MORNING CMO REPORT

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Intravenous (IV) Acetaminophen (Ofirmev®) Restriction

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Advisory

Intravenous (IV) acetaminophen is a valuable therapy option for patients who cannot tolerate oral therapy. However, there is a lack of evidence to show better pain control with this therapy relative to oral acetaminophen. Additionally, IV acetaminophen now costs over 340 times more than a similar dose of oral acetaminophen, translating to an annual institutional cost of nearly a half million dollars. With these factors in mind and after discussion at the June P&T Committee Meetings for both the Downtown and Community Campuses, the following decisions were made:

- NPO/NPR status for IV acetaminophen use will be strictly enforced.
- EPIC will only allow IV acetaminophen to be ordered as a one-time dose. If the patient continues to meet criteria for use per repeat evaluation, an additional order will need to be placed for repeat doses.
- IV acetaminophen will only be housed in the main pharmacy and the operating room/recovery room Pyxis Stations. No longer will it be housed in Pyxis Stations on inpatient floors.

If you have any questions, concerns or recommendations regarding this change, please contact Christopher Miller, Pharm.D., BCPS, Associate Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, at 464-4214.

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