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| <p>FOLLOW CDC TRAVEL SAFETY GUIDANCE</p> <p>If you're planning a trip, the CDC recommends you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, including any boosters recommended for you. Be sure to check your destination's COVID-19 situation and any local safety protocol or restrictions before traveling. Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs, including airports. Do not travel if you are sick, tested positive for COVID-19 and haven't ended isolation, had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and haven't ended quarantine, or are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test.</p> <p>Contact the Employee Health Office before and after any international travel and/or if you are experiencing any symptoms or have had a known exposure to a person with COVID-19.</p> |
| <p>MANDATORY SCREENING</p> <p>Screening is not only an essential part of keeping patients / colleagues / visitors as safe as possible and is closely aligned with our core value of integrity of being faithful to who we say we are. Screening is required by St. Joseph's Health as well as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. During the recent weeks, a lack of participation has been observed. Failure to comply with this regulation is unacceptable and put others at risk of contracting COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Screening is standard operating procedure.</p> |
| <p>GASTROINTESTINAL COVERAGE</p> <p>Gastrointestinal (GI) service will be covered by Dr. Weissman (general GI and ERCP) through April 15. Dr. Szych (also general GI and ERCP) begins coverage April 16 and will be on through April 20. The GI physician on-call can be reached 7:00am – 7:00pm by calling ##585.</p> |
| <p>ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION IN COLITIS</p> <p>The Utilization Committee is requesting the medical staff to review these guidelines on antibiotic administration in colitis. Our goal is to reduce IV antibiotic prescribing when appropriate and safe. Multiple providers have had input developing the recommendations to standardize the care in the hopes of reducing antibiotic administration for simple colitis. Results will be shared in coming months.</p> |
| <p>CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION INTEGRITY</p> <p>Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) is embarking on a series of eight to twelve messages with tips to improve documentation and facilitate the accurate representation of a patient's clinical status that translates into coded data. The information will be distributed in this channel and here.</p> <p>SEVERE SEPSIS</p> <p>As per the original Surviving Sepsis Campaign, the definition of severe sepsis is infection with associated organ dysfunction. The definition of just sepsis is SIRS positive (2/4 values) and infection. The documentation of severe sepsis indicates increased severity of illness beyond just sepsis. While there are more recent guidelines which use the definition of severe sepsis for all sepsis, Medicare (CMS) still follows the original guideline as does New York State.</p> <p>If the CDI nurse sends you a query that states "Sepsis is documented in the chart. The following clinical indicators of organ dysfunction were also present.", we are looking for documentation of SEVERE SEPSIS. SEPSIS PLUS ORGAN DYSFUNCTION = SEVERE SEPSIS</p> <p>The easiest way to avoid a query and to get documentation correct the first time is to use .ICD10SEPSIS to assist with your documentation.</p> <p>Contact Physician Advisor for CDI, Dr. DeAnn Cummings at Deann.Cummings@sjhsyr.org with questions.</p> |
| <p>SHARPS DISPOSAL</p> <p>Please do not dispose of sharps of any kind into the grey shred bins. Sharps should be disposed of in the red sharps containers ONLY. PHI (Personal Health Information) is the only thing that should go into a grey shred bin. If you accidentally put something in a shred bin that should not go in there, please contact your manager immediately, so that the contents can be safely retrieved.</p> <p>For questions, please contact Risk Management at 315.448.5611 or Integrity & Compliance at 315.448.5756.</p> |
| <p>T.H.E.I.R. REPORTING</p> <p>With an increase in number of travel/vendor staff, and as part of our integration into the TogetherSafe initiative, Colleague Safety is providing updated guidance and instruction related to T.H.E.I.R reporting. Any employee, vendor, contractor, volunteer, or student is encouraged to complete a THEIR if they are injured while working on St. Josephs property. If an individual is completing a T.H.E.I.R and they are not an SJH/ Trinity employee, they should check "no" under "Did you find your name in the employee lookup?" and "Not employed by Trinity Health" under "Job Title at Time of Injury". Click here for details.</p> |

MIDAS RDE (REMOTE DATA ENTRY)

For quick and easy access to MIDAS RDE (Remote Data Entry) materials, we are pleased to share that a direct link has been added to the home page of SJHEN. Scrolling is no longer required. [Click here](#) or visit the home page of SJHEN and click on the purple MIDAS RDE icon that is located at the front and center of the page. Please note that the original pathway is still active and completely functional. Users can still select "Service Requests and Incident Reporting" followed by "Medical Issue Reporting".

When in doubt of which form to use, please select "Generic" which only requires users to complete the bolded questions. Questions that do not appear in **bold** typeface are optional. Please contact Risk Manager, Zoe A Orecki, MD MPH at 315.448.5786 or zoe.orecki@sjhsyr.org with any questions.

UPDATE FROM LACNY: COLLECTION OF URINALYSIS AND URINE TOXICOLOGY TESTING

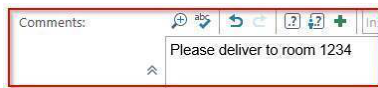
[Click here](#) to see details associated with what tubes are acceptable and which are unacceptable until further notice.

SPECIMEN LABELING

Laboratory automation requires precise placement of specimen labels. Improper labeling may cause instrument malfunctions and testing delay. [Click here](#) for more information / image on correct labeling.

AGILITI ORDER INFORMATION

When you place an order to Agiliti for equipment, ie. SPR mattresses, IV pumps, etc. please put the patient's room number in the comment section of the order. This will assist Agiliti staff in ensuring the equipment gets delivered to the appropriate location. Contact Trevor Balstra at Trevor.Balstra@sjhsyr.org or 315.726.9911 with any questions.



PULSE OXIMETER PROBES

As backorders rise and supply remains in high demand, we need your help with collections of pulse oximeter probes. Please remember to collect your pulse oximeter probes and place in their respective / correct bins (pictured left). Blue bins can be found in most soiled utility rooms around the hospital. Unfortunately, our collections have fallen to almost zero for the month of March. The more we collect, the more we can purchase.

Please contact Director, Supply Chain Operations, Trevor Balstra at Trevor.Balstra@sjhsyr.org or 315.726.9911 with any questions.