



Newsletter  
**Medical Staff**

Medical Staff Services are the foundation of a solid, well governed medical staff that prides themselves in providing Midland Memorial Hospital and its customers with the highest quality of patient care possible.

**New Information—Has moved to page 2**

**Have You Taken The Pickle Pledge?**

"I will turn every complaint into either a blessing or a constructive suggestion."

By taking the pickle pledge, I am promising myself that I will no longer waste my time and energy on blaming, complaining, and gossiping, nor will I commiserate with those who steal my energy with their blaming, complaining, and gossiping.

[www.joetye.com](http://www.joetye.com)

**Introducing Our New Practitioners**

June 2014

James Summa, MD—Radiology

**Continuing Medical Education**

- June 11th — 'OSHA Training/Blood Borne Pathogens' by Val Sparks, RN (No Credit)
- June 18th — 'Pediatric Neuro-Oncology: The current era of Diagnostics, Molecular Profiling, Therapeutics and Neuro-Oncology Emergencies' by Jeffrey Murray, MD

The new ACCME requirements represent a sea of change in how CME providers must plan, develop, implement, and document CME activities. Therefore, you will be held accountable for your pre/post knowledge of the subject by completion of a pre and post test.

**Preparing for ICD-10—Physician Education Opportunity**

Please go to the MMH website—[www.midland-memorial.com](http://www.midland-memorial.com), under 'For Physicians', Preparing for ICD-10, for information on ICD-10 training through 3M. Notify Rebecca Pontaski, Medical Staff Manager if you would like a login.

**Ask Yourself...**

Each and every time you document on your patient's problems, are these problems acute, chronic, or acute on chronic? Document this and you are one step ahead of the game!

**Medical Staff Services Reminders**

- On the new Midland Memorial Hospital webpage, under 'Find a Physician' is a listing of all physicians on staff. Please review your information for accuracy and notify the medical staff office of any changes.
- Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) Death Registration System—Since 2007, state law requires that all cause-of-death information and medical certifications to the DSHS be submitted electronically. Physicians who do not sign death certificates in a timely fashion face a \$500 fine per violation from the TMB.
- The credentialing information for new applicants to MMH is now updated on the MMH webpage under 'For Physicians'. This includes information for both physicians and AHP's.

**In Addition**

If you would like to submit information for future newsletters, please email the information to Rebecca Pontaski at [rebecca.pontaski@midland-memorial.com](mailto:rebecca.pontaski@midland-memorial.com).



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**Medical Staff Leadership**

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### New Information

#### **Choose Wisely Campaign—By Larry Wilson, MD, Emergency Department Medical Director**

Many of you may have read or heard about the Choose Wisely campaign, sponsored by several of our boards, including ABIM, to help our aged patients maneuver the waning years with dignity and safety. I'm sure you are aware of the statistics that one in four Medicare dollars is spent on 5% of the beneficiaries during the last year of their life. This is to a tune of \$125 Billion (with a "B") annually.

Combine that with the fact that though the vast majority of people would like to die at home, only 17% are able to do so. More than 70% die in health-care facilities.

A past mentor of mine once helped me understand my role in truly emergent cases when he said, "don't just do something, stand there". Meaning that it is better to make sure you understand as much as you can before acting rather than to simply act. We can apply this principle to caring for our elderly and infirm patients. A starting point is to look at each elderly and/or infirm patient and ask the question, "Would I be surprised if this person were to die within the next six months?" If the answer is no, it may be time to ask them what they think about their circumstances and what their wishes are. It may help lead to a discussion about quality of life and comfort.

Perhaps they are at a place where discussing non-curative treatments of serious or terminal illness provided along with continued curative efforts (palliative care). Or perhaps they may recognize that no curative options exist and they would like to engage hospice for managing symptoms. Either case may be the best thing for the patient and his or her family, but we will not know unless we ask.

Currently we are offering inpatient palliative care with Dr. Zeeba Mathew's service. We also have Hospice of Midland that has both inpatient and patient services.

So the Choosing Wisely campaign is meant to remind us that it may be in our patient's best interest to stop and ask them what THEY want before offering what we believe they need. Palliative care or hospice services consultation may be the best intervention we can offer.



