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High Safety Marks for Lee Health Hospitals

The Leapfrog Group released its Spring 2024 Hospital Safety Grades, and HealthPark Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and Lee Memorial Hospital all received an “A” grade, while Gulf Coast Medical Center earned a “B.” This marks the 13th straight reporting period that all our hospitals received a grade of a “B” or higher. Thank you to our Medical Staff for continuously advancing safety at Lee Health!

Be Prepared for Hurricane Season

Another hurricane season begins on June 1. If a major storm approaches, the Medical Staff Office and the acute care executives will make a list of physicians and advanced practice providers expected to provide coverage at Lee Health facilities during and after the storm and will contact these individuals to make billeting arrangements. If you have any questions regarding your billeting status in the event of a storm, please contact the Medical Staff Office at 239-343-8571.

For emergency alerts before, during and after a storm, please ensure the Medical Staff Office has your correct and up-to-date contact information.

[Click here](#) (using Google Chrome) to review the Hurricane Response policy (S08 08 398) for additional details you need to be aware of as we head into hurricane season.

New Food Option Test in Some Physician Lounges

A curated selection of lunch items, including an entrée, starch and vegetable chosen from the cafeteria offerings, is now available for purchase in the Physician Lounges at Cape Coral Hospital and Gulf Coast Medical Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The food is served buffet-style with disposable plates available for purchase from a vending machine for \$7.50 (digital payments; no cash accepted). These plates purchased in the Physician Lounge should only be used with the curated lunch buffet in the Physician Lounges—not for food available in the cafeterias. The curated lunch buffet is meant to help you avoid the cafeterias, so you can save time while also enjoying fresh, hot food.

If this option is well-received and successful, the hot food will be added to the Physician Lounges at our other hospital campuses.

New Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers

[Click here](#) to see the latest additions to Lee Health Medical Staff.

Enhanced Safety and Security with Evolv Weapons Detection System

Last year, Lee Health installed Evolv weapon detection systems at the entrances to the emergency departments at Lee Memorial Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center and Cape Coral Hospital. We chose Evolv because it is a touchless, free-flow system that screens for and can detect multiple weapons, including firearms and knives, without our patients and visitors needing to empty their pockets or open their bags.

We are proud to invest in this technology that adds another layer of protection for our patients, visitors, physicians and employees from weapons. There are plans to install the Evolv systems at Golisano Children's Hospital, HealthPark Medical Center and Lee Health Coconut Point. The dates for installation will be communicated at each facility when determined.

Epic Community Connect: Full Access to Your Patients' Records

Lee Health has been using Epic for its electronic health record (EHR) since 2007 in ambulatory clinics, and in the hospitals since 2011. Today, more than 250 national healthcare organizations also use Epic—this equates to 2,100 hospitals, 60,000 clinics and more than 400,000 physicians providing a unified patient record for more than 305 million people.

Epic is a significant financial investment, so many clinics and physician practices partner with a larger hospital or health system that uses Epic to leverage the benefits without incurring all the cost—this is done through Community Connect.

By utilizing Epic in your office through Community Connect, you can:

- Access your patients' records for Lee Health visits, as well as records shared electronically from other providers, such as Millennium Physician Group, Physicians Primary Care, Tampa General, Memorial Health System and other Epic users from across the country.
- Enable your patients and your team to access a complete chart, a unified record.
- Provide your patients the benefit of MyChart, their secure, online access to their medical records, which also enables them to review, request or cancel appointments, view and pay their bills, request prescription refills, send secure messages to you and your office and much more.

Community Connect removes the time and financial burden of implementing a full-scale Epic instance. Partnering with Lee Health through Community Connect enables access that provides better care coordination, the avoidance of duplicate testing/procedures and more opportunities to measure quality.

If you are interested in learning more about Epic Community Connect, contact Robyn Livingston, Lee Health's director of patient care systems, at 239-343-7972 or Robyn.Livingston@LeeHealth.org.

Lee Health Care Link: Real-Time Web Access to Patient Information

Lee Health Care Link is a secure, web-based, **read-only** portal to our Epic electronic health record system for members of our Medical Staff who share patients with Lee Health. If you are referring patients to Lee Health or have patients admitted to one of our hospitals, you can access relevant patient information.

Through Lee Health Care Link, the authorized staff of credentialed physicians can access medical histories, lab results, diagnostic reports, medication lists, treatment plans and more. Lee Health Care Link notifies authorized staff of important patient events, like inpatient hospital admissions and discharges and emergency department discharges.

Physicians not credentialed with Lee Health can request access to Lee Health Care Link for themselves, but their office staff is not eligible for access.

Access through Lee Health Care Link empowers healthcare teams to make well-informed decisions, ensuring continuity of care and patient safety. With Lee Health Care Link, Requests for Information (ROI) faxes are no longer necessary to view patient data.

If you are interested in learning more about Lee Health Care Link, contact James Conklin, Lee Health's advanced IS educator, at 239-343-7718 or James.Conklin@LeeHealth.org.



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