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New DEA Ruling on Carisoprodol

Effective **January 11, 2012**, the Drug Enforcement Administration placed Carisoprodol (Soma, Soprodon and Vanadom) into Schedule IV of the Controlled Substance Act. Thereafter, any person who engages in the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, importing, exporting, as well as any person who possesses the drug will be subject to the provisions of the Act and DEA regulations, including the Act's administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions which are applicable to schedule IV controlled substances.

Electronic Medication Reconciliation Tool

January 23rd, a new electronic medication reconciliation safety measure went into affect. When the medication list is been printed for the patient's discharge, the sections with IV Medications and PRN Medications **must** also be printed addressed. This safety measure was in response to several "near misses" of patients almost not getting an important medication when the IV medications were not listed! Additionally, Medication Reconciliation at discharge **must** be performed even if the patient is being transferred to a long term care facility. The list is required so the electronic system will have the latest list of the patient's medications recorded. The dictated medication list in the discharge summary is not in the system unless medication reconciliation is completed.

Standards of Excellence – "Waits and Hassles"

If delays occur, take responsibility, and apologize. Without divulging details of internal problems, tell your customer the reason for the delay. If appropriate, offer to reschedule or offer comfort items to ease the wait.

Events

- ◇ **Save the Date!** Tuesday, March 27, 2011 from 6:30 – 9:30 AM at FMC and MPH. **Doctor's Day 2011**. Additional details to follow.
- ◇ **"Practicing Medicine is Practicing Ethics"** presentations and interactive work sessions on bioethics. Friday, February 10th from 8 am to noon in the FMC Conference Center. RSVP to Kelly Swauger kjswauger@novanthealth.org by Feb. 6th.

New Physicians

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| ◇ Ajam, Kamal S., MD | Carolinas Pain Institute |
| ◇ Botti, John J., MD | WFU/BMC - Dept. of Ob/Gyn |
| ◇ Corbier, Michelle T., MD | Forsyth Pediatrics Kernersville After Hours |
| ◇ Kates, Charity L., MD | Parkside Family Medicine |
| ◇ Littleton, Amanda K., MD | Twin City Pediatrics |
| ◇ Massey, David B., MD | PrimeCare of Kernersville |
| ◇ Powers, Stephanie J., MD | WFBH - Family Medicine Reynolda |
| ◇ Wroblewski, Genevieve A., MD | Hospice & Palliative CareCenter |
| ◇ Yalcinkaya, M. T., MD | WFU/BMC - Dept. of Ob/Gyn |