

# Medical Staff *focus*



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## Adult Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment

According to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the practice of genetic testing is rapidly evolving secondary to the introduction and use of multigene panels. These panels or tests may identify 40-50 percent more individuals with hereditary cancer gene mutations than testing in the past.

St. Dominic's Genetics Nurse Practitioner, Odessa Hawkins, CFNP can help your patients determine their potential risk for developing hereditary cancers by performing a risk assessment, detailed family medical history (pedigree) and appropriate referral to physicians who can test and review their results. Odessa is a senior level Advanced Practice Nurse who recently completed an intensive genetics course through the City of Hope.

Based on National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines, patients should consider genetic testing if they or a first or second-degree blood relative have certain genetic risks. A copy of the Adult Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment is attached for your convenience.

Have your patients call the Call Center at 601-200-8000 to schedule an appointment. If you would like more information or would like to have brochures delivered to your office please call Cancer Services at 601-200-3300.



## Mississippi Braves Baseball

St. Dominic's has four tickets for reserved seating at select Mississippi Braves home games available for our physicians on a first come, first served basis. Tickets may be requested by calling 601-200-6849, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.



## Case Management Department Changes

As of April 1, as part of our strategic initiatives related to decreasing LOS and increasing our CMI, several changes have been made related to the Case Management function. This area is a central hub of our organization both critical in the quality of care our patients receive as well as our financial health. Changes are as follows:

1. Wilma Walker has done a great job as the executive overseeing this important function but will now focus her efforts solely on the patient care services.
2. Case Management has been separated into two departments. The details are as follows:
  - Case Management which will focus on clinical case management, LOS, and transitions of care.
  - The Utilization Review function will focus on review, which will focus on pre-authorizations, admission discharge criteria compliance and denial management.
3. Tammy Moore continues to be the director of Case Management, and Francis Coleman will continue as the manager of Case Management. Tandra Marburgh is the responsible Vice President, and Dr. McVey is the responsible Executive Vice President. Case Management will remain in the same location on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the hospital.
4. Michelle Bennett is the Manager of the Utilization Review, and reports to Rodney McCoy. Sam Scott is the responsible Executive Vice President. The Utilization Review team is now housed in the Lima Building, but will continue to be an integral part of the hospital operations.

This transition will provide the opportunity for us to focus on these must do, can't fail strategies. Strong, consistent communication will be critical to the success of these two departments.

We look forward to reaching our goals this year as a team! If you have questions, please call Tandra Marburgh at (225)362-2970 or Rodney McCoy at 200-6588.



## Patient SAFETY Hotline

Patient safety concerns can be reported anytime using the Patient Safety Hotline by dialing 200-6444.

Reports may be made anonymously. Be sure to provide the following information:

- Patient name and FIN
- Date of Event
- Location of Event
- Description of Event

## Cureatr

As you are aware, texting PHI via traditional text messaging is prohibited. All texting of PHI should be done via Cureatr, St. Dominic's secure texting application. If you have questions about how to get started on Cureatr please contact Janis Coates at 601-201-2127 or John Watson at 601-968-2285.



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*Based on National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Guidelines, you should consider genetic testing, if you or a first or second degree relative have any of the following:*

- First degree\* relative diagnosed with breast cancer before age 45
- One first or second\*\* degree relative diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Two breast cancer diagnoses on the same side of a family especially if one relative was diagnosed at an age less than 50
- Members of your family with rare cancers, cancers diagnosed at a young age or multiple cases of cancer in one family
- Three breast cancer diagnoses on the same side of one family (the age of diagnosis does not matter)
- Men in your family with prostate cancer or metastatic prostate cancer
- One first or second degree relative with triple negative breast cancer at or before age 60
- A family member with pancreatic cancer
- Three relatives on the same side of one family with any combination of breast, ovarian, pancreatic or prostate cancer
- Three relatives with melanoma
- Any family member with a known BRCA or other gene mutation
- Anyone found to have a BRCA 1/2 Mutation in tumor tissue known as a somatic mutation
- Are Jewish or have Jewish ancestry

**\*First Degree Relative: Parents, sisters/brothers or children**

**\*\*Second Degree Relative: Grandparents, aunts or uncles**

**If any of these apply to you, consider scheduling an appointment with our Genetics Nurse Practitioner at 601-200-8000.**