

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Transitional Care Unit (TCU) Opening

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TCU
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The Transitional Care Unit (TCU) at our Community Campus is anticipated to open July 28, 2014. This opening is an exciting expansion of the care we provide. Patients who no longer need acute care, but are not ready to go home, can be provided team care in a hospital setting. This is not a unit for those awaiting nursing home placements. The ideal TCU patient includes those who have had joint replacement, need wound care, IV antibiotics or patient education. Patients who are likely to go home in less than three weeks, those who need focused rehabilitation services, post-surgical joint replacement or bariatric surgery patients, and patients and caregivers who need additional education to successfully transfer home will greatly benefit from this service. A clear discharge plan prior to admission is necessary; there are no direct admissions or readmissions to the TCU. For TCU patients, the billing and documentation requirements follow nursing home rules rather than hospital rules.

More information can be obtained from Dr. Sharon Brangman, at 464-5167, or from Ms. Amy Rottger at 492-5041.

MRI Services

[Applies to All Physicians](#)

MRI
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Radiology at the Community Campus has added On-Call Coverage to their MRI hours of operation. Effective Saturday July 12, 2014 on-call coverage will be provided from 8 am to 8 pm every Saturday and Sunday and hospital holidays. The on-call coverage is in addition to the current on-site staffing from 7 am to 11 pm Monday through Friday.

To obtain an emergency MRI exam during on-call coverage hours, call the Radiology department at 492-5527 and on-duty Radiology staff will call the MRI technologist to report to work.

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HIGH ADVISORY-High priority does not warrant immediate action but recipients should be aware.

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