This week the new topic is Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) and Stop Print. In case anyone has forgotten I will also mention Education briefly.

CPOE, more than anything else, seems to create the most anxiety among us when we consider and discuss the EHR. This is not without some justification. It is a change for us, a new way of doing something that most of us have been doing for years, if not decades. It is not, however, as dire as some would have us believe. A large amount of thoughtful and deliberate work has gone into designing the Order Sets that we will be using, and a number of you have been involved in the process. This process is almost complete. We will finish the final review of the Order Sets this week, and any edits will be completed early next week.

Let’s compare and contrast where we are today with order entry, and where we will be on Sept. 1:

Current state:
- Orders are written, sometimes illegibly
- Orders may be entered incorrectly if the US or RN is unsure of what to order (especially lab)
- Doses may be incorrect if a number or decimal is misplaced and this is not corrected by the Pharmacy
- No real time drug-drug interaction or allergy checking occurs

Future state:
- Orders are legible
- Physicians are doing the ordering directly
  - Decreases the uncertainty in lab orders
  - Allows immediate review of the orders when entered so errors are more likely to be detected
  - Fewer calls for clarification "Dr., did you really mean to…"
  - Real time drug-drug interaction and allergy checking

The key to a successful transition to CPOE is training, which we will begin on Monday, July 15th for our physicians and midlevels. If you have not already done so, please sign up using one of the following:
- By calling the CME office at 725-3105
- By e-mailing the CME office at cme@covhs.org
- By signing up at www.CovenantEHR.org

On August 6th we will stop the routine printing of Lab, Radiology and other results at Covenant Health. Results will be available in MEDITECH and PhysConnect, just as they are currently. This is being done to begin the transition to the MEDITECH EHR implementation. I encourage you to use MEDITECH rather than PhysConnect to access your data. MEDITECH is faster, contains more complete data and "live" MARs gives one click access to the images in Synapse.

What does this mean to us?
1. Lab, Radiology and other results will no longer be placed on the paper charts.
2. We can access this data through the workstations in the patient care areas (or anywhere with an Internet connection).
3. If you have not done so recently, confirm that your access to the systems at CH is current and up to date so you don't have any delays accessing your data on August 6th. This can be done by calling the CIS Physician Hotline at 725-4189, stopping by Physician Staff Services or calling the Help Desk at 725-5555.

4. If you have not done so already, obtain your EasyPass card and have it activated. EasyPass cards are available from Molly and Sylvia in Physician Staff Services on the first floor at CMC and allows "single sign on" to our clinical programs.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 725-0265.

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