Annual Medical Staff Education  

Annual education regarding critical safety and regulatory matters is required by the state, federal government, and various accrediting bodies for all employees and medical staff annually. In an effort to simplify this, we have boiled this information down into a core document, which should take no more than 15 minutes to review. This annual education required for physicians, and other credentialed medical providers, was sent out in early October, with a due date of October 31.

As of this week, over 25% of the Medical Staff have not yet completed this education. It is important that this be completed to maintain compliance with all of the above agencies, in addition to being informed of changes in any hospital policies referenced in the short education packet.

The packet and attestation are available online at [http://www.upstate.edu/medstaff/forms/annual_education.php](http://www.upstate.edu/medstaff/forms/annual_education.php)

If you have not yet completed this, it needs your attention by 11/30/2014. Thank you.

Mass Casualty Incident of November 6  

In the early morning hours of November 6, a bus crash brought 26 patients to area hospitals. 17 of those patients were cared for in the downtown and community campus emergency departments. Community received 4 patients, all able to be discharged home after receiving care. Downtown received 3 pediatric patients and 10 adults, with 2 patients requiring hospitalization.

The response from UH staff was extraordinary, starting with the emergency physician response team dispatched to the scene and continuing with several other services, from Emergency Medicine to Trauma Surgery (adult and pediatrics), Blood Bank, Radiology, Anesthesiology amongst others.

I am so proud of the team effort involved in seamlessly managing this mass casualty incident. It truly is a fine demonstration of the excellent staff we have at Upstate and the type of care that is not accounted for in our UHC rating. Kudos & thanks to all involved.