Bone Marrow Transplant Program Receives Accreditation

Last week we learned that the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) has, once again, awarded accreditation to our Bone Marrow Transplant Program. The accreditation is effective for three years beginning February 20, 2015, and applies to all services and facilities that were inspected by FACT, specifically adult autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation, peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection, and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation.

Congratulations to all involved on the achievement of FACT accreditation and your continuing efforts to provide quality care and services to those we serve.

Percocet (oxycodone/acetaminophen) Being Removed from Formulary

Effective June 1st, 2015, Percocet will no longer be available on the Upstate formulary for both the Downtown and Community Campuses. The change will be reflected in EPIC with the removal of Percocet as an orderable medication. This is a patient safety measure that has been approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and is also reflective in the new “Opioid Safety and Restriction Policy” (CM O-14). The intention is to help limit the number of concurrent opioid and acetaminophen-containing products received by patients. The individual components of Percocet (oxycodone and acetaminophen) will remain on formulary. For patients taking Percocet chronically prior to admission, the individual components can be prescribed. Pharmacy will also have authority to substitute Percocet orders with equivalent orders for the individual medications.
New York State Physician Profile

Governor Cuomo recently amended current law to require physicians to report changes in their state profile within 30 days, instead of within 120 days, effective 4/13/2016.

Information Available on All Doctors
Certain information is required to be available on all physicians. Such information includes:
- Information about the doctor’s medical education and training
- Information about translation services at the doctor’s office
- Information about legal actions taken against the doctor

Optional Information
Doctors can also give extra information (optional information) about their practice. Each doctor is invited to add:
- The practice name, address and phone number of all offices
- The names of other doctors in a practice group
- A list of the articles or research papers the doctor has published
- A list of professional and community service activities or awards
- A list of the health plans the doctor works with
- A personal statement about any information in the doctor’s profile

Ways to update your profile:
- Online, if you have a Health Commerce System (HCS) account, by logging on to https://commerce.health.state.ny.us and click on the Physician Profile Survey icon to review and update the profile information;
  - If you do not currently have an HCS account and would like to request an application on-line, go to https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html to apply.
  - If you are not able to login to the HCS site, please contact their support line at 1-866-529-1890 for assistance.
• Print your profile by accessing the New York State Physician Profile web site, make changes on the printout and either fax it to 917-228-8700 or mail it to NY State Department of Health, PO Box 5007, New York, NY 10274-5007.

Any questions you may have regarding the physician profile or this requirement can be answered by the New York State Physician Profile Help Desk at 1-888-338-6998.