NK9-31 Space Planning Recruiting Nursing Staff for SFMC 6th floor planning

***Weekly Update North & South 1/18/ 2013***

***Medication order clarification:*** Be sure to clarify any medication orders promptly to avoid delay in patient care or missed doses.

**MRI Questionnaire:** All MRI patient questionnaires must be completed prior to scheduling the test. Please complete and fax to MRI promptly after receiving the order to appropriately schedule the test. See Talking points located in the weekly update binder.

**New Heparin Protocol** is now available on Meditech forms. Note the range dose is slightly higher than the previous order set therefore it may take longer to reach a therapeutic level. The Xa levels will be slightly greater for longer. See Talking points located in the weekly update binder.

**Calling for Great Ideas!!!** Staff is needed for assistance in designing and planning the new Orthopedic Destination Center that will be built in the 6th floor. I want staff to bring fresh ideas or identify “what could have been done differently” on the 5th floor to improve patient care and provider efficiency.

The 1st meeting is Tues, Jan. 29th, 10-11am with the facilities personnel. It will be fun and exciting!!! Please contact Mackenzie if interested.

**The Joint Commission:** A full survey is expected at any time. A separate email will review expectations and focus areas. Please read it carefully. Neomie and I have begun to spot check for expired supplies, non-complaint areas, etc., making appropriate improvements where necessary.

**Memo from the Lab:** Everyone, with the flu season ramping up, we are seeing more patients in our hospitals with influenza.  As a service to the patients, nursing staff, and physicians, we will start calling any positive rapid influenza results to the nursing units.  This is for inpatients only.

 Please educate everyone in your area that is responsible for performing this testing that positive results must be called to the appropriate nursing unit effective immediately.  Because many of these patients will come through ED, if you have a positive from ED, please check to see if they have been admitted.

 Contact lab for any questions

**New Physician:** Dr. Di Thomas is the new Psychiatrist at PSF. Doctors can order consults for med management, etc. His office is located in the Pavilion at PH. Dr Thomas sees patients at Penrose but is available for phone consults at SFMC.

North staff meeting: January 31, 730am & 730 pm, conf rm 2

**\*\*\*\*note date change\*\*\*\***

South staff is welcome.

Topics include Ortho Trauma, pt. 2 and a Xarelto (new oral anticoag) in-service with

 FREE BREAKFAST!