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ER at Fruitville Opens December 1st

Lakewood Ranch Medical Center's new Freestanding Emergency Department, ER at Fruitville, will begin operations on Tuesday, December 1. As a physician who takes ER call at the main hospital, you may also now receive a call from the FED.

For those that have not worked with an FED in past, it is treated as an extension of the Main Hospital ER. It is staffed 24/7 with an ER Physician and full complement of nursing, imaging, and laboratory. All EMTALA and federal/state regulations apply. If a specialist on-call is needed for a patient, the FED would call you, just as they would from the Main Hospital ER. If a patient needs to be physically examined by an on-call physician, the patient may be transferred to the Main Hospital ER or admitted directly from the FED. There are limited modalities at the FED for treatment, so any surgical intervention, advanced diagnostic testing (anything above a CT, X-ray, or Ultrasound), etc. will be performed at the Main Hospital.



Revised Medical Staff Policy Updates

1. Biological Monitoring in the Operating Room
2. Borrowing / Lending Equipment and Supplies
3. Cleaning, Decontamination, and Preparing of Reusable Instruments for Sterilization—Powered Equipment
4. Disinfection / Cleaning Solutions and Sterilization Process
5. Job Shadow / Observation
6. Patient and Family Education
7. Pediatric Surgical Procedures
8. Sedation—Titration and Monitoring Effects for Mechanically Ventilated Patients
9. Targeted Temperature Management

New Process for Surgical Product Requests

For your convenience, Lakewood Ranch Surgery has developed a new product request form for any requests for new supplies, implants or devices not previously used at our facility. The form streamlines the evaluation process through the appropriate channels for approval and can be obtained in the Surgery department. Should you have any questions, please contact John Hall at 941-782-2125 or Kim Meadows at 941-782-2289.

A Note from Occupational Therapy

When you mention the word therapy to a new patient or their family, what often comes to mind is Physical Therapy. While PT plays an important role, Occupational Therapy is equally important yet is often overlooked.

While PT focuses on the important task of improving the patient's strength and mobility, occupational therapy offers fundamental and essential support to restore a patient's ability to live as independently as possible. It is the job of the OT to assess the patient's safety, balance and cognition to return home safely.

According to an independent study by health policy researchers published in Medical Care Research and Review (Rogers, Bai, Lavin, & Anderson, 2016), OTs the only spending category where additional spending has a statistically significant association with lower readmission rates. OT places a unique and immediate focus on patients' functional and social needs, which can be important drivers of readmission if left unaddressed.

Please consult Occupational Therapy for patients with general weakness, upper extremity injuries, surgical recovery, lower extremity injuries and neurological changes. We are here to help!
