November 2012 - Updates for Nursing Instructors at NCH

We are now half way through Fall Semester and the holidays are fast approaching along with the bad weather. While school and clinicals are very important so is everyone's safety. Please make safe travelling a priority. Happy Thanksqiving! ~ Kim Kelly, RN, BSN, CPN

<u>New Faculty Orientation</u> dates have been scheduled through December 2013. The next two dates are November 6th from 1 to 5 pm and December 20th from 1 to 5 pm. To register for the class or view the rest of the dates go to the Schools of Nursing (SON) website.

<u>Protected Health Information</u> includes any printed patient information and written notes regarding patient care. There have been several incidents of student's notes regarding their patient being left outside the room in full view of the public. Please remind students to keep their patient's information protected at all times.

<u>Students Administering Medications</u> provides one of the highest potential risk factors faced by Schools of Nursing. For our patient's safety please limit the number of students administering medications to an amount that can be reasonably supervised. Be sure you and the student fully understand all aspects of the medications being administered as well as the safe dose for the patient.

<u>Patients at risk for Elopment</u> have a very strict protocol that must be adhered to at all times. Please review the policy for these patients with your students during their orientation time. The policy can be located on the Anchor website while at the hospital. To get to the policy go to the Anchor home page>>click on the Policy and Procedure tab>>choose the Patient Family option under the search box>>choose Section 015 — Legislation/Legal Issues>>choose Patients Identified as an Elopement Risk.

<u>When placing Student Account</u> and fingerprinting requests please check the spelling of the students before submitting it. Changes can be made, but it defeats the purpose of a time-saving automated process if multiple changes must be made. Also, include your preferred fingerprinting time in the body of the email. The date for fingerprinting automatically defaults to the beginning date you list in the request. If you want a different date that can also be included in the email.

<u>A Policy Change for Central Lines</u> has been put into effect. In order to reduce the number of Hospital Acquired Blood Stream Infections the changing of a central line dressing is now considered an Advanced Procedure. Per the nursing student scope of practice a nursing student is not allowed to perform Advanced Procedures. This means a precepted nursing student can no longer perform central line dressing changes. All nursing students can still observe and document hourly on the central line and the dressing but they are not allowed to access or perform any direct care of the central line.

<u>Spring Semester is around the corner.</u> The schedule for Spring has been in place since August. If your school is not going to be utilizing their full assignment please notify us of any cancellations as soon as possible.