



Medical Staff Link

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Gastric Bypass Surgery and Support Group

Michael Bono, M.D. has started a Support Group for Gastric Bypass patients and for those considering this procedure. Dr. Bono performs gastric bypass surgery, which is indicated for morbid obesity.

The Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The following is a list of upcoming meeting:

- October 17, 2001 "Plastic Surgery Options for the Gastric Bypass Patient" presented by Hazleton Plastic Surgery - Dr. Lado/Dr. Kimmel
- November 21, 2001 "Surviving the Holidays" with tips from Amy Clifford, Registered Dietitian
- December 19, 2001 Recipe Exchange and Holiday Party



GHHA Holiday Party

The GHHA Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held Friday, November 30, 2001 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight in the Genetti's Hall of Presidents. The evening will start with a full open bar and hor d' oeuvres, followed by a holiday buffet. Then, dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight, and a special continental breakfast at 11 p.m. to make sure everyone goes home satisfied. Plus, there will be lots of prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Hope to see you there!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECRUITMENT

The Vice President of Medical Affairs frequently receives inquiries from individual physicians as well as physician recruiting firms in regard to physicians with some interest in establishing a practice in our area.

These interested physicians include a wide array of disciplines, primary care, specialty, and sub-specialty.

If you have an interest in a new associate for your practice, please contact the HSJMC Medical Staff Office so that we can direct the potentially interested parties to each other.

Please call 501-6198 if you have an interest in attracting a new physician to your practice and the Hazleton area.

PMSCO SEMINAR

PMSCO, in coordination with the Quality Management Department, will be conducting a 4-hour seminar on:

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Place: HGH - O&E Bldg.

The content of the seminar will include a detailed review of the decision support criteria utilized by the HGH and HSJMC. This review will highlight the benefits and uses of inpatient decision support criteria to:

- ⇒ Identify potentially avoidable denied bed days
- ⇒ Anticipate decision support criteria utilized by managed care organizations
- ⇒ Effectively manage the payment system
- ⇒ Document appropriately to ensure more success in the appeal process

If you plan to attend, please call the Medical Staff Office at 501-6198.

KePRO TELECONFERENCE

The American Heart Association (AHA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)* are hosting a national teleconference to explore opportunities for Peer Review Organizations (PRO's) and their collaborators to learn about AHA's *Get With The Guidelines* program.

Get With The Guidelines helps healthcare professionals save lives and improve patient care by helping implement secondary prevention guidelines for patients with coronary and other vascular disease. A multi-faceted, interactive approach to CME/CEU, *Get With The Guidelines* strives for long-term behavioral change by focusing on workable patient management strategies in the hospital setting.

Get With The Guidelines incorporates a multi-disciplinary approach to risk factor management. The program encourages links between cardiologists, neurologists, primary care physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. It also provides resources to build consensus and optimize discharge protocols.

The teleconference will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2001
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: HSJMC - 2nd Floor
Small Conference Room

If you plan to attend, please the Medical Staff Office at 501-6198.

*Formerly, The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)