This is the second part of a series on Sepsis:

ARISE and PROCESS trials showed a mortality rate of 19% at 90 days in both arms of the study (EGDT vs. usual modern day care). These 2 landmark trials have confirmed that rapid recognition, early antibiotics and expedient and aggressive fluid resuscitation are the keys to effectively treating severe sepsis as opposed to the exact invasive monitoring of biophysical strategies of EGDT.

The authors acknowledge we have seen an approximate 1% decrease in mortality per year over the last 20 years in severe sepsis and express accolades to Manny Rivers and his landmark 2001 study of EGDT in highlighting aggressive therapy in this once thought of dismal diagnosis.

System wide, our severe sepsis mortality rate is down to 22% and we are approaching our goal of 19%. At GCMC from 3/15-9/15/15 we have observed an average antibiotic infusion completion time of 69 minutes, which is good, and have set our goal to be less than sixty minutes.

By: Keith Lafferty, M.D.

Emergency Services
Formulary Decisions: effective immediately

Additions:
Idarucizumab (Praxbind) - restriction of use to order set #3741 for emergent reversal of dabigatran anticoagulation.

NOT added to formulary:
PCSK9 inhibitors: alirocumab (Praluent) and evolocumab (Repatha).
Tresiba (insulin degludec) and Ryzodeg (insulin degludec and insulin aspart).

Therapeutic Interchanges: effective Immediately
Tresiba (insulin degludec) to insulin glargine (Lantus) 1 unit = 1 unit.

Idarucizumab (Praxbind) addition to formulary:

Indication and Mechanism of Action:
- Idarucizumab (Praxbind) is a monoclonal antibody used to bind and reverse the effects of dabigatran (Pradaxa). It is indicated for the treatment of patients experiencing an uncontrolled or life threatening bleeding event associated with dabigatran therapy or patients requiring an emergency intervention or procedure while taking dabigatran.
- Dabigatran is a direct thrombin inhibitor that binds free and clot bound thrombin which prevents the conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin and the eventual formation of a clot. Idarucizumab (Praxbind) binds dabigatran with 350 times more affinity than the binding affinity of dabigatran to thrombin. Within 5 minutes of administration, idarucizumab reverses dabigatran induced anticoagulation and maintains undetectable dabigatran plasma levels for 24 hours.

Dosing and Administration:
- Total Dose = 5 g IV infusion given as two separate 2.5 g infusions (provided as 2 vials each containing 2.5 g/50 mL). Infuse the two vials consecutively via pump at 999 ml/hr. The IV line must be flushed with saline prior to initial infusion and after second infusion to ensure all medication delivered to patient.

Contraindications / Adverse reactions / Monitoring:
- Contraindications = known allergy to idarucizumab
- Adverse reactions = headache, migraine, erythema at the infusion site
- Monitor for bleeding (aPTT and INR)

Prescribing and Cost:
- Idarucizumab is available at all 4 LMHS acute care hospitals
- Use EPIC order set #3741 Emergent Reversal for Oral anti-coagulants.
- Cost = $3,500 per dose.
**PHARMACY & THERAPEUTICS UPDATE 11-2015**

**Nicotine Patch therapeutic interchange / dose adjustment:**

Pharmacists are allowed to therapeutically interchange nicotine patch dosage to correctly correlate with patient smoking history.

**Meropenem outage with resulting strategy:**

Pharmacists can make a one time (one dose) therapeutic interchange of meropenem to imipenem, in order to not cause delay in first dose of antibiotics. Pharmacists would then still need to call MD and make appropriate alternative recommendation per previous education and/or request ID consultation.

**Ryzodeg (insulin degludec/insulin aspart):**

Do not add to LMHS formulary. Do not order for any inpatient. The combination ultra-long acting and rapid acting insulin make a therapeutic interchange complicated. The prescriber must initiate basal bolus for hospital blood sugar management.

**Additional Drug Information:**

**Antimicrobial Dosing Table for Renal Dysfunction** - A consolidated reference table to assist pharmacists with the renal adjustment of antibiotics in patients with renal dysfunction, undergoing hemodialysis, or continuous renal replacement therapy was approved.

[http://intranet1/pharmacy/PDF/AntimicrobialDosingforRenalDysfunctionChart.pdf](http://intranet1/pharmacy/PDF/AntimicrobialDosingforRenalDysfunctionChart.pdf)

**Metered Dose Inhaler use in the Emergency Department:**

**A Medication Use Evaluation with a subsequent cost savings proposal – (effective early January 2016 at GCMC)**

A study of metered dose inhaler (MDI) use in the GCMC ED was presented. The study revealed administration omissions, waste, and re-dispensing of the MDIs. The system cost is estimated to be approximately $1 million dollars annually.

