Smoking Cessation; Connie Hess – Smoking Cessation)



Health Improvement Plan

Sign up for a HIP screening now by going into Lawson.

New Information!
Employees not covered by OMHS' insurance plan can now access the Health Risk Assessment questionnaire online.

This is a change from last year; if the Owensboro city schools are cancelled due to weather, HIP screenings will be cancelled as well. If the city schools are on a delayed start, HIP screenings will be held at the normal time.

In addition to the 1st quarter screening, HIP participants need to complete the online Health Risk Assessment questionnaire.

HIP screenings will be held at the Breckenridge Medical Office Building on the 2nd floor across from the Women's Pavilion in February. All screenings will be held in the Ford Medical Office Building suite 201 during March.

All HIP participants will need to fast 10 to 12 hours before their screening.

If you have questions you can contact Nancy Velotta at 688-4881.

Two OMHS doctors receive board certification



Dr. Neville Sarkari

Dr. Neville Sarkari and Dr. Kevin Ridenhour have earned board certifications in hospice and palliative medicine from the American Board of Internal Medicine. Sarkari initiated the palliative medicine program at OMHS and continues to serve as medical director.



Dr. Kevin Ridenhour

ABIM works to enhance the quality of healthcare by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for

excellent patient care. Physicians earning board credentials in palliative medicine must demonstrate special knowledge and skills to prevent and relieve the suffering experienced by patients with life-limiting illnesses. Sarkari is also co-leading the implementation of Epic, the hospital's electronic medical record project. Ridenhour is a medical oncologist and hematologist at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center.

Liessell Hamilton becomes a certified Lymphedema Therapist



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Liessell Hamilton has become a certified Lymphedema Therapist, accredited by the Academy of Lymphatic Studies. She successfully completed training to treat cancer-related lymphedema and chronic venous insufficiency, conditions

of the body in which swelling occurs due to surgical removal of lymph nodes, radiation or injury. Hamilton is also a board certified occupational therapist. She has 20 years experience and practices in the outpatient therapy department at HealthPark.

Welcome new employees!



Steven Metzger- Security; Paul Addo – Security; Mary Lou Campbell – Environmental Services; Emily Schrick – ICU; Wilma Yvonne Hummel – Emergency Department; Debra Poole – Emergency Department; Rebecca Thompson- Neurology; Susan Alvey – Patient Transport; Katie Cullen – Therapies; Ashley Patten – Finance; Misty Cavanaugh – MultiCare Madisonville; Audrey Lindsey – Green River Heart



Dorothy Sherron – Cardiac Stepdown; Rachel Carlona – Environmental Services; Calla Freeman – ICU; Katrina McGee – Emergency Department; Crystal Bivens – Neurology; Paul Knight – Patient Transport; Ted Ziegler – Patient Transport; Joan Royal – Education & Clinical Support; Tara Hawley- Education & Clinical Support; Lisa Bosley – Case Management; Shawna Brashear – MultiCare Madisonville.