"I am a slow walker, but I never walk backwards."

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865); 16th U.S. President

Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural Columbia St. Mary's *Hospital EHR Physician Update*. The newsletter will be released at least monthly. With urgent matters, additional issues will be released as needed. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep physicians and other providers informed of EHR topics critical to efficient EHR use and quality healthcare for our patients. If there is a topic you would like covered in the future, please let me know.

Physician Informatics Council: New Members

The Physician Informatics Council (PIC) meets two times per month. **The goal of the PIC is to represent physician needs while providing oversight and guidance to the development and enhancement of the EHR and other clinical informatics applications primarily related to the hospital environment.**

This month 6 new members were added to the PIC, bringing our total physician membership up to 11.   Current members include Dr. Mitch Carneol, Dr. Matt Connolly, Dr. Bill DiGilio, Dr. Brian Hilgeman, Dr. Brian Hirano, Dr. Mary Mishefske, Dr. Rob Riepenhoff, Dr. Rick Shimp, Dr. Linda Tampa, Dr. Sheldon Wasserman, and Dr. Suzy Wilkerson.

To assist with knowledge sharing and decision making, the council also includes non-voting representation from Clinical Informatics, Quality, Nursing, Pharmacy, Patient Record Committee, and Information Systems. Representatives from other areas of the hospital are invited as needed based on agenda items.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 1-3pm on the Milwaukee campus. **If you would like to come to a PIC meeting or have an issue you would like discussed at the meeting you can contact any PIC member.**
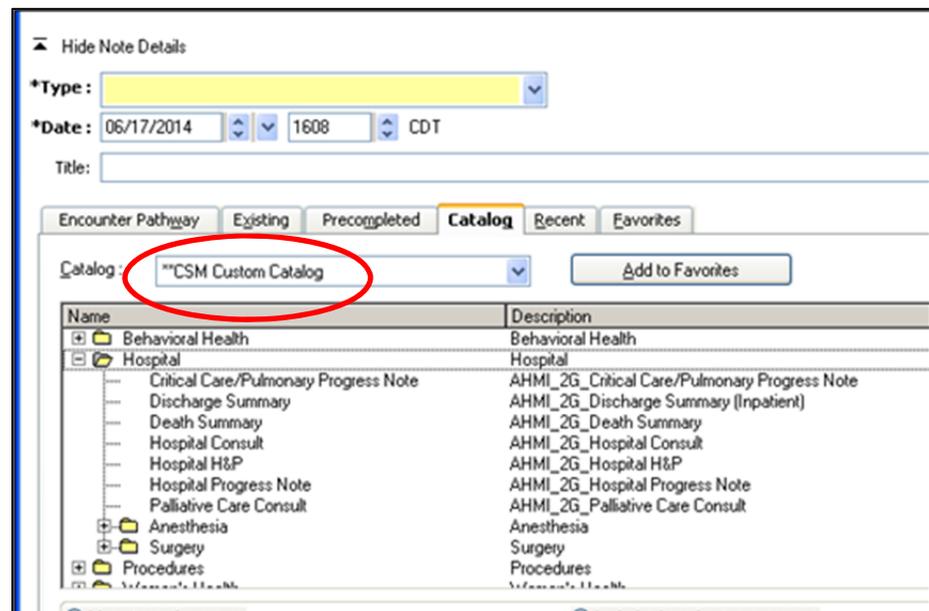
PowerNote Templates

Custom PowerNote templates have been created for use in the hospital to improve efficiency with creating electronic documentation and also to improve the final look of the notes. The custom templates that we have created for the hospital include a Progress Note, H+P, Consult Note, Critical Care Note, Discharge Summary, and Death Summary as well as some subspecialty notes for anesthesia, pulmonology, behavioral medicine, palliative care, and CT surgery.

As shown below, these custom templates can be found using the "Catalog" tab. Make sure you choose the <u>CSM Custom Catalog</u> with the drop down arrow.

If you are not currently using PowerNote and would like training for use in the hospital setting, or if you feel a subspecialty custom note would improve your workflow please contact me.

Some of these custom notes have required fields and cannot be signed without completion of these fields. Required fields are identified with a red asterisk as shown in this Consult Note.

Problem List SNOMED Conversion

In order to improve communication between differing electronic record systems, **Meaningful Use Stage 2 mandates that all problems in the Problem List be coded with SNOMED Codes instead of ICD9.** (This is a separate mandate from the delayed ICD10 coding mandate. ICD10 is for "Diagnoses" linked to an individual encounter. SNOMED is for ongoing "Problems.")

Effective 6/19/14, a change will be seen when searching for and adding problems to the Problem List.   You will notice that **in the Problem Search you will see IMO codes** instead of ICD9 codes. The selected IMO problem will save to the chart as a SNOMED problem. **You will only be able to search with terms and will not be able to search with numeric ICD9 codes.**

The system level problem folders were created with ICD9 problems so those folders will be inactivated. Your personal favorite folders will remain but **you may see a SNOMED conversion window (shown below) when you use favorites.** This window may also be seen when converting a diagnosis (ICD9) to a problem if there isn't a one-to-one match between the ICD9 diagnosis and a SNOMED problem.

Conversion Window

IMO is a diagnosis search tool for medical terminology.

"I've learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."

Martha Washington (1731-1802); U.S. First Lady

Electronic Coding Queries

Currently post hospital discharge Coding Queries from HIM are a paper process. As you know, the completion of these queries in a timely manner is critical to patient satisfaction and the revenue cycle of the hospital.

In order to improve the efficiency of the process for both physicians and HIM staff, we are currently in the process of piloting an electronic process with the hospitalist group. Feedback from both the physicians and HIM staff has been very positive. The process involves use of PowerNote. **If you are a current PowerNote user and would like to receive these electronic queries in place of paper queries, please contact Ann Mears from HIM at 414-298-6717 or amears@columbia-stmarys.org.**