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May 2013

Grand Rounds

Honoring Our Heros



The Department of Nursing presented *Nursing Grand Rounds*, May 6 2013, to kick off Nurse Week. Grand Rounds is an educational case study presented by and to a clinical team to highlight the care delivered at Casa Colina. The team was lead by Jamie D'Ausilio RN, CRRN Clinical Supervisor (far right) and included (from right to left) Katie Hughes, RN, CRRN, Sarah Dunahay, RN CRRN and January Hernandez, RN. They presented 'Brain on Fire: Anti- NMDAR Encephalitis' to a full house in the Tamkin Center. It was a great success and well received. Congratulations to the team for a great job and for highlighting the Department of Nursing!

Casa Colina is proud to honor and remember the soldiers that keep our country safe and celebrate all the wounded warriors that we care for as well as those warriors that work amongst us here at Casa Colina. These soldiers remind us of the bonds that form when fighting for our country. Whether they served together or 100 years apart, soldiers are family. Recently Tyler, a Marine, was released from TLC with a full military ceremony. Our very own Gonzalo Najera, a Marine Reserve and now known as "The Safety Guy" for his job in Human Resources, was in attendance, in full dress blues supporting Tyler as he was discharged. We are thrilled to be able to recognize Tyler and to honor the men and women who have given us so much.



The 11th Anniversary of the Loma Linda PossAbilities triathlon was held Sunday, April 28 2013. The race started at 7:00am and consisted of a 3.1 mile run, 11 mile bike ride and a 150 yards pool swim. Danny Perez and Cathy Timple headed up a team of Casa Colina employees who participated in this wonderful event! Suzi Johnson finished 1st in her age group and Stephanie Kaplan finished 2nd in her age group! Great job everyone!

New Hires

- Geneva Allen, Director, Patient Financial Services, Patient Accounting
- Alma Castro, Imaging Center Scheduler/Admitting Clerk
- Marlon Cook, Residential Technician, Transitional Living Center
- Porfiro Corral, Residential Technician, Transitional Living Center
- Prudence Lin, Occupational Therapist, Inpatient Therapy
- Sherae Morris, Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy
- Claudia Parra, Speech Aide, Children's Service Center
- David Pickard, Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley
- Laurencio Quijada, Residential Aide, Lucerne Valley
- Jaine Saura, Registered Nurse, Inpatient Nursing
- Dulce Vazquez, Residential Caregiver, Woodbend Home



Health Information Management would like to recognize & congratulate

Maria Candelario, Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), Victoria Dagdagan, CCS & Doreen Boettcher, CCS for proactively completing an intensive offsite 80 hr/10 wk continuing education workshop on Inpatient Coding to increase their professional knowledge!!! GO CODER'S





Dear Bugsy, Recently a patient was admitted to our hospital in which the doctor ordered the patient to be placed in Reverse/Neutropenic Precautions. I thought that was no longer necessary. Could you please clarify? From: Confused

Dear Confused, You are correct. In 1981, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) deleted reverse isolation from their recommendations. However, it is recommended that severely compromised patients be placed in a private room, if possible. To protect our patients, strict adherence to hand hygiene by all staff (including visitors/family) prior to any contact with the patient is very important. Staff as well as visitors/family needs to be free of an active infection or illness when caring or visiting with the patient.

Dear Bugsy, Are visitors expected to don personal protective equipment (PPE) when they are visiting someone in isolation precautions? From: Don Inn

Dear Don, YES! Casa Colina Hospital understands the need and encourages patients to be visited by their family and friends. To protect our patients, Casa Colina requires patients' family and friends to be free of an active or incubating infection when visiting. Patients placed on isolation precautions may continue to have family and friends visit as per hospital policy. Only in rare instances would time and number of visitors need to be limited. All visitors must Wash hands before and after visiting patients even if gloves were worn and follow the isolation precautions that may be posted on the patient's door that may include wearing masks, gloves and gowns even if not touching the patient. Remember these items are worn inside the patient's room and must be removed when you leave the room.

The above also applies to all staff including but not limited to nurses, physicians, therapists, students, EVS workers... Have a question for Bugsy? You may contact her via e-mail (infectioncontrol@casacolina.org) or at extension 3207.

Change to Adult Day Health & TB Process

The hours of administration of TB skin tests and other vaccinations (new hires and current staff) will be Monday – Friday

- 8:00am –11:00am in the Adult Day Health Center
- 1:00pm– 5pm in the CCH Medical Clinics located in outpatient

The reading of the TB skin tests will be done in ADHC before 11am or arranged by Human Resources 48-72 hours following the tests (or by appointment, call X2154 for details). Please note: the Human Resources department personnel will locate a Registered Nurse to read the test.

Vickey Gangloff, Administrative Secretary, will continue to provide Administrative Support while working in ADHC and from her afternoon position in hospital administration.

Kathy Flippin, our Employee Health Nurse, will continue to oversee the results of the pre-placement physicals and annual questionnaires.



Comedy Night for Casa's Kids

The 2nd annual "Comedy Night for Casa's Kids" will be held June 23rd from 1:30 – 3:30 at the Ontario Improv outside Ontario Mills. Pre-sale tickets are \$25. Buy tickets today at Children's Services or e-mail cendor@casacolina.org to make arrangements for purchase. The event was a hit last year, so we hope you can join in the fun this year!!!!

Better Speech & Hearing Month

In honor of *Better Hearing and Speech Month*, Casa Colina employees offered educational in-services to share mechanisms on how to help our patients foster better communication. Employees learned about Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), iPad use, Casa Colina's Audiology Research, effectively communicating with stroke patients and cognitive rehabilitation. A big thanks to Tanyia Khadem, SLP, Judy Attaway, Audio, Stefan Henley, SLP and Candice Simpson, SLP for sharing these tools to promote better hearing and speech!

Great Work Perks Cards!

We are very excited to announce the Great Work Perks cards! These cards are known as "Perks Pass" and they provide a free online employee discount program that include savings to theme parks, sporting games, spas, and more. These cards are free of charge and available until supplies last. Come in to Human Resources to pick up your Perks Pass. On the front of each card, there is a number located on the bottom left. Simply visit the website www.greatworkperks.com/company/casa and enter your card number to receive your discounts and "perk up your work!"



A Taste of Safety in the 1st Quarter

Outpatient Services employees were the recipients of the quarterly pizza party for making safety a top priority! Thank you to all the departments that remained injury free in the 1st quarter! Keep up the great work!

