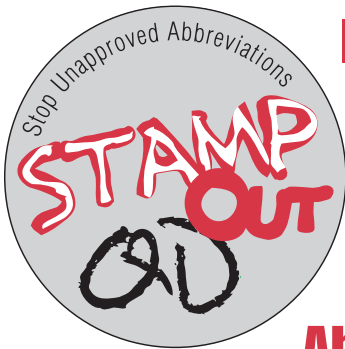


# CHART

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## It's Time to Stamp Out "QD" ... And Other Unapproved Abbreviations

Miami Valley Hospital has targeted specific unapproved abbreviations, for example, "QD" or "qd" to indicate the words "every day" on orders or chart documentation.

Your shorthand, however, can easily be mistaken and have dangerous consequences.

**Below are the most-common unapproved abbreviations.**

UNAPPROVED	APPROVED
"QD" or "qd"	<i>Write - daily; once a day; every day</i>
"u" (often mistaken for "0")	<i>Write - "unit"</i>
MgSO4	<i>Write - "magnesium sulfate" or "mag sulfate"</i>
MSO4	<i>Write - "morphine sulfate"</i>

**If you have any questions, call Maribeth Derringer, Quality Management, at 208-2826.**

## Dr. Amita Patel Named Clinician of the Year

Congratulations to Amita Patel, MD, recently named Clinician of the Year by the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP). The Clinician of the Year Award is given in recognition of a clinician who has demonstrated a profound commitment to the field of clinical geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Patel is medical director of the inpatient psychiatric unit and the partial hospitalization program at Miami Valley Hospital and an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the Wright State School of Medicine.

The AAGP is a national association of practitioners of geriatric psychiatry. Their mission is to enhance the knowledge base and standard of practice in geriatric psychiatry through education and research and to advocate for meeting the mental health needs of older Americans.



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# 2004 Medical Staff Survey Results

The 2004 Medical Staff Survey was conducted in September 2004. For the first time, the survey was offered online. A total of 295 physicians responded, which is a response rate of 51 percent. Ninety-seven were surgeons and 198 were non-surgeons.

## Below is a brief summary of results.

- Eighty physicians completed the survey online (27 percent of responses).
- In total, 51 percent of the scores increased, 43 percent decreased, and 6 percent either remained unchanged or were new to the survey.
- The scores for the two key questions decreased – “Overall, I am satisfied with my affiliation with MVH” decreased 0.09 to 3.28 and “As a rule, I am treated well at MVH as compared to the treatment I receive at other area hospitals” decreased 0.08 to 3.06. Neither change was statistically significant.

- There were five significant changes, as follows:
  - 1) “Medical Imaging: Turnaround time between procedure requests and results” increased 0.18;
  - 2) “Medical Imaging: Overall quality of services” increased by 0.14;
  - 3) “Medical Imaging: Timely scheduling of patients” increased by 0.12;
  - 4) “Physician lounges” decreased by 0.20; and
  - 5) “Surgeons’ Supplement: Anesthesiology expertise” decreased by 0.18.

For more-detailed information, contact **Laura Allarding** in the **MVH Marketing Department**, at **208-3154** or **lpallarding@mvh.org**.



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## You Can Help

The medical staff leadership of Miami Valley Hospital always seeks the assistance of its physicians relating to the flow of patients through the Shaw Emergency and Trauma Center. If you are an admitting physician, we ask that you provide the staff of the ETC with a timely response in order to maintain proper flow of patients through the ETC, to avoid rerouting whenever possible.

If you need additional information, please call **Gary Collier, MD**, vice president of medical affairs, at 208-2665 or email him at [gscollier@mvh.org](mailto:gscollier@mvh.org).



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## Medical Staff News

**Debra Miller, MD**, has relocated her practice to the Berry Pavilion building in suite 3130. Her office phone number is 208-2212 and fax number is 208-5260.

### Jonathan M. Saxe, MD,



has also joined the trauma team as an attending physician. Dr. Saxe earned his MD at Wayne State University. He has a trauma fellowship and is professor of surgery at Wright State University. Dr. Saxe can be reached at 208-2468.

### Mbaga S. Walusimbi, MD,



recently joined the trauma team as an attending physician. Born in Kapala, Uganda, Dr. Walusimbi earned his MD at the University of Illinois. He has fellowships in burn care, hand care, plastic surgery, general surgery and critical care with trauma. Dr. Walusimbi was recently appointed as an assistant professor of surgery at Wright State University. He can be reached at 208-2468.



