Length of Stay Project

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HealthAlliance is continually looking for ways to improve efficiencies and decrease the cost of care for our patient population. One mechanism to accomplish this goal is to decrease the average length of hospital stay. This length of stay has increased over the past six years to its current average of 4.6 days. In this same time frame, inpatient costs have steadily risen while we have seen a significant decline in reimbursement rates for services provided. Opportunities have been identified which may allow us to reverse the current trend of increasing length of stay (LOS) and cost of care for our patients. Making these interventions will not only allow us to give more efficient care, but may also increase care quality and patient experience. To read the full article, please click here.

Most Wired

We are proud to announce that HealthAlliance Hospital has once again been named to the prestigious list of Most Wired hospitals in the country. This year marks the 16th anniversary of Health Care's Most Wired Survey and the seventh consecutive year that HealthAlliance Hospital has received a Most Wired Award. Congratulations to the entire hospital! Click here to read the entire press release.

Grand Rounds/CME Schedule

9/9 Dr. Daniel O’Leary M&M
tentative topic: Length of Stay

9/16 Dr. Timothy Jones
Melanoma in the Head and Neck
(Oncology Rounds)

9/23 Schwartz Rounds

9/30 Dr. Kim Houde
Domestic Violence Screening

Up In Smoke –
A Free Smoking Cessation Support Group

Sundays from 6-7pm at the HealthAlliance Hospital – Leominster Campus

This is a free program but registration is required. To register, call 978-466-2774.
Staff Changes:

Additions to Staff

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No Longer on Staff

Christine Bielick, MD, Pediatrics;
Pediatric Hospitalist
Jacquelyn Cotter, MD, Pediatrics;
Pediatric Hospitalist
Mandeep Hundal, MD, Medicine; Hospitalist
Reem Abouelenin, MD, Anesthesiology
Allison Dill, NP, AHP, Medicine
Julia Feudo, MD, Pediatrics
Scott Fisher, MD, Pediatrics,
Pediatric Hospitalist

Congratulations to

Alexandra Evindar, MD, who is now the Division Chief of Pediatrics!

HealthAlliance Hospital – Quarterly Team Meetings, Summer 2014

Please plan to attend one of the 17 sessions offered the week of August 11th. I look forward to meeting each of you. To see the full schedule, please click here.

I plan to provide an overview/update as well as give you the opportunity to ask any/all questions.

All employees, volunteers, and physicians are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing you!

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