#### **Quick Guide to H&P Guidelines Per CMS 2014 Requirements**

- Must be on chart before surgery.
- H&P has to be written within 30 days of procedure.
- H&P Update is needed if H&P was started at any time before patient was admitted to hospital. Update is still needed even if the H&P is signed the morning of surgery.
- NP and PA can do H&P and Update, but both have to be signed by MD before procedure.
- Any and all H&Ps, and Updates, must be dated, timed, and signed.
- Updates may be under the title of Progress Notes.
- For emergencies, no H&P required preop, however a short description of planned procedure must be in ProgressNote prior to procedure.
- If the patient comes from the ER, the ER MDs assessment can be used as the H&P.
- For inpatients, there must be an initial H&P within 24 hours of admission, with daily progress notes, and with a note that indicates the patient is having surgery. No update is needed.
- The initial H&P can be written by a medical doctor.
- Dentists cannot write the H&P. It must be written by a medical doctor.
- H&P must be written by MD/DO/NP/PA that has privileges to work in the hospital.

#### **Midland Hospital Pushing for Breast Cancer Awareness, More Screenings**

<http://kxwt.org/midland-hospital-pushing-for-breast-cancer-awareness-more-screenings/>

#### **'Medications Only' Orders**

Medications Only has been removed from the DNR order.

#### **Outbound Phone Calls from Hospital**

Effective Monday, June 2nd outbound calls from 432-221-1111 are no longer being masked. All outbound calls now display the number from which the call was dialed. This only applies to extensions from 1000-5999. All others are still masked.




# CareVue *to replace* EDITH

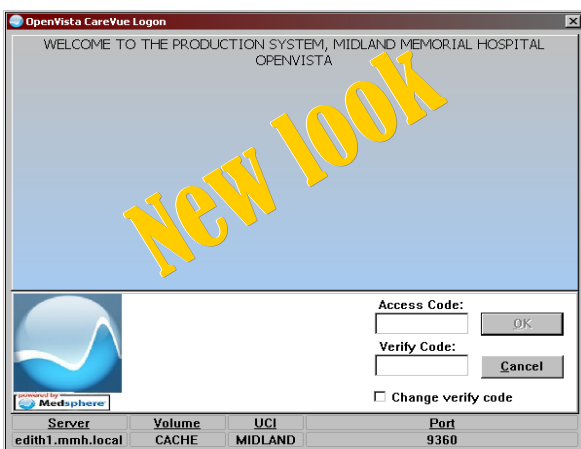
## **\* Official Announcement \*** **Physicians & Physician Offices**

The current version of our Electronic Medical Record “EDITH” will be *discontinued* on **July 1st (2014)**

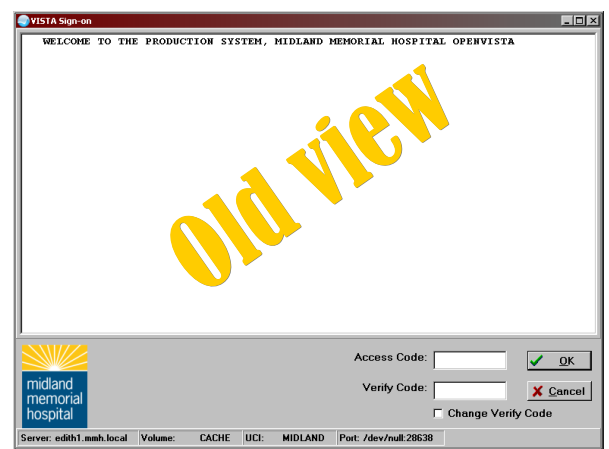
Starting today, all physician and office PC’s that are currently using EDITH should upgrade to CareVue with these steps.

- Launch your VPN connection to Midland Memorial Hospital
- Type this link address in your Internet Explorer address bar: “ \\Mmhupdate\CareVue\CareVue\_Icon ”
- Copy the CareVue icon  to your pc desktop: (1) double click the icon to start the upgrade (2) log in to CareVue to complete the update. *Normally, this will take from 20 –30 minutes to complete.* Please note that your current “verify” and “access” codes will remain the same. *Don’t hesitate to contact our Help Desk if you experience any issues with your update.*

*CareVue Training Tutorial is available at this link:* ” \\Mmhupdate\CareVue\CareVue\_Icon\VistaCareVue.ppsx ”



*If your office does not have VPN connectivity, please contact the HIS Help Desk (432) 221-4040*



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