Special Points of Interest:

- P&T Update
- Policy and Procedure / Guideline
- Patient Safety
- Clinical Safety / PI Change news

P&T UPDATE

Antibiotic Subcommittee Report
Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) & the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Guidelines for Developing an Institutional Program to Enhance Antimicrobial Stewardship – Antibiotic Subcommittee members and P&T Members strongly recommend having an ID Clinical Pharmacist in the University Hospital.

Human Papillomavirus (Type 6,11,16,18) Recombinant Vaccine (Gardisil®) - Approved

Auto-Sub All Quinine Sulfate All Strengths to 325mg.  
Keep 325mg, Delete 324mg, 200mg, 300mg, 260mg - Approved

Standing Orders Sets
All UMDNJ-University Hospital Pre-printed Standing Orders Sets which contain Medication orders must be reviewed and approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) prior to submission to MEC. Approved

Hemodialysis Physician Standing Orders – Approved

Ventilated Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Treatment Order Set – Approved

Medication Order Sets for Ophthalmic Surgical Patients – Approved

Sepsis Order Sets P&P and Xigris® Drotrecogin alpha activated assessment and dosing protocol – Approved

Administration of Intravenous Medications Updated Policy – Approved

Floor Stock Sheet for Clinics Policy and Procedure – Approved
**Psychiatry subcommittee report**

**New Suboxone® (Buprenophine & Naloxone Guideline** was submitted

Agree to treat as follow: no more than 100 patients at any one time in their individual or group practice

a. The patients limit has increased to 100 only for physicians who submitted their first notification of intent more than one year ago.
b. The patients limit is still 30 for physicians who submitted their first notification of intent less than one year ago.

**A recombinant quadrivalent human-papillomavirus vaccine (Gardisil®)**

Gardisil is used for girls and women 9-26 years old to prevent diseases associated with infection with human papillomavirus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16, and 18, including genital warts, precancerous cervical, vaginal or vulvar lesions, and cervical cancer. Gardisil® is administered in 3 separate 0.5 mL intramuscular injection at 0, 2 and 6 months. Each dose costs about $120; the cost of a full course will be about $360.00.

**Auto-Sub All Quinine Sulfate All Strength to 325mg**

Pharmacy dept. is going to keep 325 mg Quinine Sulfate only. All other strengths 324mg, 200mg, 300mg and 260 mg will be deleted from formulary. ($0.14 vs. $3.40). Automatic therapeutic exchange from 324mg, 200mg, 300mg and 260 mg to 325mg except for malaria treatment 650mg will be dispensed as 2 tablets of 325mg.

**UH Standing Orders Sets**

In order to meet the UMDNJ-UH Standing Orders Sets policy and procedure (policy # 717-100-401), the JCAHO Medication Management Standard MM.3.20 (Non-approved Dangerous Abbreviations) and MM.2.10 (Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Function), all UMDNJ-University Hospital Pre-printed Standing Orders Sets which contain medication orders must be reviewed and approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) prior to submission to MEC.

It is the policy of UMDNJ-University Hospital to use Standing Order Sets to promote the highest quality of care for patients by reducing unintended and unwarranted variation in care and by providing a useful, efficient management tool for clinicians who have order-writing privileges.
Clinical safety/PI change news

Administration of Intravenous Medications – Updated Policy

Main Key Points from the policy:
All health care professionals shall follow the IV push guidelines “UMDNJ- University Hospital Intravenous Drug Administration Guideline for Adults” approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) and Medical Executive Committee (MEC)

If MD writes an IV drug order for IV Push medication, this will automatically be dispensed and administered as an IV Push, unless otherwise stated by MD through specific directions “Do Not Exchange” or “DAW” or “Dispense As Written” (UH Automatic Therapeutic Exchange policy - Issue No. 707-500-122: approved by MEC)

Example:
(a) Pepcid 20 mg IVPB daily will be dispensed and administered as Pepcid 20 mg IVP daily
(b) Pedcid 20mg IVPB daily (DAW) will be dispensed and administered as Pepcid 20 mg IVPB daily

All IV push medications will be documented on the MAR.

New Procedure for Dispensing of Levaquin 500 mg IVPB
• Pharmacy Department will dispense all Levaquin® IVPB with the foil wrap on.
• The patient label will be attached on one corner to allow the RN to pull the label off the foil pack and place the label directly on the IV bag.
• Once removed from the outer foil, the Levaquin IV bag has a 24 hour expiration. This new process will help minimize product loss due to short dating and compromised sterility.