In response to these findings, a trial initiative (GCMC only) involving the therapeutic interchange from metered dose inhalers to equivalent therapy via nebulized drug administration by Respiratory Therapy Services was approved. Upon transfer to an inpatient unit, the therapeutic substitution will be reversed and the metered dose inhaler order will be activated and dispensed. *This will be done at GCMC only.*

**Phenazopyridine (Pyridium) – automatic stop date of 48 hours**
CURRENT DRUG SHORTAGES- IV:

Ampicillin/sulbactam - on shortage, limited supply

Cefotaxime Injection – product due for discontinuation by manufacturer, reserved for pediatric patients, under allocation. Only stocked at HP.

Cefotetan - on shortage, limited supply

Dexamethasone 0.1% ophth sol’n – available again, restriction to HP Peds no longer in effect

Ertapenem – on shortage, limited supply

Fomepizole Injection – not available

Hydroxyzine Injection 25 & 50 mg – on shortage, limited availability

Imipenem/cilastatin - on shortage, limited availability

Indigo Carmine 0.8% Injection - not available

Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Menomune) – not available

Meropenem - on shortage, back in stock but supply limited

Metoprolol Injection – on shortage, limited supply

Nimodipine Oral Solution – on shortage, limited availability

Oxycodone/Acetaminophen Liquid – discontinued by manufacturer

Phentolamine (Regitine) Injection– back on market but still on shortage, still not formulary

Piperacillin/tazobactam Injection – very limited availability

Prochlorperazine Injection – on shortage, not available

Vecuronium Injection – on shortage, not available
Library-Based CME Programs are available to LMHS Physicians

Links to the sites, which provide CME credits are posted on the Continuing Education page of the Medical Library website on IntraLee along with simple instructions.

**Clinical Key** – an Internet Point-of-Care CME offers credits for self-directed, structured, online learning. CME credits are provided by the Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education. Physicians may earn 0.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit for each search conducted through Clinical Key.

- You need to register on the Clinical Key page (upper right corner “register here”), when on IntraLee.
- Conduct a search on your topic of interest.
- After opening a document, see if there is a small “CME” icon above the test. If you see it, you may use this document to earn CME credits.
- Read the document, and then click on CME icon, but keep your document open.
- If it is the first time you are using the Clinical Key CME, you will be asked to fill out an other registration form, this one from the Cleveland Clinic. Use the same user ID and the same password you used when registering for Clinical Key (If you used CME program in MD Consult, you don’t need to register with Cleveland Clinic again – use the same login and password you used in MD Consult).

After you register with Cleveland Clinic, a question form for your session will open. You will be asked to type a topic or question which prompted you to search Clinical Key, to check off a few boxes corresponding to the answers, and to copy and paste a fragment from the article you found answering the question you posted.

**DynaMed Plus** users can earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™, AAFP Prescribed credit and AANP contact hours for using *DynaMed Plus* to research clinical questions. User searches are submitted via *DynaMed Plus* to Tufts Healthcare Institute. Tufts sets up an account, issues the credits, and users can log in to access, print and track credits earned.

- Conduct a search on your topic of interest.
- Look for the CME logo in the upper right corner.
- Read the information then click on the CME logo.
- If this is your first time using DynaMed Plus for CME you will be asked to fill out a form setting up an account with Tufts.
- After you register, a questionnaire will open and you will be asked to answer some short questions regarding the information.

Follow the prompts to earn and record credit.
Other Options:

Audio-Digest: Family Practice
48 new titles every year in CD format are available from the library in LMH. To claim CME credits (maximum 2 AMA PRA category 1 credits), a physician must request a copy of a question sheet and a test form from the library staff. CDs are housed in LMH library.

“Prevention of Medical Errors” and “Domestic Violence across the Generations” is available as DVDs in each library and online. Log-in with the LMHS CME password to access or email: Joanne.gorgone@leememorial.org

Natural Medicines (formerly Natural Standard) – online courses recommended by AAFP for evidence-based CME designation in alternative and complementary therapies, herbs, supplements and interactions with conventional medications, sport medicine. Register online.

STATdx users are now able to earn AMA PRA Category 1 Credit towards point of care learning in STATdx! Physicians can purchase credit for previous or future queries based on their individual needs.

