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Epic Cosmos Look-Alike Now Available

Collaborate with Physicians Across the Country on Unknown Conditions, Unusual Symptoms

In 2018, Epic created Cosmos, a secure database of de-identified patient records made in collaboration with health systems across the country that use Epic. Cosmos mines the de-identified records for clinical research, including population-level trends. Lee Health was an early contributor to Cosmos—we were the fifth health system in the country to contribute data and we provided early feedback on the program. The Cosmos database now has information from 250 million de-identified patients from all 50 states. There is data from billions of encounters, as well as prescriptions for medications, lab values, symptoms and more.

Epic Cosmos Look-Alikes is a new feature for Lee Health physicians to use if a patient presents with an unknown condition or an unusual set of symptoms. The physician can use Look-Alikes to search the Cosmos database to find other physicians who have cared for patients with similar symptoms. Physicians can search the Cosmos database by condition, symptoms or location to find a colleague with experience they can draw on and share. Epic Cosmos Look-Alikes is available to physicians right from their patient's chart, enabling access to collaboration with colleagues to share clinical insights.

[Click here](#) for an overview of Cosmos Look-Alike. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sawczyn, M.D., at Kelly.Sawczyn@LeeHealth.org.

Lee Health is proud that our physicians can connect with colleagues across the country to learn, share experiences and improve the care they provide to their patients.

Since the go-live for Look-Alikes, our physicians have sampled the technology by searching for rare conditions, including osteogenesis imperfecta, Williams syndrome and acute intermittent porphyria. Our physicians are experts, too, and may have experience caring for patients with rare conditions or an unusual set of symptoms, so they can help improve care for patients across the Cosmos community. In fact, since the go-live, physicians from Texas Health Resources, UCONN Health and St. Luke's have looked up conditions and found Lee Health physicians as colleagues caring for similar patients.

New Policy Clarifies English Communication Guidelines

At Lee Health, we're dedicated to fostering an inclusive work environment that welcomes employees who speak languages other than English. However, for patient safety and business needs, English must be used in specific circumstances. The new [English Language Communication policy \(S01 02 198\)](#) outlines these situations, including interactions with patients and colleagues who speak only English, emergency circumstances, certain meetings and project work, and performance monitoring. Please take a moment to review the new policy (it is concise and should only take a few minutes to read). If you have any questions, please contact Shonalie Roberts, system director of equity, inclusion & belonging, at Shonalie.Roberts@LeeHealth.org.

COPD Management Clinical Programs Available

The COPD/PNA Clinical Consensus Workgroup (CCW) of the Clinical Collaboration Council (CCC) is promoting increased awareness of the clinical programs available to help your patients manage their COPD. A Clinician Resource Guide has been developed and is available at this [link](#) and within Epic's Provider Communication Hub-Provider Web Resources (COPD Guide/Flyer). This resource provides instructions on referring patients to these critical programs and includes program descriptions. Questions? Please email the [CCC](#).



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