

Smilow Update: February 21, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

### Electronic Death Certificates

Beginning on February 28, the Connecticut Department of Public Health will require its electronic system to certify deaths. The CT DPH website has enabled their self-enrollment link. Currently over 6500 providers have had credentials uploaded. Temporary credentials have been sent out to user's email.

- YNHHS will transition to electronic certification of all deaths on February 28, 2022.
- Providers should look for their temporary credentials in their work email. Log into their account as soon as able to change their temporary password. If the temporary password is not changed, the account may be locked and will require a call to the DPH help desk.
- If a provider has not received temporary credentials, they should use the self-enrollment function at <https://ct-vitals.ct.gov/production/Logon.aspx>
- All death certifications after midnight on 2/27 will need to be done via this electronic system
- More information is available at:
  - Epic -> Tools -> PostMortem Resources -> Electronic Death Certification-CT.
  - Postmortem checklist in Epic.
  - For password reset: DPH 24/7 help desk 866-225-2085

### Teaching Physician Guidelines

It is critical that when an Attending Physician acts as a Teaching Physician with a Fellow or Resident, they must follow the documentation guidelines issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Attending Physician to bill for the clinical services rendered.

### Evaluation and Management Services

The Fellow/Resident may document their performance of the Evaluation and Management service, but the Teaching Physician must also see and evaluate the patient and their documentation (referred to as the "Teaching Physician Attestation" or TPA) must include a signed addendum to the Fellow/Resident note – personalized to that patient – that indicates:

- You saw the patient

- You evaluated the patient
- What your participation was in the treatment plan/management for that patient
- Generic attestations alone are not acceptable
- The guidelines do NOT allow a Fellow/Resident to document the Teaching Physician's presence and participation in an Evaluation and Management service

### **Surgical Services**

When the surgeon performs a single major procedure (case), the op report may be dictated by either the surgeon or the resident/fellow on his/her behalf

- If the op report is dictated by the resident, the surgeon must personally document their presence during the critical or key portion(s) of the procedure in the form of an attestation in the documentation, or via a simple declarative statement in the body of the report – the resident cannot document the presence of the surgeon
- An op report dictated or authored by the attending surgeon does not adequately support that the attending was present for the entire operative/high risk procedure or the critical/key portions - when a resident/fellow is included in the header of the operative report
- The TP/attending surgeon must sign the operative report
- When the surgeon is acting alone in the case and dictates the op report (no one else is indicated in the header of the operative report or referenced in the body of the report), no attestation is needed

### **Smilow Ambulatory Leadership**

Our Smilow New Haven Ambulatory team, under the leadership of **Maureen Major Campos, RN, MS**, Director, Smilow Ambulatory Services, recently completed a program realignment to better meet the needs of our programs and re-energize our commitment to excellence in cancer care delivery.

- **Alexandra Dormal, RN**, recently joined as Program Manager for the SCH Cellular Therapy Program. Alex joined the team from the Yale Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office, where she was a nurse educator and clinical trial team manager for the cellular therapy DART since 2015. In her new role, she will focus on team management of our Apheresis, Photopheresis and Transplant departments along with the program growth of a unique important patient treatment opportunity. Alex's background, knowledge, and expertise will greatly support the growth of our program and we look forward to her partnership.
- **Sandra Marshall Wray, BSN, RN**, was promoted to Assistant Patient Service Manager and has oversight of the clinical team and patient care delivery on the second floor of our location in North Haven, reporting directly to Camille Servodidio. Sandy began her Oncology career in 2007 at Bridgeport Hospital and joined the Medical Oncology Outpatient Infusion area at Smilow in 2010. She received her BSN from Fairfield University in 2017 and her skill in direct chairside nursing and oncology expertise will greatly support the North Haven treatment unit and our Oncology program.

- **Shante' Teel Williams, RN, BSN, MSL, CNML**, joined the Smilow Ambulatory team as a Patient Service Manager from her leadership role as a PSM in the Perioperative area covering the Smilow OR's. Shante' began her career in Perioperative Services in 2009 and began her leadership journey in 2012. Shante's leadership skills and management style will be a great asset to our program.

Ambulatory Practice Alignment:

- Women's Oncology Practice (Breast/GYN Oncology)
  - Camille Servodidio, Program Manager
  - Bethany Larkin, APSM
- NP4/ NP8/North Haven Practices (Thoracic/GI/ Liver)
  - Shante' Teel Williams, Patient Services Manager, Multispecialty Clinics
  - Alienne Salleroli, Assistant Patient Service Manager, Multispecialty Clinics
  - Assistant Patient Service Manager, Multispecialty Clinics- Under Active Recruitment

Infusion Team Alignment:

- NP8: Women's Oncology, Solid Tumor and 4th floor lab
  - Camille Servodidio, Program Manager
  - Bethany Larkin, APSM
- North Haven 2nd Floor Infusion
  - Camille Servodidio, Program Manager
  - Sandra Marshall Wray, APSM

Cellular Therapy Program:

- Alexandra Dormal, Program Manager Cellular Therapy Program
  - Apheresis
  - Photopheresis
  - Bone Marrow Transplant Coordinators

**New Yale Travel Policy for Nursing Parents**

Yale University has approved a university-wide addition to the travel policy to support nursing parents who are traveling on Yale business. Effective immediately, they may be reimbursed for the cost of shipping their milk back home for their nursing child(ren). The updated policy is available [online](#).

**Town Hall**

Please save the date for our next Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital **Town Hall** on Thursday, March 3 at 5pm.

**Smilow Star!**

When you think about a team player, **Emily Kopas, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, OCN**, comes to mind. Emily recently started in a new position as the Lung Cancer Screening Coordinator for Greenwich Hospital. Right from the start, she became an invaluable member of the team. She jumped right in to work with the Epic team and the other coordinators to get the screening dashboard up and running for Greenwich Hospital. When a member of our team had to take an unexpected leave, Emily came to the rescue. She stepped in and covered the Bridgeport Hospital lung cancer screening program and did so without missing a beat. It was a smooth transition and the team at Bridgeport Hospital and our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Centers in Trumbull and Fairfield could not thank her enough.



Working as part of a large healthcare organization affords the opportunity to network with many members of the team and to have someone like Emily Kopas as a colleague is just icing on the cake. Thank you, Emily!

**Best regards,**

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