

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Blood Cultures Through Central Lines

Applies to All Physicians

Blood Cultures
Advisory

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in central line associated blood stream infections. Review of these incidents reveals a worrisome trend of drawing blood cultures through the lines. This is inconsistent with our blood culture clinical procedure for adult patients, with only a few exceptions (see link below).

http://www.upstate.edu/policies/documents/intra/procedures/PROC_CM_B-08A.pdf

This policy has been in place for over 5 years. Drawing blood cultures through the lines increases the chance of contamination.

Please feel free to contact the following with any questions / concerns.

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Medical Student Documentation in EPIC

Applies to All Physicians

Documentation
Advisory

There continues to be significant confusion over the status of student notes. Medical student documentation in the electronic medical record (EMR) cannot be used to support attending physician professional services. If a resident has used a medical student note to support the resident's services the attending physician cannot use that resident's note either because it is linked to a medical student note.

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Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 12 - Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners section 100.1.1 - Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services indicates that *"the documentation of an Evaluation and Management service by a student that may be referred to by the teaching physician is limited to documentation related to the review of systems and/or past family/social history. The teaching physician may not refer to a student's documentation of physical exam findings or medical decision making in his or her personal note. If the medical student documents E/M services, the teaching physician must verify and redocument the history of present illness as well as perform and redocument the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the service."*

AAMC guidance on the use of medical student documentation in an EMR states "Using functions that allow copying/pasting, copy forwarding, or changing of authorship from a medical student note to a resident or teaching physician note does not constitute re-documentation. " Medicare requires personal documentation by the teaching physician or resident to demonstrate personal performance of the professional service.

Upstate medical student notes are not maintained as part of the legal medical record. If an attending or resident attest or addend a medical student note it will not be considered part of the legal medical record and is not viewable in EPIC unless providers select to view medical student notes.

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:

Inpatient

Inpatient @ Community- Dr. Ripich is beyond great.

Dr. Ripich is caring and has great bedside manner.

Comments
Informational

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