

MORNING CMO REPORT

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EMTALA Mandatory Education

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EMTALA
Alert

You should have received over the past couple of days a request for mandatory education with regard to EMTALA regulations. Thought I would provide a brief background as to why this was deemed necessary at this time.

This hospital accepts thousands of patients annually in transfer from other hospitals in our region. The vast majority of these patients are taken in and provided care and this is a point of pride for our organization. In fact, Upstate ranks at the 90th percentile of academic medical centers for transfers in from other hospitals. However, on occasion patients are denied access to our hospital by a physician who is on call. In these cases, when a decision is needed to deny transfer when capacity is available, there needs to be very clear documentation as to the rationale as to why we cannot provide the services these patients need.

Our hospital has been recently reviewed with regard to three of these cases and while we are still waiting any regulatory findings related to these cases we felt it critical to provide provider education on these regulations for all members of the medical staff.

Please take a few minutes to review and attest to the education sent via email. As a reminder this education must be completed by January 31, 2017. Non compliance of this mandatory education will put your membership on the Upstate Medical Staff in jeopardy.

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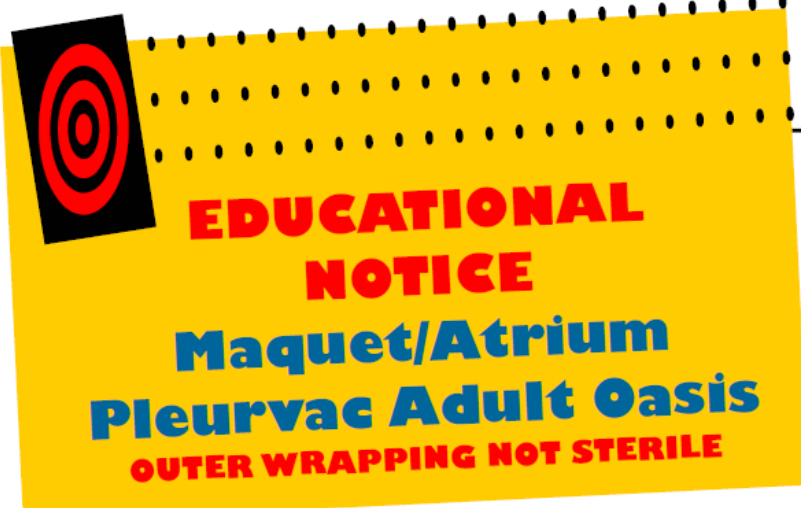
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Pleurvac

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EDUCATIONAL NOTICE
Maquet/Atrium
Pleurvac Adult Oasis
OUTER WRAPPING NOT STERILE



Lawson # 53669

Questions or Concerns:
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To introduce the chest drain into the sterile field:

1. Remove the wrapped chest drain from the dust cover. (The plastic pouch is NOT a sterile barrier and ONLY the chest drain should enter the sterile field)
2. Open the 2 sterilization wraps using sterile technique
3. ONLY enter the chest drain into the sterile field.

FLYER DEVELOPED: Cherie L. Kocan, OTD 12/15/2016

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Outstanding Physician Comments

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Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate

Comments
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ED @ Community – Dr. Jones bed side manner - excellent, warm and personable.

Inpatient @ Community – Dr. Consenstein and Dr. Chai – great; took time with me. Very encouraging and supportive.

Dr. Simon skilled surgeon and, equally important, compassionate care giver.

UHCC Neurology - Dr. Mejico is very impressive. He is a great doctor. He is trying very hard to find something to help my pain. I know one day he will find something.

Joslin – Dr. Kelly is a good listener and knowledgeable about new meds.

Dr. Izquierdo immediately made time to see me; very excellent care.

Keep up the good work, Dr. Concilla.

Surgery - UH – Dr. Dunton and staff were very pleasant and very competent with my care. Dr. Constanza does an excellent job, friendly, informative, and thorough; like him very much.

Dr. Constanza is the best doctor I've ever had. His compassion and expertise are superb.

Surgery Harrison Center – Dr. Dolinak couldn't have been better.

Dr. Lin was always available, very professional and considerate of any of my concerns.

University Cardiology – Dr. Szombathy is an awesome physician who really takes time to explain things to me.

University Geriatricians – Dr. Berg is a GOD SEND to me and my mom.

Upstate Urology – Dr. Shapiro was excellent!

12E – Dr. Schafer is the BEST!

9G – Dr. Schweitzer was helpful.

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- 5A** – Many thanks to Dr. Simon for accepting me in a timely manner.
- 5B** – Dr. Bratslavsky and his staff were VERY informative at virtually all phases both pre-surgery and post surgery.
- 6E** – Dr. Bhatta, Carhart and Chaudhuri explained everything and took time to answer any/all questions. TOP NOTCH CARE TEAM!
- 7A** – Dr. Sullivan saw me every day and kept me informed of my status and recovery.

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