A CS-Link Update for Physicians

Look to this new communication, sent to you on behalf of Dr. Paul Silka, Chief Medical Information Officer and Dr. Scott Karlan, Chief of Staff, for need-to-know information, such as required training, about our upcoming CS-Link implementation.

CS-Link Coming March 2, 2012

The next phase of our CS-Link inpatient implementation is scheduled for "go-live" on **March 2, 2012**! At that time all Medical Staff will use CS-Link to review results, previous medical records and clinical care support team notes, as well as enter orders (computerized physician order management) and use physician documentation tools.

This go-live affects all inpatient care areas and enables all physicians and staff to be connected for the first time via a single system. In the areas where CS-Link has been implemented (e.g. ED, nursing) we have seen many benefits including improved efficiency and communication among caregivers, as well as improvement with some patient care quality and safety issues. With full Medical Staff adoption we anticipate even greater opportunities for improvements in the care we provide for our patients.

Mark Your Calendar for CS-Link Training

As with any other medical device or tool, training for CS-Link will be necessary for you to become proficient in using the new system and optimize its capabilities. Specific details about your required training, based on your specialty, will be forthcoming in early December. In the mean time, please be sure to mark your calendar for the following:

- **Physician Training Registration Begins – December 9, 2011**
- **Physician Training Begins – January 15, 2012**

Attend the CS-Link Workflow Walkthrough

Get a glimpse of the CS-Link system before your training starts in January. A demonstration of CS-Link's functionality in conjunction with new workflows and handoffs will be shown on **November 9 from 7-9am and 5-7pm in the Harvey Morse Auditorium.** Stop by!

Hundreds of Medical Staff Involved

Medical Staff members have, and continue to be, involved in the design and build of CS-Link as well as our training approach.

- Over the last two years, hundreds of Medical staff representing all specialties, participated in sessions to develop content for CS-Link such as order sets, preference lists and documentation tools (e.g., SmartText, SmartPhrases, SmartLists). Recently, medical staff members reviewed the CS-Link system to finalize content and ensure its usability, as well as offer a perspective on interdisciplinary processes of care.

- CS-Link training is being designed specifically for you – thanks to your colleagues who have partnered with the CS-Link training team to develop the most effective and efficient training curriculum.

Got a Question? Who You Can Contact:

- Dr. Scott Karlan, Chief of Staff, at Scott.Karlan@cshs.org
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Look for the next CS-Link Update for Physicians in November.