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In addition to the services we provide to our patients, we have the privilege of hosting student interns. Hosting students is a Win-Win! Our interns are here to learn from us, but we can always count on learning from them as well!

We've had many special interns over the years - pharmacy, nurses, nurse practitioners, public health, mid-wives, pre-med and more.

Recently we hosted, Nathaniel. Nathaniel was here to complete his pharmacy internship. He is a Duquesne University student and will soon be graduating. I hope that you had the opportunity to meet him!

When Larry works with a student, he has the student finish out their internship by writing a "Rotation Reflection". Nathaniel shared over two pages of his time here at the clinic. With his permission, I wanted to share just a portion:

"The approach that this clinic takes to caring for its patients is so all-encompassing, that going "above and beyond" doesn't even begin to accurately describe it. From the practitioners and educators, to the volunteers and clerical staff, everyone here owns the mission of helping those in need in any way they can."

That's YOU that he's talking about! YOU are the heart of this clinic. It is because of YOU that we can serve our patients, but we can also serve these students. Thank you for all that YOU do and sharing your time and talents with our student interns!

Upcoming Events

October 27, 2020
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Whole Health Fair
Butler VA

November 6, 2020
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Stand Down @ Tanglewood
Event for homeless Veterans. The Community Health Center will be providing flu shots to those that attend.

**Thank you** Sue Switzer, Ruth McMillan and George Farrington for coming to the event and helping with the flu shots!!

SAVE THE DATE

Jean B. Purvis Community Cornerstone Event
April 23, 2021

Signature Sensations
November 6, 2021

HIPAA • REVIEW

It's always a good time to brush up on **HIPAA**. While most people know the term, many do not fully understand **HIPAA**. **HIPAA** was enacted in 1996 with the goal of making health care in America more streamlined, efficient and secure. Originally known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum Bill, the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act** is a set of regulations with a two-pronged purpose: 1. Help patients' health insurance move with them and streamline the transfer of medical records from one health care institution to the another 2. Create standards for managing medical records to protect and enforce patient's right to have their medical records and personal health information kept private.

HIPAA was designed to ensure that the patients' healthcare information is only accessed and shared with the patient's permission, and only in the following contexts:

- Coordinating information about care and treatment
- Providing information to family, significant other, or friends who are directly involved in the patient's treatment
- Assessing the quality of care provided by the doctor or healthcare facility
- Relaying any information requested by law enforcement agencies

The sharing of patients' personal information in <u>any</u> other context is unlawful and can lead to heavy fines and even heavier settlements. Violations can mean time in jail and fines from $100 to $1,500,000.

What information is protected? The Privacy Rule protects all "*individually identifiable health information*" held or transmitted by a covered entity or its business associate, in any form or media, whether electronic, paper, or oral. The Privacy Rule calls this information "protected health information (PHI).

"Individually Identifiable Health Information" is information, including demographic data, that relates to:
- the individual's past, present or future physical or mental health or condition,
- the provision of health care to the individual, or
- the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual,
- and that identifies the individual or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe it can be used to identify the individual. Individually identifiable health information includes many common identifiers (e.g., name, address, birth date, Social Security Number).

As a healthcare provider, we <u>MUST</u> comply with all **HIPAA** regulations. If you'd like more training, please visit: US Dept. of Health & Human Services at https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/training/index.html

Please make sure that you are doing everything you can to protect our patients' rights and privacy ~ Thank You!

www.hhs.gov | https://www.otava.com/reference/what-is-a-hipaa-violation/ | https://www.recordnations.com/2017/08/hipaas-history-violations/

Our first priority is always the safety of our staff, volunteers and patients. Recently, our security company, Guardian, updated some of our panic buttons. The panic buttons are only to be used for an extreme emergency - when pressed, it sends a signal directly to Guardian which then <u>automatically</u> contacts the police.

THE PANIC BUTTONS ARE ONLY USED FOR EXTREME DURESS.

The panic buttons are located as follows:
- #1 - Linda Thoma's office
- #2 - Nurses Station
- #3 - Dental Operatory 2
- #4 - Linda Reichart's desk
- #5 - Julie's desk

If you have any questions about the panic buttons or safety, please see Linda T.

More safety information to follow soon....

"All people should be treated with dignity and respect." Jean B. Purvis