



Greater Hazleton Health Alliance Medical Staff Link

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Welcome *New GHHA Medical Staff Members*

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Anesthesiologist

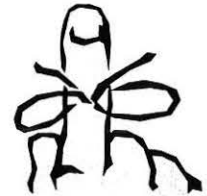
Shiban Raina, M.D.
Gastroenterology

Olakunle Taiwao, M.D.
Locum Tenens
Anesthesiologist

Ronald Makuta, DPM
Allied Health Professional
Podiatrist

Carl A. Tandatnick, M.D.
Locum Tenens
Anesthesiologist

Louis Tedesco, M.D.
Locum Tenens Family Practice
Occupational Health Dept.



JCAHO Survey

JCAHO Survey is scheduled for the Church Street Campus on the following dates:

August 9, 10 & 11 - Hospital

August 12 - Primary Care Clinics

August 12 & 13 - Home Health

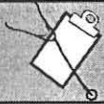
Physicians please complete your Medical Records by 8-06-99 before JCAHO Survey!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following Joint Commission Executive Committee members:

Jeff Sackrison, Janet Richie, Cheryl Antolick, Joe Caputo, Andrea Andrews, Cheryl Curcio, Judy Ervin, Tim Malchitsky, or Mike Kempchinsky.

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DR. CLARK D. GERHART RESEARCHES
NEW SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

Recently, Dr. Clark D. Gerhart was a major contributor to a national medical research study that evaluated the effectiveness of a new medical device used in laparoscopic surgery. The new type of laparoscopic surgery, called Handoscopic Surgery, allows the surgeon to insert his or her hand into the abdomen through a small incision while performing laparoscopic surgery. Results of the research study were published in the Archives of Surgery, May Edition, in an article called: "Handoscopic Surgery: A Prospective Multicenter Trial of Minimally Invasive Technique for Complex Abdominal Surgery." The Alliance is proud to be part of this exciting new field of surgery.

DR. ANTHONY CARRATO
AND
DR. MICHAEL BONO
PERFORM NEW SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Dr. Anthony Carrato and Dr. Michael Bono performed a surgical procedure new to the Hazleton Area called Laparoscopic Vein Harvesting.

PHYSICIANS.....

THANK YOU!

Physicians: Thank you for helping to gather your own patient supplies, but we still need to charge for them.

Please inform nursing personnel of the supplies used.

PHYSICIAN'S
PLEASE
REMEMBER.....



Patient re-assessment needs to be done every 24 hours for restraints. Purple stickers have been placed on the patients chart for you, just complete and sign.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
&
PHYSICAL THERAPY

New Evaluation forms for Occupational Therapy and for Physical Therapy will be used on both campuses effective August 1. These evaluation forms will be available along with dictated assessments to present therapist findings. The new forms are one page with information presented on each side of the sheet. The forms will be in the patient medical charts under the Physical Medicine or OT/PT section. The evaluation form will indicate the therapist's assessment as well as treatment goals and plan.

HAZLETON GENERAL HOSPITAL
AND
HAZLETON SAINT JOSEPH MEDICAL
CENTER
GET STATE CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment council will recognize 79 facilities for their commitment to make a difference in the cost and quality of inpatient health care in Pennsylvania during the first and second quarters of 1998.

Hazleton General Hospital and Hazleton Saint Joseph Medical Center will receive certificates of excellence for Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council.

The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council is an independent state agency responsible for addressing the cost and quality of health care in Pennsylvania. The council promotes health care competition through the collection, analysis, and public distribution of cost and quality health care information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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