



Newsletter  
**Medical Staff**

Medical Staff Services are the foundation of a solid, well governed medical staff that prides themselves in providing Midland Memorial Hospital and its customers with the highest quality of patient care possible.

**Culture of Ownership: Core Action Value #1**

**Cornerstone #1: Self-Awareness**

Use internal observation and external feedback to uncover your truest strengths and passions and the "meant to be" you.

**Cornerstone #2: Self-Mastery**

Stay out of the Iron Triangle of False Personality—manager your emotions, keep your ego out of the way, and pursue only authentic ambitions.

**Cornerstone #3: Self-Believe**

Work to strengthen each level of the Pyramid of Self-Belief: Self-Concept, Self-Image, Self-Awareness, and Self-Confidence.

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**Introducing Our New Practitioners**

**March 2016**

- Phil Chung, DDS—Hospital Dentistry
- Rebecca James, MD—Gynecology
- William Lett, MD—Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Syed Mehdi, MD—Internal Medicine/Hospitalist
- Samuel Baumgardner, PA-C—Drs. Kirit Patel and Staton Awtrey

**Continuing Medical Education—See Page 4**

Midland Memorial Hospital is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide Continuing Medical Education for physicians. Midland Memorial Hospital designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™ for each teaching program throughout 2016. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Hospital Update**

Beginning April 1, 2016, the laboratory will no longer be offering the following tests:

1. Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen Assay
2. Rotavirus Antigen Assay
3. Adenovirus Antigen Assay

PCR testing on stool specimens for Giardia, Cryptosporidium, Rotavirus and Adenovirus 40/41 is still available, and is included in the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel. PCR testing on nasopharyngeal swabs for Adenovirus is still available, and is included in the Respiratory Pathogen Panel.

*For More Information*

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**432-221-1761**

**Medical Staff Leadership**

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### New Information



#### Forward Thinking

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Vice President, Medical Affairs/CMO

#### Helping Make Quality Care Easier

##### Direct Admissions:

We are implementing a process to make direct admissions easier for you and for your patients. Starting immediately, if you have a direct admission, call 686-8773 (68-NURSE). The RN will take the information about reason for admission, to whom the admission will be assigned and bed availability will be established. The telephone nurse will ask if you are admitting yourself or if another physician is admitting the patient for you. If the latter, the nurse will assure the two of you communicate necessary information and the admission orders are placed in the EMR. The one phone call from you to the telephone access nurse will allow all the steps necessary for the direct admission to be initiated and simplify the process for you and for your patient. A hospital based Case Manager will work in the background to make sure the proper bed assigned and admission status is appropriate. Standardizing this process will allow us to eliminate uncertainty, and patients arriving to the hospital will be managed efficiently and safely.

*Beginning immediately, direct admissions will now be managed through the transfer center for Midland Memorial Hospital. The purpose is to provide providers one number that will directly connect them with individuals who will help coordinate the process. The process will occur as follows:*

- 1. Call the transfer center at 432-221-5150.*
- 2. Inform them you need to have a patient directly admitted.*
- 3. The transfer center will collect all pertinent patient information including Name, DOB, SSN, gender, diagnosis, and if possible will get a faxed face sheet to 432-221-4008.*
- 4. The transfer center will ask who will be the admitting physician (The Hospitalist, another physician, or the calling physician)*
- 5. If the hospitalist or someone other than the calling physician will be admitting, a physician to physician contact will be coordinated with the admitting physician to give a patient report. This will allow the admitting physician to receive notification of the direct admission.*
- 6. The transfer center will then arrange bed placement in coordination with the House Supervisor and notify bedboard of the direct admission.*
- 7. Once Bedboard receives the facesheet, they will pre-admit the patient.*
- 8. The admitting physician is responsible for entering orders. This will not be done by the transfer center.*
- 9. Patient's will be instructed by the sending physician to check in at the front desk with patient registration to receive the bed assignment and further instructions.*



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##### Problems Lists:

Communication problems are identified as the single biggest reason for patient safety and quality of care problems in health care. Up to date and accurate Problems List improve communication between providers and others that have contact with your patients while they are hospitalized. Currently many patient's problem lists are not kept up-to-date and patient quality care is potentially compromised.

Beginning 1 March 2016, it is the responsibility of the admitting physician to assure the accuracy and timeliness of the problem list. The reason for this is that the physician is the person that knows why the patient is admitted and should be aware of all the complicating medical issues. Further, the housekeeping of removing past problems, that are no longer active, and moving them to the inactive list is the admitting physicians responsibility.

Case Management and the CDIS nurses are available to show any physicians or other providers how to manage the problem lists. Thank you in advance to improving the valuable patient quality of care communication process.

<u>Case Management</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Pager</u>	<u>Units</u>
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Cicely Blumenauer	221-5206	742-1237	CCU 537-548 ONC TJP
Janey Lynch	221-5296	742-0876	ONN
Ginnifer French	221-5227	742-3327	MED
Michael Duran	221-1663	567-1506	ER
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<u>Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist</u>		<u>Extensions</u>	
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**Continuing Medical Education**  
**March 2016**

**“One Hospital’s Approach to Implementing Blood Management: Covenant Health”**

**Speaker: Craig Rhyne, MD**

**Date: March 14, 2016**

**Dinner Time: 12:00 p.m.**

**Presentation Time: 12:15 p.m.**

**Location: Conference Center—Rooms C&D**

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**“Clostridium Difficile Update”**

**Speakers: Satish Mocherla, MD; Val Sparks, MSN, RN, CIC; Taylor Johnson, MLS (ASCP) CSMCM**

**Date: March 23, 2016**

**Dinner Time: 12:00 p.m.**

**Presentation Time: 12:15 p.m.**

**Location: Conference Center—Rooms C&D**

**\*CME/CNE Credit**

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**Date: April 2, 2016**

**Location: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center**

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