

American Health Care Professionals Newsletter



Intake Department

Attention all clinical staff:

Please be sure that you pay very close attention to the care plan of the patient and the number of authorized visits for each patient. If you feel as though you may have to exceed your original care plan, PLEASE be sure to fill out the care plan addendum sheet as well as a Physician Order. If you feel as though you will need more visits please be sure to request those visits in advanced so as not to exceed the authorized visits. Please remember to contact the office with any concerns or findings in the patient's home. This will help ensure better communication between the client, clinician and the office.



Clinicians when you discharge a patient keep in mind that you have to do either the discharge summary or the Oasis. If you are NOT the last clinician you only have to do the yellow discharge summary sheet. If you are the last clinician you only have to do the Oasis paperwork which include the discharge summary. Please write vital signs on Oasis Discharge summary even if there is no place to put it. All Clinicians must complete the pink 2-Day form.

It is very important for you to read the newsletter; this is a source of communication with you all. If you have any suggestions, comments and/or concerns pertaining to the newsletter please be sure to contact the office with your ideas. Thank You!!! Tja

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Quality Improvement Issues

Mardi RN & Mary Kay

Attention all clinicians:

Please understand all opening documents must be turned into the office within 24-48hrs. This is required.

All visit notes must be turned into the office on a weekly basis.

Any changes in a patient's care-

plan require a care plan addendum and a physicians order.

There are all serious matters that require your cooperation.

Thanks,

Mardi & Mary K

Billing, Payroll, OASIS & Select Data Issues: Beatriz Arroyave & Jocelyne Spellman

Visit Notes Dead- line/HHA Medicaid time sheets

As a reminder, the dead-
line to submit visit notes
on week of payroll is
Monday by 1pm, it's no
longer by 5pm. How-
ever, we ask that you
submit visit notes
weekly.

Home Health Aides –
additional time sheets
are required for payroll
for Medicaid pa-
tients. Please contact the
front office for clarifica-
tion on completing these
forms.

The Habit of Rising to the Occasion

By Oswald Chambers

*That ye may know
what is the hope of
His calling Eph.
1:18.*

Remember what you are
saved for—that the Son of
God might be manifested in
your mortal flesh. Bend the
whole energy of your powers
to realize your election as a
child of God; rise to the occa-
sion every time.

You cannot do anything
for your salvation, but you
must do something to mani-

fest it, you must work out
what God has worked in. Are
you working it out with your
tongue, and your brain and
your nerves? If you are still
the same miserable cross-
patch, set on your own way,
then it is a lie to say that God
has saved and sanctified you.

God is the Master Engi-
neer, He allows the difficul-

ties to come in order to see if
you can vault over them prop-
erly—"By my God have I
leaped over a wall." God will
never shield you from any of
the requirements of a son or
daughter of His. Peter says—
"Think it not strange concern-
ing the fiery trial which is to
try you." Rise to the occasion;
do the thing. (cont. on pg. 3)



1 CLEAN

Wash your hands often.

Scrub your hands for at least 20
seconds with soap and water
or use an alcohol-based hand
cleanser.



2 COVER

Cover your cough.

Use a tissue to cover your mouth and
nose when you cough or sneeze.

Don't have a tissue? Your sleeve will do.



3 CONTAIN

Contain germs by steering clear of
others who are sick.

If you do get sick, stay at home until
you're well again, so you don't
spread more germs.

H1N1 Update - Urgent Message from the Virginia Commissioner of Health " Swine Influenza"

May 3, 2009

Dear Colleague,

Since April 30, we have con-
firmed three cases of the new
influenza A (H1N1) virus
("swine influenza"), in Vir-
ginia. The cases are in the
Three Rivers Health District
in Eastern Virginia, the Ches-

terfield Health District in
Central Virginia, and most
recently in Lexington. So far,
the experience in Virginia has
mirrored what has been seen
in other states with cases ap-
pearing clinically very similar
to seasonal influenza cases.
However, that will mean that
there will almost certainly be

some severe cases and deaths
in this outbreak.