## Using PET to Diagnose Alzheimer's

In 2004, Medicare and many other insurers began approving PET imaging to help diagnose Alzheimer's disease. The insurance industry's approval is an important step in obtaining reimbursement to offset costs associated with PET. When requesting a PET scan to diagnose Alzheimer's, the following items must be sent to MVH's PET Scheduling:

1. Date of onset of symptoms  
2. Diagnosis of clinical syndrome (normal aging; mild cognitive impairment or MCI; mild, moderate or severe dementia)  
3. Mini mental status exam (MMSE) or similar test score  
4. Presumptive cause (possible, probable, uncertain AD)  
5. Any neuropsychological testing performed  
6. Results of any structural imaging (MRI or CT) performed  
7. Relevant laboratory tests (B12, thyroid hormone) and number and name of prescribed medications

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**If you have questions about PET, call lead technologist Pam Midkiff at 208-8085.**

## Updated Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Revisions to Medical Staff Bylaws were approved at the December 7, 2004 Medical Staff Holiday Dinner. Revisions include changes to the due process mechanism for allied health professionals; clarification of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' standards with regard to applicants to the medical staff reporting information concerning any current pending challenges relative to medical staff membership at other health care institutions, etc. as well as language delineating that temporary privileges can be granted when an application has been determined to be a complete, clean application and has been recommended for approval by the appropriate department or section chair.

Revisions to the Rules and Regulations were approved by the Medical Staff Executive Committee at its October 13, 2004 meeting. Revisions to the Rules and Regulations were changed to allow departmental orders sets to be approved solely by the Medical Staff Executive Committee and adds the Chair of the Ethics Committee to the membership of the Obstetrical Consult Committee.

The entire text to the above referenced Bylaws and Rules and Regulations revisions can be found at [www.mvh.org/staffinfo.htm](http://www.mvh.org/staffinfo.htm).

## Tracking Inappropriate Transfers



A growing number of patients are being transferred to MVH from other facilities. Just how many patients are inappropriately transferred and from what specialties are questions that will be identified during the next few months. If you believe an inappropriate transfer was made to the hospital, please complete the "Inappropriate Transfer/Event Report" form, found on the next page, and fax it to the Medical Staff Office at 208-6138.

In addition to patients coming from outlying and local hospitals, notes Gary Collier, MD, vice president of medical affairs, some MVH interns and residents have had to admit private patients who have a local doctor who refuses to take care of their patients. "Incidents such as these," he explains, "are also inappropriate transfers and should be documented on the form."

According to Dr. Collier, inappropriate transfers of any kind place a burden on the medical staff, and having physicians help track and identify transfers such as these is an important step in defining the scope of the problem and resolving it. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Collier at 208-2665.

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## INAPPROPRIATE TRANSFER/EVENT REPORT

Medical Staff Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name/DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

MR# \_\_\_\_\_ Admission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transferring Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Transferring Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Admission Issue/Concern: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form should be sent to Pat Beals, medical Staff Office, FAX: 208-6138

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(This portion for Medical Staff Office Use)

Medical Staff Office Follow up: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THIS FORM IS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM OF MIAMI VALLEY HOSPITAL AND IS PROTECTED FROM FURTHER DISCLOSURE BY OHIO REVISED CODE.**

- cc: Medical Staff Member File (if applicable)
- Master File
- MVH Department/Section Chair
- WSU Department Chair (if applicable)
- Quality Management

## Update to H&P Policies

Physicians should be aware that two policies have been updated in the MVH Operations Manual. The two policies are:

1. History and Physical Documentation Policy
2. Defining Which Patients Receive Histories and Physicals Policy

**The changes include the following language...**

■ **New Policy Title: Defining Which Patients Receive History & Physicals and Time Frame for Completion of the History & Physical**

■ The history and physical must be updated if performed prior to the day of admission or outpatient procedure and the update can be documented within 24 hours of the admission or outpatient procedure. The update must be documented whether or not there is a change in the patient's condition. The update can be written on the H&P or contained in the admission note or pre-procedure documentation.

■ If the history and physical was performed on the day of admission/outpatient surgical procedure or within 24 hours of the medical admission, the update does not need to be completed and may remain blank.

