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Welcome to the third edition of the Western Maryland Physician Network provider newsletter, "ACO: Be in the Know" - a monthly publication that will provide important updates, reminders and key information to keep our practices up to date.

ACO Practice Spotlight - Dr. Emme Chapman-Jackson, Plastic Surgery



Dr. Chapman -
Jackson

Board certified as a general surgeon, Dr. Chapman-Jackson recently completed a 3-year plastic surgery residency at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. She obtained her medical degree at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, where she also did her internship and residency in general surgery. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Dr. Chapman-Jackson earned her undergraduate degree from West Virginia University. Breast reconstruction, hand surgery, facial trauma, lower leg reconstruction, trunk reconstruction and cosmetic procedures are her focus. Her office can be found in the WMHS Medical Arts Center building at 12502 Willowbrook Road, Suite 450. Appointments can be made by calling 240-964-8931.

Reports & Dashboards

"What's the Right Choice When You Need Medical Care?" pamphlet. This has been distributed to WMHS offices and diagnostic centers and other high visible and public places to help patients make informed decisions about the most appropriate place to seek care during an illness.

CMS has finally released the Q1 beneficiary file for all ACOs. Even though we are already in Q3 for PY2016, we are just now able to print off more accurate reports based on our actual beneficiary attribution. To-date we have only been able to report based on ALL Medicare beneficiaries instead of the actual attributed beneficiary list. We will be compiling more accurate reports and sending them to all providers within the coming month. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

ACO Management

- The WMPN, LLC Board of Managers meeting was held on July 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- The next quarterly provider meeting for ACO participants will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016, @ 6:00 p.m. in the WMHS Auditoriums.

Choosing Wisely:



Dr. Steve Smith
Medical Director

Don't perform stress cardiac imaging or coronary angiography in patients without cardiac symptoms unless high-risk markers are present.



An initiative of the ABIM Foundation

- American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

Upcoming CMS and Premier webinars & conference calls:

- **ACO Learning System**
Engaging Pharmacists in Accountable Care

Webinar Date: July 19
Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
(Eastern time)

- **CMS - Improving GPRO Reporting**
Lessons Learned from 2015 Quality Measures Validation Audit

Webinar Date: August 24
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
(Eastern time)

Contact Debbie Mullaney at 240-964-8267 for more information on these calls.

WMHS Provider News

- **Welcome Dr. Vamshidhar Vootla:** WMHS would like to welcome Dr. Vamshidhar Vootla to the health system. Vamshi Vootla, MD, is currently seeing patients at the Gastroenterology office at the Western Maryland Medical Arts Center, Suite 640. Dr. Vootla joined WMHS on July 11 after completing his fellowship in Gastroenterology and residency as chief resident at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, New York City, NY. He received his medical training at Osmania Medical College, India. Dr. Vootla is board eligible in Gastroenterology Medicine and board certified in Internal Medicine. The practice phone number is 240-964-8717.
- **Welcome Dr. Ailia Ali:** WMHS would also like to welcome Dr. Ailia Ali to the health system. Ailia Ali, M.D. is currently seeing patients at the **Pulmonary Medicine office** at the Western Maryland Medical Arts Center, Suite 280. Dr. Ali joined WMHS on July 11 after completing her Sleep Medicine Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She completed her Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship as chief fellow at West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, West Virginia, where she also did her Internal Medicine Residency. Dr. Ali is board certified in Pulmonary Medicine and Internal Medicine. She received her medical training at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan. The practice phone number is 240-964-8750.
- **Medicare Wellness Visit (MWV) LPN's:** Beginning in August, our Medicare Wellness Visit (MWV) LPN's from the primary care offices will be joining forces with our care coordination team to provide transition care management. They will reach out to patients within 2 business days of discharge from the hospital, or any other care facility, to review discharge instructions, discuss any medication changes, and many other items with the patient before his/her scheduled hospital follow-up appointment with their primary care provider. This service will play a very vital role in our goal to reduce readmissions. This truly adds a personal touch for our patients and holds true to patient centered medical care. Chronic care management for the Medicare patient is also on the forefront to begin. Both transition care management and chronic care management are billable services through Medicare as well as some commercial insurances.
- **Urgent Care Center Extended Hours:** WMHS Urgent Care centers, **Hunt Club Clinic and Frostburg Medical Center**, have expanded their hours as of July 1 to 8:00 a. m. until 8:00 p.m. - 7 days a week. Along with the expanded hours, they have expanded their services to include IV hydration.



Dr. Vootla



Dr. Ali

Quality Performance/Clinical Measures

Measures of the Month

Each month we will focus on a few of the clinical measures and items for quality performance for the ACO. These measures and guidelines are what every ACO must document for assessment of compliance with the ACO directives. This month's focus will be on 2 Clinical Measures: **ACO-28 HTN-2 Controlling High Blood Pressure and ACO-30 IVD-2 Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic.**

ACO-28 HTN-2 Controlling High Blood Pressure: The Controlling High Blood Pressure measure is a performance based measure for the ACO to report for PY2016. This measure is based on the percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose blood pressure was adequately controlled (systolic blood pressure <140 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure < 90 mmHg) at the most recent visit during the measurement period. Patients with evidence of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), dialysis or renal transplant before or during the measurement period are excluded. Also exclude patients with a diagnosis of pregnancy during the measurement period. Only blood pressure readings performed by a clinician in the provider office are acceptable for compliance with this measure. Blood pressure readings from the patient's home (including readings directly from monitoring devices) are not acceptable. If no blood pressure is recorded during the measurement period, the patient's blood pressure is assumed "not controlled."

ACO-30 IVD-2 Ischemic Vascular Disease: Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic : This is a performance-based measure for the ACO to report in PY2016. This measure is based on the percentage of patients 18 years of age or older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CBG) or percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI) in the last 12 months prior to the measurement period, or who had an active diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement period, and who had documentation of use of aspirin or another antithrombotic during the measurement period.