Clinical Trial to Reduce MRSA Infection Launches

Torrance Memorial Medical Center will be a recruitment site of an important federal research program to prevent MRSA infection in patients who have recently been hospitalized.

Project CLEAR (Changing Lives by Eradicating Antibiotic Resistance) is a randomized clinical trial that will begin recruitment in early 2011. Project CLEAR will help determine if decolonization of MRSA after hospital discharge can reduce recurrence of MRSA infection.

Eligible patients will have had an MRSA infection while hospitalized or will have been colonized with MRSA during hospitalization.

Patients will be asked if they want to participate by Infection Control.

Physicians will be notified that their patient is a study candidate through a note in the medical record. Physicians may contact study personnel with questions or concerns.

Research staff will approach the patient for consent only after the note has been left in the medical record overnight.

Dr. James A. McKinnell is the Principal Investigator at Torrance Memorial Medical Center (TMMC). Dr. McKinnell holds an appointment at Torrance Memorial Medical Center and is on the faculty of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The study will be coordinated by the research staff of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Feel free to contact Dr. McKinnell directly: (310) 707-3631.

Enrolled MRSA-positive patients will be randomized to one of two groups; the Education Group or the Education/Decolonization group. Those randomized to the Education Group will be given detailed MRSA education to prevent infection and spread, including cleaning and laundry tips. Those randomized to the Decolonization Group will receive education and will be started on a decolonization protocol with nasal mupirocin, chlorhexidine mouthwash, and chlorhexidine bathing. All interventions will occur post-discharge. Patients may be readmitted on the study protocol.

Project CLEAR is funded through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and has the potential to influence the national standard of care for MRSA-positive patients. You may see Project CLEAR study staff on our clinical wards over the coming months. Please welcome them as they introduce themselves.
Date: January 7, 2011
To: All Physicians
From: Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Subject: Parking Lot A

Dear Doctors,

Feedback from visitors regarding insufficient parking spaces designated as handicap parking has encouraged us to modify Parking Lot A which is the lot closest to the hospital entrance. We are currently modifying the lot so that all spaces will be designated as either parking for vehicles displaying handicap parking placards or for physicians. This change will add 15 additional handicap parking spaces.

On Tuesday March 1st, Lot A will close completely as we move into the next phase of New Main Tower construction. We expect to have free valet parking service in place to coincide with the Lot A closure that will specifically serve those whose vehicles display handicap parking placards.

Thank you.

Save the Date:

2011 National Doctor’s Day
# Medical Staff Calendar

## February 2011

### Monday

1. 12:30p Otolaryngology..........HCC-4

### Tuesday

2. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
   8:00a Endocrinology..........WT-B
   12:30p Bylaws Committee.......WT-D
   12:30p CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

3. 7:00a Breast Tumor Board..WT-Aud
   7:30a Tumor Board.............WT-Aud
   12:30p MSPI....................WT-D
   12:30p Orthopedics............WT-C

### Wednesday

4. 7:00a CVI.......................WT-D
   12:30p Cardiology.............WT-D
   6:00p MEC.......................WT-D

5. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
   7:00a Anesthesia PI............WT-Aud
   11:30a General Staff .......HCC 1&2
   12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

### Thursday

6. 7:00a Breast Tumor Board.....WT-D
   7:30a Tumor Board.............WT-D
   12:30p Medicine PI.............WT-C

### Friday

7. 7:00a CVI.......................WT-D
   12:30p Cardiology.............WT-D
   12:30p Credentials.............WT-C

8. 7:30a Infection Control/P&T...WT-C
   6:00p MEC.......................WT-D

9. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
   7:00a Anesthesia PI............WT-Aud
   11:30a General Staff .......HCC 1&2
   12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

10. 7:00a Breast Tumor Board.....WT-D
    7:30a Tumor Board.............WT-D
    12:30p Medicine PI.............WT-C

11. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    7:00a Anesthesia PI............WT-Aud
    11:30a General Staff .......HCC 1&2
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

12. 7:30a Physician Alignment....WT-B

13. 7:30a Physician Alignment....WT-B
    12:00p Radiology Dept.........WT-B

14. 7:00a Breast Program.........WT-B
    12:30p OB/GYN Dept............WT-Aud

15. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

16. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

17. 7:00a Breast Tumor Board.....WT-D
    7:30a Emergency Dept.........WT-D
    7:30a Tumor Board.............WT-Aud
    12:30p Pediatric Dept.........WT-Aud

18. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

19. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

20. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30a CME Conference..........HCC 1&2

21. 7:00a Breast Program.........WT-B
    12:30p OB/GYN Dept............WT-Aud

22. 7:00a CV Review Conference.WT-D
    12:30p Bioethics................WT-C
    12:30p Palliative Care..........WT-D

23. 7:00a Bre...
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Advanced Practice Nursing at TMMC

An advanced practice nurse (APN) is a nurse with advanced didactic and clinical education, knowledge, skills, and scope of practice. There are four types of nurses that are recognized as APN that include: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), or Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM).

We have 2 of these categories of advanced practice nursing at TMMC: CNSs and NPs. The CNS is an APN providing expert clinical practice, research, education, consultation and clinical leadership with an identified patient population. The scope of CNSs includes patients, nursing personnel and organizational systems. CNSs work in direct patient care and indirect patient care activities that affect a broad range of patients. TMMC has unit specific CNSs in ICU-Jennifer Leonard, PCU-Lianna Ansryan, Med-Surg-Lisa Refuerzo, and ER-Alfie Ignacio, and population based in Diabetes-Julie Semper.

Nurse practitioners (NPs) are registered professional nurses who provide a wide range of health care services, including the diagnosis and management of common, as well as complex, medical conditions to individuals of all ages. There are currently three nurse practitioners credentialed at TMMC: Candace Millek and Maki Jerden in Wound/Ostomy care and Lynda Stoodley in Cardiothoracic Surgery. Soon another NP will join the ranks as the newly developed position of Congestive Heart Failure NP.

(American Nurses Association)
American College of Nurse Practitioners