



Physician News Brief

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Medication Take-Back Event

Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw County Department of Public Health, CMU Health and Saginaw Police Department will host a Medication Take Back event on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00am- 2:00pm outside 800 Cooper. This allows community members to drive-thru and drop off unwanted or unused prescription medications, including pills, and capsules (no liquid filled), patches, pet medications, and expired or unwanted prescriptions (including controlled substances). However, no needles, syringes, inhalers, lancets or liquids will be accepted. The event will be coordinated with City of Saginaw Police Department, with officers and Covenant employee volunteers on-site.

Important IT Changes

From the Desk of Dr. Aaron Smith, Chief Medical Informatics Officer

The IT Clinical Advisory Committee (ITCAC) is committed to driving IT system optimization that make Covenant's IT system's easier to use, while improving quality and patient safety. One of our guiding principles is to minimize variability and to standardize on best practice workflows. Two such changes will be going into effect on June 1, 2018. These changes include: Elimination of finger print readers for ePrescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS) AND the elimination of Covenant Cardiology and Hospitalist pagers.

First, in the hospital setting starting on June 1, 2018 Covenant will be exclusively utilizing the "Imprivata ProveID" Mobile App from your Smart Phone or Tablet and eliminating Finger Print Authentication for EPCS. The purpose for the change is to have 1 standardized way to efficiently EPCS from any device and from any location. Finger Print readers will be removed from the Harrison, Cooper, and Michigan campuses by the end of June.

Enabling EPCS on your Smart Phone or Tablet is a 2-step process. First, you will need to install the "Imprivata ProveID" app on your Smart Device. The app can be found by searching for "Imprivata ProveID" on your Smart Device's App Store. Second, you will need to enroll the application by either contacting your physician liaison (Hannah Schultz 989.980.9459 or Jennifer Behm 989.239.4451). You can also contact the eCovenant IT Help Desk during regular business hours at 989.583.6014 to schedule a time to have someone enroll you in the application. Federal Regulations require that we verify the identity of a person before enrolling a provider with EPCS.

Second, starting June 1, 2018 Covenant will be eliminating the ability to page a Covenant Hospitalist and Covenant Cardiologist provider's and require the use of secure texting using the Vocera Web or Mobile App. The purpose is to improve the overall efficiency of communication, improving safety and quality of care.

If you do NOT have the Vocera application on your Smart Phone or Tablet you can request to have it installed by contacting the eCovenant IT Help Desk during regular business hours at 989.583.6014. If you do NOT have access to the Vocera application and you need to contact a Hospitalist provider, you can call Covenant's main number at 989.583.0000 and ask the Operator to send the Covenant Cardiologist or Hospitalist a Secure Text.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 583.6256.



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