

Nursing update



Update on Space Lab monitors

Since the approval by the Board in February for a \$9.3 million capital investment in new Space Lab monitors, Missy Hampel, RN, and Amy Renn, RN, have been working to ensure that we'll be able to fully take advantage of the new system's ability to integrate with Cerner.

"Given the large scope of the project, implementation requires coordination among Facilities, IT, Nursing and others to implement the system successfully," says Carla Yost, system chief nursing officer.

The first project team meeting was held last week and the team is working with Space Lab representatives to develop clinical education for staff. It's anticipated that the first monitors will go operational in August; a roll-out plan is still being developed.

"The goal is more than just acquiring new equipment—it's ensuring that we're able to fully utilize its capabilities to monitor patients and integrate that data into patient records," says Renn.

Victory at last!

As a result of a concentrated team effort, this week's reconciliation of narcotics in the Omnicell reports finally reached 100 percent compliance.

"It took pharmacists, pharmacy techs and nursing leaders and staff all working together to make this happen," says Carla Yost. "We had to define the process, assign accountability and hold those assigned accountable to make it happen." Doing so helped identify a process issue on 6E and 5W at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph, where after verifying that the counts were done, they did not show up on the report the following day.

"We went through the process as a team during the morning huddle and discovered that the touch screens were not registering," says Deshaun Willingham, RN. "They've since been replaced."

Tender loving care

CICU at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis recently received a care compliment worth sharing:

"My uncle passed away yesterday in CICU, where he was supported and cared for about an 18-hour period," the author wrote. "Our room nurses and others were so caring and compassionate. From the moment I stepped in the room, I sensed a peaceful and gentle spirit. Thank you to all who made this very difficult time of loss bearable. From intensive care to chaplain services, your team did a wonderful job; forever grateful to our Lord Jesus who shined through so many in service to our family. May God continue to bless you with doctors and staff who minister medicine in a way that could only be characterized as "loving thy neighbor as thy self."