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*Happy New Year
From All of Us*



Maxor CPR Team

Accelerated Implementation of GuardianRx® Planned...



Maxor and the CPR team have established a plan to accelerate the implementation of GuardianRx® in all CDCR Pharmacies. A multidisciplinary conversion team including Maxor staff and representatives from IT, nursing, custody, construction and administrative staff has been established to methodically pre-assess and prepare facilities for implementation. The team works closely with facility-based health-care teams on process improvement efforts starting eight weeks prior to standardize operations in advance of 'go-live' with GuardianRx®. Maxor added four Pharmacy Operations

Management teams to perform implementation at multiple sites simultaneously. It is anticipated that GuardianRx® will be implemented in all CDCR facilities by mid 2009.

Santo Milosevich, PharmD, Allison Farrell, RPh, and Gerald Downs, RPh joined the Maxor/CPR Project team as Pharmacy Operations Managers in January.

Santo brings in more than 30 years of Pharmacy operations and management experience in different practice settings including corrections. We are glad to have Santo as part of our team.

Alison packs in more than 12 years of clinical, operational, and management experience in retail, mail order central fill as well as managed care settings. She is a welcomed addition to our team.

Gerald tops 34 years of experience in pharmacy practice, operations, and management in retail, hospital, home health care and skilled services. We are delighted to have Gerald join our team.

Kelani Condon, PharmD joined the Maxor/CPR Project team in January as Pharmacist-in-Charge assigned to San Quentin. Kelani's strong leadership skills and clinical knowledge make her an excellent choice to lead pharmacy operation in SQ.

Svetlana Hershleder, CPhT joined the Maxor/CPR team as Pharmacy Technologists. With greater than five years of experience in different settings and strong technical and problem solving skills, she is a valuable addition to the team.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to new Maxor/CPR Project staff.

New shipmates at the facility level include **Robert Velasco**, (Pharm Tech) at CAL; **Lorie Zills**, (Pharm Tech) at CEN; **Julian Potashnick**, (Pharm I) at DVI; **Deborah Martin**, (Pharm II) and **Viet Hoang**, (Pharm I) at ISP; **David Pham**, (Pharm I) and **Tranh Phan**, (Pharm I) at PVSP; **Mark Facchini**, (Pharm I) and **Stephen Bartlett**, (Pharm I) at SATF; **Glenn Volpe**, (Pharm I) at SQ and **Keona Dunston**, (Pharm Tech) at LAC; **Lary Freeman** (Pharm II) at CTF.

Let us know if there are other new shipmates at your facility.

*Welcome
Aboard...*

Maxor/CDPR Pharmacy Program News

Maxor Provides On Site Management to San Quentin Pharmacy

Effective January 1st, 2008, Maxor assumed the direct oversight of the day-to-day pharmacy operation at San Quentin. Bruce Boelter, RPh, MBA is Maxor's Pharmacy Operations Manager on site at San Quentin. Kelani Condon, PharmD serves as the Maxor Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC). Maxor is in the process of recruiting four pharmacy technologists to be assigned to the SQ pharmacy. Together Bruce, Kelani, a team of Maxor technologists and the local pharmacy, medical, nursing, dental and psychiatric staff will be working on focused medication management improvement initiatives at San Quentin.

CDCR Formulary is now Available on Epocrates

The CDCR formulary is now available on Epocrates for PDA download free of charge. A desktop version is also available. Both versions may be accessed through the Epocrates website at www.epocrates.com

Formulary Revisions are Posted on the CPR website at www.cprinc.org on the pharmacy page under 'Projects'. Please check the web site periodically for updates and changes to the formulary.

Asmanex Contract Signed effective FEBRUARY 1st, 2008. Asmanex was chosen by the CDCR system-wide Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee as the preferred formulary inhaled corticosteroid (ICS). Demonstration inhalers, patient education material, demonstration DVD and dose conversion guide were supplied to facilities to aid in transitioning patients to Asmanex as appropriate.

****A 90 day transition period effective February 1, 2008 is given to allow providers time to transition patients to the new agent. ****

AmerisourceBergen as Prime Vendor for CDCR A new agreement with AmerisourceBergen was signed and went into effect February 2008.

CDPR Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee...

The **CDCR System-wide Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee** met on January 8th, 2008. The committee discussed the pharmacy dashboard and several revisions to Pharmacy Policies and procedures. No changes to the formulary were made in the January meeting.