As long as a user has a profile in STATdx, he/she can add-on the CME credit option: Login to your individual STATdx account at https://app.statdx.com
Click the CME button in the top right-hand toolbar
View your potential credits and explore pricing options.

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John DeStefano, DPM – Podiatry- LMH
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Mary Carbone, M.D. – Pediatric Sleep Medicine
GCHSWF, HPMC, LMH
Dr. Carbone obtained her medical degree at the University of Padua School of Medicine in Italy. She completed a Pediatrics Internship at St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center, and a Pediatrics Residency and Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine Fellowship at Georgetown University. Dr. Carbone is certified in General Pediatrics, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine and Sleep Medicine. She has joined LPG-Sleep Medicine.

Glenn Flanagan II, M.D. – Pain Management
GCMC, HPMC
Dr. Flanagan obtained his medical degree at St. George’s University-West Indies. He completed an Internal Medicine Internship at St. Francis Medical Center, and an Anesthesiology Residency and Pain Management Fellowship at SUNY-Upstate University Hospital. Dr. Flanagan is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and has joined Associates in Medicine & Surgery.

Samantha DenBoer, Psy.D. – Psychology (Refer & Follow)
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Michael Gutknecht, M.D. – Diagnostic Radiology
GCMC
Dr. Gutknecht obtained his medical degree at Vanderbilt University. He completed a Flexible Internship at William Beaumont Army Medical Center and a Diagnostic Radiology Residency at Tripler Army Medical Center. He is certified by the American Board of Radiology. Dr. Gutknecht has joined Radiology Regional Center.
New Physicians

Robert Katz, M.D. – Psychiatry (Refer & Follow)HPMC, LMH
Dr. Katz obtained his degree at the New York University School of Medicine. He completed a Psychiatry Residency at Albert Einstein College and a Child Psychiatry Fellowship at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Katz is certified in Psychiatry and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and has joined DNA Comprehensive Therapy Services.

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Chadwick Leo, D.O. – Obstetrics & Gynecology-CCH, LMH
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Alexander Martinez, M.D. – Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Pain Management CCH, GCMC, HPMC
Dr. Martinez obtained his medical degree at New York Medical College. He completed an Internal Medicine Internship at Metropolitan Hospital Center and a PM&R Residency at NY Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Martinez completed a Pain Management Fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center and is certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation as well as Pain Medicine. Dr. Martinez has joined Advanced Pain Management Specialists.
New Physicians

James Manzanares, M.D. – Orthopedic Surgery-CCH, GCMC, HPMC, LMH- Dr. Manzanares obtained his medical degree at Mayo Medical School. He completed an Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, a Pediatrics Orthopedics Fellowship at Nemours Children’s Clinic and an Advanced Spine Reconstruction fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and has joined Kaigan, Jugan & Associates.

Imran Mirza, M.D. – Family Medicine (Hospitalist)- CCH, GCMC, HPMC, LMH- Dr. Mirza obtained his medical degree at Ross University, New York. He completed a Family Medicine Residency at Mercy Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Mirza has been working as a Locum provider and will continue with LPG-Hospitalist Group.

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Elena Sarmiento, M.D. – Psychiatry-CCH, GCMC, HPMC, LMH- Dr. Sarmiento obtained her medical degree at Russian People’s Friendship University. She completed a Psychiatry Residency at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology. Dr. Sarmiento has joined LPG-Psychiatric Consultation Services.

Bryan Witt, D.O. – Orthopedic Surgery-CCH, GCMC, LMH- Dr. Witt obtained his degree at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship and 1st year residency in Family Medicine at Largo Medical Center before transferring to Doctor’s Hospital Columbus for an Orthopedic Residency. He completed a Foot & Ankle Fellowship at Orthopedic Associates Grand Rapids. Dr. Witt has joined Joint Implant Surgeons.
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LPG-Surfside
Dr. Ellen Hoefer-Hopf

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Dr. Sunil Lalla

Mindy Bryde, PA- CCH, GCMC, HPMC, LMH
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Dr. Sam Javedan

Nancy McGeorge, PA -LMH (refer & follow)
LPG-Lee Convenient Care
Dr. Karen Calkins

WELCOME
Dear Colleagues:

**Pre Procedure Orders**

Beginning December 2015 we will start to transition pre-procedure orders from paper to Epic.

Neurosurgery will be the first specialty to trial this process. The move in this direction will increase patient safety by:

- Having the provider enter the orders directly into Epic.
- Avoids orders being managed by several support staff.
- The process assigns the orders to a specific procedure.
- These are signed and held orders so they are released at the appropriate time.

