

CARE ADVISORY

TO: FHCP Affiliated Physicians & Providers

FROM: Wendy Myers, M.D., President/Chief Medical Officer

RE: PATIENT SAFETY – MEDICATION DICTATION

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It is critical that each of us knows the medications our patients take. Our Patient Safety Committee has recommended that we note all the medications a patient is taking, with their dose and frequency, in each dictation.

I have attached some baseline data showing a brief study of 5 charts for each physician. It is noted whether the medications were dictated in the note. Many of you are doing a good job already with dictating medications and allergies.

I encourage everyone to make this a habit. Please dictate all medications your patient is taking on each visit. Also, make sure you review all medications carefully when a patient is transitioned from one setting to another such as from the hospital to the outpatient arena. Times of transition are opportunities for medication error. With vigilance we can minimize incorrect medication use.

Thank you for your help.

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