

This bulletin is broadcast via email monthly to all members of the Professional Staff (Physicians, Dentists and Midwives) at both LHSC and SJHC. If you would like to have an announcement in this bulletin please contact Maureen Macpherson at [maureen.macpherson@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:maureen.macpherson@lhsc.on.ca) by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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## **1. LHSC Drug and Therapeutics Committee Newsletter**

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Please visit the DTC and Formulary website at:

<http://appserver.lhsc.on.ca/Formulary1.0/public/index.php>

Click on the Drug & Therapeutics Committee link (blue navigation bar on the left) and scroll down the page to section 7: **DTC Newsletters**

Any questions or comments are welcome. Contact Sonja Sawh, Pharmacist ext 32209

## **2. New Card Reader Access**

Card reader access is now available to all employees at the main entrance to University Hospital. The doors are secured at 8 PM and re-open at 5 AM on weekdays and 6 AM on weekends and holidays.

At Victoria Hospital, the access to the building through the Emergency Department waiting room has been secured after hours to prevent patients and visitors from using this as an unscreened access point. The door inside the waiting room to the rest of the hospital is equipped with card access for all employees.

Security would like to gratefully acknowledge the assistance with access control that you provide by not leaving exterior doors blocked open after hours.

## **3. Patient Flow**

Five minutes every day helps the flow of patients. It may seem like an inconvenience to stand in front of a board to talk about discharge status but your involvement is vital to maintaining access to services for all of our patients. Participating in bullet rounds keeps the rest of the health care team members informed and up to date about your plans for discharge.

Bullet rounds are a seemingly simple process yet has the potential to drive a lot of change. The red, yellow, and green discharge status of every patient is entered into the computer and updated on a daily basis following the information physicians give during the rapid interdisciplinary team session.

To see the impact of bullet rounds and all access initiatives, you can visit the daily metrics page located at, <http://appserver.lhsc.on.ca/lhscmetrics/>. Or go to the main page, click on "Pt access and flow" and then "daily metrics"

In the near future, you will be able to see the forecast for all patients at LHSC to be discharged within 24 and 48 hours. Currently at this location you can review what the current ALOS is for patients, what the occupancy rates are, how many ALC patients are in the system, how many closed beds and current census for all areas including emergency.

The hospital targets for discharge, is to achieve 50 percent of the patients discharged by 1100 and 75 percent discharged by 1400. The trending application on the daily metrics page is a comprehensive tool that tells us how well we are doing in reaching these targets is user friendly and has an instant visual impact. The daily metrics page is a wealth of rigorous information regarding the flow of patients within LHSC and can be accessed by any employee who has access to the hospital intranet.

#### **4. Welcome New Residents**

Starting July 1, 2008 we have 146 new PGY1 and 68 Clinical Fellows and Resident who transferred to UWO. A warm welcome is extended to all new physicians.

#### **5. Attention: Senior/Chief Residents**

The Ethics Program at LHSC is currently undergoing a revitalization process. Beginning in September, four new bodies will replace the former ethics committee. One of these, the Ethics Education Committee is mandated to have a medical resident on its membership. The job of the Ethics Education Committee is to plan, create, and implement educational strategies for ethics related issues. The time commitment will be a monthly 90min meeting (usually held at 8am though this might be subject to change). More information about the ethics program and the Ethics Education Committee in particular can be found at: <http://www.lhsc.on.ca/priv/ethics/>. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact the ethics program at [ethics@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:ethics@lhsc.on.ca) and provide a short explanation of your reasons for wanting to participate.

#### **6. MD Management**

Congratulations from MD Management

MD Management and the CMA would like to congratulate all first year Residents on entering the next stage of their studies and welcome those new to London. Whether you've met with a salaried MD Consultant in the past or not, one is available to meet with you to discuss debt management issues, Insurance, RRSP's, renting vs. buying or any other financial questions you may have. Please contact Scott Orcutt at [scott.orcutt@cma.ca](mailto:scott.orcutt@cma.ca) or 519-432-0883 to make an appointment.

#### **7. Resident Lounge Cleanliness**

On Sunday, June 22, a food fight occurred in the VH resident lounge C2-805. There was food stuck to just about everything in the room (fridge, walls, floor etc.) according to Housekeeping. The resident leadership and programs have been informed about this incident and they were very disappointed in this unacceptable behavior. Please be respectful of the facilities allocated for your use. Further action may be taken to make sure that these types of instances do not occur again. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

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