



Welcome New GHHA Medical Staff and Allied Health Professional Members

Christopher Justofin, D.O.
Active Staff
Family Practice

Scott J. Boyle, D.O.
Active Staff
Orthopedics

Brett A. Himmelwright, D.O.
Active Staff
Orthopedics

Joel Jorgenson, M.D.
Active Staff
Radiology

Thomas Chegwidden, CRNA
Dependent Allied Health Professional
CRNA
Under the supervision of Thomas Hanlon, MD

Pastoral Outreach

Pastoral Outreach-Faith in Action has a few 2003 Entertainment Books available. Each book is \$25.00 and contains a wealth of coupons for local restaurants, stores and attractions.

If interested, please call Pat Paterick ,
Pastoral Outreach Coordinator at
501-6289.



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MEDICAL STAFF LINK

Dessen Center Doctors Attain MRO Certification

John Amentler, M.D. and Deborah Gorski, M.D. of Occupational Health Services at the Dessen Center, have attained certification as Medical Review Officers (MRO) from the American Association of Medical Review Officers (AAMRO).

Certification is intended to insure the public of quality services and the maintenance of ethical conduct by qualified professionals involved in drug and alcohol testing.

MRO's are licensed physicians who review the lab results generated by an employer's drug testing program. They also evaluate medical explanations for certain drug test results.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Broad Street Campus 5th Floor Renovations to Begin.....

Starting September 23rd the nurse's station on the 5th floor of the Broad Street Campus will begin renovations. The nurse's station will be moved across the hall to 2 patient rooms. Any problems, or concerns, please see Deb Hoy, Nurse Manager, ICU/Telemetry.

HIPAA Info

How is your practice and it's HiPAA asesment? Have you..... Designated a privacy officer responsible for all necessary activities? Provided training to staff and others who would have access to protected health information? Established administrative safeguards to protect identifiable health information from unauthorized use or disclosure?

- ⇒ Established technical safeguards to protect identifiable health information from unauthorized use or disclosure?
- ⇒ Established physical safeguards to protect identifiable health information form unauthorized use or disclosure?
- ⇒ Established policies and procedures for individuals to file complaints about possible violations of privacy?
- ⇒ Developed monitoring processes for detecting illegal colleciton, disclosure, or use of protected health information by employees or contractors?
- ⇒ Developed sanctions, policies and procedures for employee violations of our organization's privacy policies and procedures?
- ⇒ Developed effective monitoring for detecting external access (i.e., hacking) to protected health information?
- ⇒ Developed a process for mitigating the effect of unauthorized release of information?
- ⇒ Deveop policies and procedures for having documentation available concerning compliance with privacy regulations?

Commentary: Under HIPAA provisons, covered entities are required to implement the above administrative practices in order to comply with the privacy and security standards.



Reminder to all Physicians

In order to ensure the safety of our patients and comply with JCAHO standards, if an order is to be continued on a patient being transferred out of ICU to another nursing unit, the order must be rewritten.

If the order is not rewritten, it will not be continued on the receiving nursing unit.

It is the responsibility of the physician to rewrite any orders when he/she is in the building. If the physician has already left the building, **all** orders need to be reviewed before the patient is transferred out of ICU.

Femoral Runoff MRAs

5 MINUTE FAST BRAIN

Contrast Enhanced Carotid MRAs

Hazleton MRI Dessen Center
459-4674

The new Philip's Intera 1.5 Tesla MRI enables contrast enhanced Carotid MRAs as well as lower leg runoffs in half the scanning time it took on the old unit. Bolus track allows the technologists to visualize the arrival of contrast material in real time at a specific area, thus reducing timing errors.

With the new unit, a lower leg runoff can be done in 20 minutes. Runoffs utilize a function called Mobi track, which moves the table between stacks of images and thereby images the area from the level of about the renals down to the feet. Each stack of images takes 4 seconds to scan.

MRCs are now done with three separate series, now enabling the visualization of other anatomical structures such as the splenic duct, which was not ever visualized before.

Scan times with the new unit have decreased by at least half for all studies as well as faster image processors that are roughly 80 times faster than the older unit.

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

The Dessen Center now offers PET services to aid in the early detection of cancer. Medicare reimburses the following cancers: colorectal, lung, pulmonary nodule, lymphoma, melanoma, head and neck (excluding thyroid). After October 1, 2002 breast cancer will also be covered. PET actually saves the cost of expensive surgical procedures by a factor of 2.2.

PET is a nuclear medicine study offered every other Friday at the Dessen Center. The patient is injected with FDG 18, which adheres to malignant tumors, thus enabling the detection of cancer anywhere in the body. The patient is scanned from the top of the ear down to mid thigh. If the diagnosis is melanoma, the patient is scanned from the top of the head to the bottom of the feet.

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