



JOINT COMMISSION IS OVER AND THE HOSPITAL DID GREAT!!!



Our thanks to everyone in the Hospital who worked so hard and helped make our Joint Commission Survey a success. The Hospital scored a 93 out of a possible 100 points.

During the Joint Commission survey medication use was rated very highly. To expand on the Hospital's success in this area a few major projects are being implemented this year.

First, the Hospital is going ahead with Direct Physician Order Entry. No more hand written prescriptions!

Physician orders will go directly to the Pharmacy; all orders will be legible and complete. The system will also be interfaced with a drug information system so that physicians will become immediately aware of any drug interactions or potential dosing errors.

Second, the Department of Pharmacy will implement a full IV additive Laboratory. Nurses will no longer have to mix their own IVs for their patients.

Pharmacists will spend less time in the Pharmacy and more time on the Nursing Stations going on rounds and answering any drug related questions other healthcare professionals may have.

PYXIS (an automated medication dispensing system) that has been used so successfully in the ACRC and NS 43 is expanding to every nursing station in the Hospital for the control of narcotics. Nurses will no longer have to fill out the narcotic sheets, all necessary information will be entered into the PYXIS machine as they remove the respective narcotic. Nurses will also no longer need to order narcotics, it will be done automatically.

It's going to be an exciting year !

In 2001, there were 60 adverse drug reactions reported. Listed below are the drugs and number of occurrences of adverse reactions.

Drug Name	Number of occurrences
Actos ® tab	one
Agenerase ® caps	one
Albumin	one
Amphotericin inj	one
Ancef ®	three
Augmentin ® tab	two
Carmel Corn	one
CATH Dye	one

Drug Name	Number of Occurrences
Cefoteten inj	one
Ceftriaxone inj	one
Chemotherapy (undefined)	two
Clozaril ® tab	one
Contrast Media	three
Dilaudid ® inj	one
Electrode adhesive	one
Ferrlecit ® inj	one
Heparin inj	four
Ibuprofen tab	one
Immune globulin	two
Integrelin ® inj	one
Lisinopril	one
Morphine inj	two
Packed cells	one
Platinol ® inj	one
Plavix ® tab	one
Protamine inj	one
PSN Dialyzer soln	one
Risperdal tab	two
Rituxan ® inj	one
Rocephin ® inj	one
Taxol ® inj	two
Thorazine ® tab	two
Thymoglobulin inj	two
Trasylol ® inj	one
Unasyn ® inj	one
Vancomycin inj	two
Versed ® inj	one