Kona Community Hospital is upgrading to a brand-new CT scanner! This is exciting news, but will require some flexibility to be successful. Moving out the old machine and renovating the room to accommodate the new machine will take a number of weeks, but will be well worth the wait and the wait.

During this time we want to continue to provide the best care possible without transporting or directing our patients to another facility so we will utilize a mobile CT van. This van is scheduled to arrive during the first week of November. It will be parked in front of the SSB in the parking stalls north of the breezeway between the SSB and the Admitting area.

When the van arrives, the CT and Imaging staff will be trained in its use and will service a few patients in the van to ensure that all our patients will be well taken care of. Once the old CT is taken out of service (tentatively planned for November 13), all CT scanning will occur in the van.

Inpatients will be taken to the van through the ambulance bay. A dedicated security officer will monitor traffic to ensure patient safety. The KCH Maintenance department has hired a contractor to erect a small ramp from the ambulance bay driveway up to the sidewalk. They will also build a cover over the sidewalk between the ambulance bay roof and the mobile CT van. In addition, we are in the process of obtaining a motorized gurney exclusively for patient transport to the mobile CT. If all goes as planned, the new CT will be operational by February 17, 2014.

As with any project of this magnitude, there are many “moving parts” and the “devil is in the details.” Many thanks go out to Contracts, Maintenance and Imaging and, of course, to all our providers, staff and patients for their flexibility and understanding. More details will be forthcoming but if you have any questions or concerns, please call Melody Sulliban at ext. 5872.

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**Tiger Team formed to Prevent Falls**

For the last year, the KCH Falls Committee has been monitoring patient fall rates and looking into the reasons a patient might fall. Many patient falls are caused by a combination of factors, such as, medication side effects, time of day, weakness, confusion and illness. But how can we prevent falls? One idea was to form a “Tiger” team. What in the world is a “Tiger” team you ask? It is a group of “subject matter experts” who come together for one to two meetings to make suggestions for resolving a problem or improving a process.

In October, the Falls Tiger Team members came together to read articles about “best practices,” talk about current practices and brainstorm methods to prevent patient falls and enhance patient safety. Although KCH has implemented the “Falling Star Volunteer Safety Program” and bedside reporting successfully on Med-Surg, falls will always require constant monitoring and intervention.

The “Tiger” Team has come up with some great ideas and suggestions, so stay tuned!

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**KCH Goes Pink to Support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Kona Community Hospital had its annual Pink Shirt Day on Tuesday, October 15. This day represents the hospital’s support for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Hospital staff was encouraged to wear pink to work as a sign of recognition of the impact that breast cancer has in our community.

Wearing pink in October has gained popularity as support for breast cancer awareness. This year, Kona Community Hospital focused on the theme, “Fight, Cure, Win.” Over 100 hospital employees dressed up in pink KCH t-shirts to show their support.

**New KCH Physicians:**
John Videh, MD—Hospitalist
Danielle Potter, MD—OB/Gyn
Adam Arlukruni, DO—Emergency Medicine

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**New Ohana Members**
April:
Simone Abrams Ruf, Admitting
Luisa Paredes, Pharmacy
Maria “Lupita” Tapia, Admitting

May:
Kelly Goddard, ES
Eric Prado, ES
Anne Brodersen, Critical Care Float
Dominique Goodson, HIM
Kingsley Crabtree, Admitting
Sheila Cortez, Nursing Admin.
Kristine Pratt, Quality Management
Jennifer C. Garcia, Rehab Services
Robin Canda, Admitting
Paula Leong, Admitting

June:
Carmen Malinis, SNF
Gary Pearson, ES
Carla Schlarb, Float
Brent Northrup, Oncology
Geraldine Mettao, Float
Crystal Matsuo, Float
Dela Chapman, Float
Ritsuko Alford, Med Surg
Steven Bonafele, RT
Helenita Furabayashi, Nursing Admin
Nikolay, Krasovsky, Nursing Admin
Jenna Quinn, Behavioral Health
Eric Magsi, RT

July:
No orientees this month

August:
Marie Hickey, Med Surg
Patricia McMeen, ES
Donald Duval, IS
Margaret Thomar, Behavioral Health
Troy Saelle, Oncology
Monica Yap, ES
Rosemary Keith, SNF
Mary Lou Miles, Behavioral Health

September:
Anthony Carter, Surgical Svcs.
Russell Ventenilla, Surgical Svcs.

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**Teamwork**

KCH Employees Volunteer in TDAP Vaccine Campaign

Kona Community Hospital employees recently participated in a number of collaborative clinics that offered free tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (TDAP) vaccines to adults in the Ka’u and South Kona communities.

The idea for the vaccine campaign was born out of the Tropic Care 2013 free clinics in Ka’u where Councilwoman Brenda Ford volunteered to assist while KCH’s Medical Van director Jackie Murray administered 200 TDAP vaccines.

The first clinic was coordinated by Ford and Murray in collaboration with clinical staff and volunteers from Kona Community Hospital. The all-day clinic was held at the Christ Church Episcopal on Konawaena School Road in Kealakekua on July 20th.

The remaining vaccines were given over the summer at churches in Pahala, Ocean View and South Kona as well as on the Medical Van in both Ka’u communities. In all, 600 vaccines were administered to community residents.

“We lose immunity to the TDAP vaccine by high school,” said Murray. Pertusis, also known as whooping cough, is not generally deadly to adults or adolescents. However, it can be deadly to infants and children. “It is very important to vaccinate adults to protect children in our community from being infected,” Murray concluded.

The opportunity for a free vaccine campaign presented itself when KCH Infection Prevention Director, Lisa Downing accepted a generous offer of TDAP vaccines from the Hawaii Department of Health.

3.4 Upgrade:
**IMPORTANT NEWS!**

On November 14th, we will go-live with the 3.4 upgrade to the EMeRGesytem. Soarian Clinicals, Soarian Financials and Pharmacy are being upgraded. They provide key features to help us achieve 2014 Stage 1 Meaningful Use. The 3.4 upgrade will enhance overall usability of these systems and add functional enhancements to improve how we work — allowing for better outcomes.

Web-based training is in progress. Our Education Department has set up classes in HealthStream. Providers have been given a link to their training video and a link for Nursing education has been posted to the KCH intranet.

See more details on the 3.4 Update Flyer or the Emerge Bulletin Board. Talk with your department managers about any questions you may have.

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**Employee of the Month—2nd Quarter**

April:
Bert Onaka

May:
Stephanie Irwin, RN

June:
Brooke Kahalioumi

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**Did you know... Birthday Lunch—**

is a celebration that will occur the first Friday of every month from Noon to 1 p.m. with CEO Jay Kreuzer. If your birthday falls within that month, you are invited.