The next phase of the project will be for all physicians with cases in the Operating Room or Endoscopy suites, and is planned for March of 2016.

Please call as needed.

Thank you,

William Carracino, M.D., VP/CMIO
Please submit any future News Articles to:

Anola Jones via e-mail: anola.jones@leememorial.org
NEW AND REVISED ORDER SETS

NEW

3847 POST SPLENECTOMY VACCINE ORDERS-ADULT
3880 NEONATAL BEVACIZUMAB (AVASTIN) FOR RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY ORDERS
3885 ASPIRIN DESENSITIZATION ORDERS
3891 SURGICAL ONCOLOGY PRE PROCEDURE ORDERS
3893 SURGICAL ONCOLOGY ADMISSION ORDERS

REVISED

3018 NICU ADMISSION ORDERS
3019 NEONATAL CONTINUING CARE ORDERS
3081 THE REHAB HOSPITAL ADULT ADMISSION ORDERS
3167 CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY POST-PROCEDURE ORDERS
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CMEs in JANUARY 2016

**Food is Medicine: Health and Nutrition**
- **Cardiovascular Benefits of a Plant Based Diet**
  - Brian Taschner, M.D.
  - LPG Cardiology
- **Energy and Wellness**
  - Jose Colon, M.D.
  - LPG Sleep Disorders Center
- **Nutrition and Chronic Pain**
  - Sebastian Klisiewicz, D.O.
  - LPG Spine and Pain Center
- **Nutrition Success Stories**
  - Salvatore Lacagnina, D.O.
  - Vice President, Health and Wellness

Saturday, January 9, 2016
Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
7:30 am—12:30 pm
4 CME Credits
RSVP for CME and Breakfast by January 6th - 424-2680

**New Diabetes Pharmacology**
Patricia Sareh, M.D.
LPG Adult Endocrinology
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium
6:30—7:30 pm
RSVP for CME and Dinner by January 11th – 424-2680

**Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist**
Anais Badia, D.O.
Florida Skin Center
Monday, January 18, 2016
6:00—7:00 pm
Lee Memorial Hospital Medical Office Center 8th Floor Conference Room
RSVP for CME and Dinner by January 15th— 424-2680
CMEs in JANUARY continued…

**Child Sexual Abuse**
**Pediatric Grand Rounds**
Walter Lambert, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
University of Miami School of Medicine
Medical Director, Child Protection Team of Southwest Florida
Thursday, January 21, 2016
6:30—7:30 pm
HealthPark Medical Center Room H500
RSVP for CME and Dinner by January 19th—424-2680

**Infectious Disease Conference**
- **HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**
  Raphael Landovitz, M.D., MSc.
  Associate Professor of Medicine, Center for Clinical Aids Research & Education
  David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
- **Antimicrobial Stewardship**
  Sandy Estrada, PharmD. BCPS 9AQID)
  Pharmacy Clinical Specialist, Infectious Disease LMHS
- **Hepatitis C Update**
  Elena Gatskevich, M.D.
  IMA Infectious Diseases
- **Pneumonia: New Considerations for 2016**
  Thomas File, Jr., M.D., MSc, MACP, FIDSA, FCCP
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Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa
4 CME Credits
To request a flyer Call 424-2397 or email joanne.gorgone@leememorial.org

November, 2015
In 1992, President George Bush issued a proclamation designating the first week of November as “National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week,” to acknowledge and thank medical services professionals (MSPs) for playing “an important role in our nation’s healthcare system.”

The American Medical Association-Organized Medical Staff Section also recognizes the medical services profession in a resolution that formally acknowledges “the importance and value of medical services professionals to the healthcare organization and its physician members, and recognizes their contribution and dedication in preserving quality patient care.”

When you visit a hospital, you see the doctors, the nurses, and other medical personnel. What you don’t see are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for you are correct and have been verified.

MSPs are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the diverse healthcare industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and other practitioners who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations, and other healthcare settings.

MSPs are a vital part of the community’s healthcare team. They are dedicated to making certain that all patients receive care from practitioners who are properly educated, licensed, and trained in their specialty.

For more information about MSPs and the National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS), visit www.namss.org.

In recognition of our Medical Staff Professionals within the Lee Memorial Health System, the Medical Staff Coordinators at each campus, the Project Coordinator for ER call schedules, and the Credentialing Specialists that process all the new applications and reappointment applications, as well as the support staff that ensures that the license, DEA, and insurance are kept up to date.