MORNING CMO REPORT

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Norovirus and Influenza

Applies to All Physicians

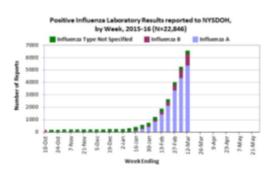
Norovirus & Flu Informational

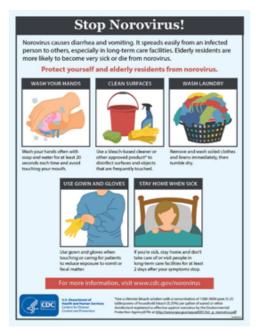
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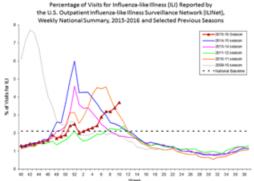
We are seeing increased activity of Norovirusassociated diarrhea in patients coming from outside facilities, nursing homes, and the community. Please keep Norovirus in differential for patients being admitted with diarrhea. Patients must be placed on Contact precautions as soon as possible if they present with diarrhea. Proper hand hygiene is extremely important when caring for patients with suspected and confirmed Norovirus. Attached graphic from CDC describes best practices to control spread of norovirus.

Influenza

Last week we detected 26 cases of Influenza within the Upstate Hospital patient population. This is by far the highest weekly occurrence for this season. For patients presenting with respiratory illness, please make sure they are tested for Influenza. Patients must be placed on Droplet and Contact precautions as soon as possible if they present with flu-like symptoms. Proper hand hygiene is extremely important when caring for patients with suspected and confirmed Influenza. The first graphs show increased activity in NYS and second for US, with historical comparison.







For more information, please contact Infection Control Department:

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Updated Lyme Disease Testing

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Lyme disease testing will be updated on March 28, 2016 in the Clinical Laboratory at the Downtown Campus. Following the manufacturer's recommendation, the first step in the testing, the VIDAS ELISA assay, will change:

Lyme Disease Informational

- 1. IgG and IgM antibodies will be measured and reported in separate assays. (Until now the assay detected them together and was positive if either or both IgG and IgM Lyme antibodies were present.)
 - This might provide more specific information about the disease stage, as IgM antibodies appear earlier.
- 2. Interpretation:
 - IgG assay reported as: Negative, Positive
 - IgM assay reported as: Negative, Equivocal, Positive
- 3. Both assays will have recombinant chimeric proteins instead of native antigens as their targets, and will include epitopes from all pathogenic strains (Borrelia burgdorferi sensu stricto, garinii, afzelii).
- 4. Confirmatory IgM and/or IgG immunoblot testing will be performed based upon the positive result.

Performance characteristics (VIDAS):

Lyme IgG	Lyme
49.60%	52.10%
83.90%	91.90%
95.20%	76.20%
97.0%	88.0%
100.0%	86.0%
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Upstate Grateful Patients Celebrate National Doctors' Day

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Doctor's Day Informational As part of the **Grateful Patient and Family Program**, Upstate Foundation is celebrating *National Doctors' Day on March 30* by inviting patients at Upstate University Hospital to pay tribute to *our doctors* for the extraordinary and compassionate care we provide 365 days-a-year. John McCabe and I participate in this wonderful opportunity to connect with Upstate patients each year by co-signing the Doctors' Day letter that is sent to Upstate patients served in the previous year. In addition to a celebratory banner and signage throughout both the downtown and community campuses, on March 28th - 30thth, Upstate Foundation staff hand-deliver hundreds of compelling handwritten thank you notes from grateful patients with a certificate of appreciation honoring our doctors. Thank you all for making a difference in our patients lives.

Outstanding Physician Comments

Applies to All Physicians

Comments Informational 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:

Emergency Dept – Community Campus – Dr. Brenner was so kind. **Midwifery Clinic – Community –** Dr. Millar is kind and caring.

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