NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently revised its claims processing manual to allow for teaching physicians to use a student note. This is HUGE news. Here is the link, if you want to see it for yourself: [CMS Manual System](#).

It means that an attending or resident physician may sign a student’s history and physical or note in the office without re-writing or re-documenting everything in the note. The supervising physician does need to verify the history, physical examination, and medical decision making before signing off. Our precepting physicians and students should both welcome this change, because it allows students to be more useful in the office and in the hospital. This change takes effect on March 15, 2018. However, it will take time for offices and health systems to upgrade their electronic health records to accommodate this change. Stay tuned!

KUDOS

Fourth-year student [Carina Mendoza](#) received a 2018 Emerging Progress in Diversity Award from the MSU Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives! Carina was recognized for her role as mentor, researcher and leader expanding awareness and sensitivity to diversity in the study and practice of medicine. She has worked with communities of diverse cultures and served as an interpreter for Latinos with limited health literacy. She has developed and validated multiple assessment instruments related to the diversity of health beliefs and practices and has examined the impact of internalized negative cultural and gender stereotypes on the aspirations of Mexican American females to attend medical school. Carina has presented at multiple professional meetings and has served as a junior and now senior editor for CHM’s “Medical Student Research Journal.” Congratulations, Carina!

PERSON TO KNOW

Susan Tincknell is the new Community Administrator for the UP Campus in Marquette. Although Susan lived in Lower Michigan until she was five, she considers herself a native Yooper. Since moving to the Upper Peninsula, she has lived in Negaunee, a small town just outside of Marquette. Susan is really enjoying her new position with MSU-CHM. The time she spends with the students is so rewarding, especially when it comes to helping students with career planning and the residency process.
Prior to her MSU appointment, Susan spent 19 years with the Marquette Family Medicine Residency Program at UP Health System-Marquette. For 17 of those years, she was the residency administrator. While there, she oversaw the recruitment process, was involved with several ACGME site visits, assisted in developing and maintaining the osteopathic program, and gave numerous presentations on graduate medical education administration at regional and national workshops and conferences. Susan served as president of the Association of Family Medicine Administration and served on their board for three years. She also served on the Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (C-TAGME) Board of Directors and worked with a task force to develop a certification exam for residency administrators in family medicine. She became certified in TAGME-Family Medicine in 2008. She currently serves on the TAGME Application Review Committee and serves as a mentor to new Family Medicine coordinators.

Prior to joining the residency program in 1998 as the residency secretary, Tincknell worked as a unit clerk/secretary on the substance abuse units and a secretary for the Employee Assistance Program at UP Health System-Marquette. She has been working in the healthcare system for over 28 years.

While working full-time and having a family, Susan returned to Northern Michigan University to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in General University Studies, and continued to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Management.

When Susan has free time, she loves playing tennis both recreationally and competitively, home decorating and improvement projects, rubber stamping with her mom, and spending time at the family camp. Her greatest joy and accomplishment has been raising her boys, Ryan (20), and Kyle (19) with her husband, “Tinck.” Susan loves that both boys are still living at home while they are students at Northern Michigan University.

Susan is so happy to be a Spartan and has appreciated all the support from EVERYONE at MSU-CHM!

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**TIP FOR STUDENTS**

Attention all students who are looking for resources to help prepare for any USMLE exam! Our library just subscribed to some new question banks from Board Vitals. Previously, we had subscribed to questions to help with preparation for the NBME subject (shelf) exams, but now, we have added resources for USMLE Steps 1, 2, and 3. Here are the instructions:

**Sign up instructions:**
1. Go to [Board Exam Prep Tool](#)
2. Use your @msu.edu email to sign up for a free BoardVitals account.
3. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to activate your subscription. You must click this link to authenticate your account and get access to the free question banks.
WELLNESS TIP

Return from spring break finds us at that transition to Daylight Savings Time (2:00 am Sunday, March 11th) and the “loss” of an hour of sleep! To highlight the important benefits of sleep, March’s Wellness Theme will be HEALTHY SLEEP. Wear Lavender on Tuesdays in March to remind us all to get enough sleep! In addition to mitigating the effects of stress and stabilizing mood, sufficient sleep curbs inflammation and helps maintain healthy weight not to mention sharpening attention, improving recall, and spurring creativity!

PATIENT CARE PEARL

Screening is one of the best ways to prevent complications of disease. But is screening ever bad? Here is a list of some of the screening tests and interventions that are specifically NOT RECOMMENDED by the United States Preventive Services Task Force. The following have earned grade D designation: “There is moderate or high certainty that the service has no net benefit or that the harms outweigh the benefits.”

- Screening for carotid artery stenosis
- Screening for cervical cancer in women younger than 21
- Screening ECG for adults at low risk of disease
- Screening for ovarian cancer
- Vitamin D and Calcium Supplementation to prevent fractures

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

- Responsible Translation of Contemporary Neuroscientific Advances: A Critical Appraisal of the Recent U.S. FDA Approval for Earlier DBS Intervention in Parkinson Disease
  msubioethics.com/2018/02/19/cabrera-neuroscience-research-herrenhausen-conference/

PUBLICATIONS

- 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging to Investigate Potential Etiologies of Brain Swelling in Pediatric Cerebral Malaria

- Advanced dual-energy CT applications for the evaluation of the soft tissues of the neck

- Antibiotic resistant bacteria are widespread in songbirds across rural and urban environments
• Detection of β-Amyloid by Sialic Acid Coated Bovine Serum Albumin Magnetic Nanoparticles in a Mouse Model of Alzheimer's Disease

• Ethics in Surgical Research and Publication
Eijkholt M, Stell LK, Reiling RB. Book chapter in Ethical Issues in Surgical Care. Publication from the American College of Surgeons Division of Education; 2017.

• Human brain functional areas of unitary pooled activity discovered with fMRI
Jie Huang, Scientific Reports 8:2388 (2018), DOI:10.1038/s41598-018-20778-3

• Identification of neurotensin receptor expressing cells in the ventral tegmental area across the lifespan

• Imaging and Imagining Illness: Becoming Whole in a Broken Body

• Mental health and behavioral weight loss outcomes: 24- month outcomes in Veterans

• Physical Activity Perspectives and Preferences of Outpatients Seeking Mental Health Services: Moving Towards Wellness Study: Quantitative Report

• The Image of God, Bioethics, and Persons with Profound Intellectual Disabilities

• Visually Stressful Striped Patterns Alter Human Visual Cortical Functional Connectivity

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