

# Joint Commission Ready or not.....



LEONARD J. CHABERT MEDICAL CENTER

## What's up Doc? case management news

### History and Physical Requirements

- H & P must be performed within **24 hours** after admission or you may utilize a History and Physical that was performed up to 30 days prior to the inpatient and/or outpatient admission.
- An **update** to the patient's condition is required **within 24 hours** if using a History and Physical that was performed before the admission.
- If the patient is going under sedation or anesthesia within the first 24 hours there must be an update to the patient's condition prior to the start of the procedure.

#### CMS Documentation Requirements for Update to the History & Physical:

- Please note that on February 8, 2008 for COP 482.22 ©(5) CMS clarified their language requirements regarding the History and Physical update.
- The **update** must state the following "If, upon examination, the licensed practitioner finds no change in the patient's condition since the History and Physical was completed, he/she may indicate in the patient's medical record that the **History and Physical was reviewed, the patient was examined, and that "no change" has occurred in the patient's condition since the History and Physical was completed** (71 FR 68676).

### Verbal/Telephone Orders

All Verbal/Telephone Orders need to be Authenticated **(Signed, Dated and Timed!)** within **48 hours!**

Please look for the **HOT PINK** stickers in the physicians order section of the patient's chart.

### Chart Documentation Requirements

- All entries into the medical record need to be authenticated! **(Signed, Dated & Timed)**
- All entries into the medical record need to have the author identified!  
For Example:  
Michael Garcia, **MD**  
Sally Smith, **RN**
- Signature Stamps are for **identification purposes only**, you must still authenticate all entries documented in the medical record.
- All entries into the chart need to be **LEGIBLE!**



### PHYSICIAN REMINDERS:

***NO JOB IS COMPLETE  
UNTIL THE PAPERWORK  
IS DONE!***

• Questions? Contact Debbie Picou, RN 873-1833