The new language will also be included in the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations and discussed at department and section meetings as well.

**For more information, contact Susan Moran, at 208-6642 or semoran@mvh.org.**

## Winter Weather Emergency

If you can't get to the hospital due to inclement weather during a winter weather emergency, simply call the Staff Resource Office at 208-2040 to be placed on a pick-up list. Employee and physician pick-ups are prioritized based on patient care needs. **If you have any questions, please contact Diane Pleiman, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), nursing administration, at 208-2720 or Darin Stoutenborough, RN, manager of the Central Staffing Office at 208-2511.**

## Brand Change for Tube Feeding Formulary, Oral Supplements

The PHP tube feeding formulary and oral supplement products will be switched from primarily Mead Johnson products to Ross products in March. Any patient on a Mead Johnson tube feeding during the transition to Ross products will be maintained on Mead Johnson products until the tube feeding is discontinued, the patient is discharged, or another product is ordered. Orders for tube feeding products after the implementation date will be filled with Ross products.

The list [below] shows current formulary products and comparable Ross products. **If you have any questions, contact your unit dietitian, page Rebecca Lee, MS, RD, LD, clinical nutrition manager, on pager 4155, or call Nutrition Services at 208-2448.**

Current Product	New Ross Product
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### Tube Feeding Products

Isocal	Osmolite
Comply	Ensure Plus HN
Deliver 2.0	Twocal HN
Isocal HN	Osmolite 1 cal
Traumacal	Traumacal
Ultracal	Jevity 1 cal
Ultracal HN Plus	Jevity 1.5 cal
Magnacal Renal	Nepro
NutriHep	NutriHep
Choice DM	Glucerna Select
Respalor	Pulmocare
Intensical	Pivot 1.5
Subdue	Optimental
Subdue Plus	Pivot 1.5
	Oxepa

### Oral Supplements

Boost	Ensure
Boost Plus	Ensure Plus
Boost Pudding	Ensure Pudding
Choice DM beverage	Glucerna Shake

## Center of Nursing Excellence Moves Into New Space

The MVH Center of Nursing Excellence has relocated to a new space on the ground floor of the East building. The area has been beautifully renovated with a modern interior design that highlights three classrooms, a skills lab, a conference room, computer lab, and new audiovisual-enhanced learning tools.

Jayne Gmeiner, RN, MS, formerly nursing director for Integrative Care Management, Pre Admission Testing and the Diabetes Management Program, has been named nursing director for the Center of Nursing Excellence. "We are very excited to have a state-of-the-art facility which will enhance learning throughout the career of our patient care team members. The new equipment and patient simulator will allow us to continue to develop our skills as nurses and patient care technicians and enhance critical thinking skills through simulated case studies. We appreciate the support of the organization to invest in the ongoing development and education of our team."

Office space for nurse educators and additional classrooms remain on the fifth floor of the East building as well. If you'd like to receive a tour, please call Jayne Gmeiner at 208-3921 or email her at [jlmeiner@mvh.org](mailto:jlmeiner@mvh.org).

## Next Issue of Chart

The next deadline for Chart is Monday, April 29, 2005. Submit your news to Carol Markel, editor, in the Miami Valley Hospital Communications Department by calling 208-3070 or by emailing [cjmarkel@mvh.org](mailto:cjmarkel@mvh.org).



## Physician Input Critical to Validate Epic System

Your input is needed! An important part of the eSynergy system implementation process involves physician advice and suggestions on the functionality of the Epic software design. If changes are needed, it will benefit everyone if those changes can be implemented before the system is used for actual patient care.

A validation session will be held at each campus and the schedule was mailed to each physician office several weeks ago.

Validation Sessions give physicians an opportunity to learn about the Epic system and offer suggestions for its design. The session covers several functions of the software, including reviewing patient charts, viewing medication histories, results with graphs, and placing orders individually and in sets.

In addition, Stop By and Try Sessions will be offered in March that give physicians hands-on experience with the Epic software.

**Wed., March 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, in the Physician Lounge, Samaritan North

**Thurs., March 10, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, in the Physician Lounge, Good Samaritan Hospital

**Wed., March 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, in 6NW1, Miami Valley Hospital

The eSynergy system began gathering data on PHP patients in February, and the project remains on schedule to launch the new hospital system in the first quarter of 2006. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Walter Reiling at 208-4725.

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