Your efforts to share preven-
tion messages with patients,
your attention to identification
of possible cases of influenza
A (H1N1), and your coopera-
tion (Continue on pg 3)



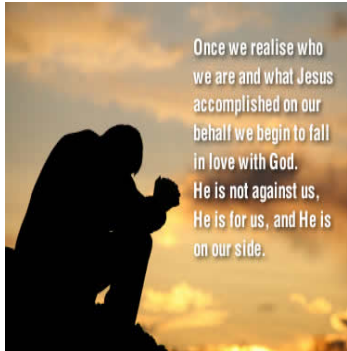
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It does not matter how it hurts as long as it gives God the chance to manifest Himself in your mortal flesh.

May God not find the whine in us any more, but may He find us full of spiritual pluck and athleticism, ready to face anything He brings. We have to exercise ourselves in order that the Son of God may be manifested in our mortal flesh. God never has museums. The only aim of the life is that the Son of

God may be manifested, and all dictation to God vanishes. Our Lord never dictated to His Father, and we are not here to dictate to God; we are here to submit to His will so that He may work through us what He wants. When we realize this, He will make us broken bread and poured-out wine to feed and nourish others.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar :

Red Folder Training:

All Clinicians and office Staff
Presenter Clishia Taylor RN

Meeting May 28, 2009

12-1pm *Lunch will be provided

Innovative Team: Headed by
Kekelwa Nyaywa

Meeting June 4, 2009

12-1pm * Lunch will be provided

IV Re-Training: Besime D.
Brierton –Pharmacy Supervisor
for Kaiser IV

Where: Vienna Office

Date/Time: June 24, 2009 @
11:30a-1pm

**Lunch will be provided

Staff Meeting: Every Wednesday at 11a-12noon.

Morning Prayer: Every Morning (all AHCP staff invited).



H1N1 Update - Urgent Message from the Virginia Commissioner of Health “ Swine Influenza”

with local health departments to provide appropriate testing continue to be an integral part of our efforts to protect Virginians

The Virginia Department of Health continues to actively perform a number of activities

to monitor this situation including testing of specific patient groups based on the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. We encourage the use of the CDC website as a tool for all clinicians, EMS personnel and first responders to obtain the

most up-to-date information and guidance for treating your patients. At this time, guidelines are evolving as this outbreak becomes better delineated. (continue on page 4)





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The Vision and Mission of American Health Care Professionals (AHCP):

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WAS ESTABLISHED WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND: TO PROVIDE SAFE, AFFORDABLE, QUALITY CARE TO THOSE IN NEED.

American Health Care Professionals (AHCP), a division of the American Health Home Care Group, Inc., was established in 1995 in the State of Virginia. AHCP is one of the leading providers of comprehensive home health care services in the Northern Virginia area. AHCP participates in Medicare / Medicaid, commercial insurance, private pay, and personal care waiver.

AHCP is a single source for skilled nursing, physical, occupational, speech and social work, disease management education, help with daily living activities, as well as other therapies and services. **A CHRISTIAN COMPANY OPERATING UNDER CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.**

For further information, please contact Clishia Taylor RN, MBA - Administrator ex. 204

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May 3, 2009 " Swine Influenza"

This site (www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu) includes a Spanish-language version which can help you reach your Hispanic patients.

Your assistance during this time is paramount to protecting the health of Virginians and I request that you take the following actions:

Follow CDC guidelines in the use of antivirals for the new influenza A (H1N1) virus and seasonal influenza. Overuse of these can lead to resistance. Consult the CDC guidelines for details on those individuals who should receive prophylaxis.

<http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>

We are particularly interested in samples from patients with influenza like illness who require hospitalization. We anticipate in the near future seeking samples primarily from that population and from offices that participate in our established outpatient flu surveillance system.

Consult with your local health department to submit specimens for tests for the new influenza A (H1N1) virus. If you have ques-

tions you can contact your local health department 24 hours a day at 1-866-531-3068.

Patient Isolation - patients with influenza-like illnesses should stay at home until symptoms resolve. Patients awaiting test results from the state laboratory should stay home until lab results are available.

There is some confusion about treating asymptomatic contacts of a confirmed case. The current recommendation is that such prophylactic treatment be restricted to high-risk groups. Follow standard precautions as detailed below.

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