

Clinic

Communications

Update

With your Help and interest we are on the Way!

We want to update all faculty members on our progress and plans towards implementing our new electronic patient information system and ask for your continued support and dedication to this project.

Even though we have been using parts of the axiUm system since 1998/99, it was not possible to imagine moving to an all electronic, patient record system without a computer in every cubicle.

Now with the student laptop program reaching the third year class and fourth year in 2009/10, and many faculty and staff working on this project, an electronic record is possible.

Milestones

new Electronic Patient Information System : axiUm

- the introduction of the student laptop program in 2006.
- internet wiring of all 205 cubicles completed in May 2008.
- the introduction and teaching of digital radiography to the DH 1, DDS 2 and 3 classes this Fall - thanks to Kathy McInnis, Dr. Canning and Prof. Cara Tax.
- the flow charting of the patient care sequences for all clinical disciplines completed in October this year - thanks to Peter Gnemmi, Koree Lee Cormier and all Division Heads.
- the current planning to redesign the instruction in Patient Care 1 and 2 to incorporate the electronic record during typodont and treatment planning instruction for Fall 2009 - thanks to Drs. Cochrane, Knechtel, Seth, Cleghorn and Kathy McInnis.
- the design and purchase of a laptop shield and glass keyboard using touch technology in the clinic cubicles to maintain an aseptic environment - thanks to Peter Gnemmi.
- the introduction of a faculty electronic approval method for clinic code completion begun with DDS, Patient Care 2 in November this Fall - thanks to Kathy McInnis, Sandi Musolino and Peter Gnemmi.
- the first use of student laptops in the clinics during patient care activities with instructor on-line approvals in November 14th, 2008 - an exciting day.
- the planned introduction of the faculty electronic approval system into all DDS 3 clinics for January 2009 - thanks to Kathy McInnis, Sandi Musolino and Peter Gnemmi.
- the design and approval of a new Patient Medical Alert system and Medical/Dental History for the electronic record completed in October 2008 thanks to Dr Cleghorn and departmental representatives.
- the design and approval by Legal Counsel of new patient consent forms for the electronic record in November 2008 - thanks to Dr. Cleghorn
- the design and approval of a new health and functional inquiry record - in process - thanks to Drs. Knechtel, Seth, Cochrane and Cleghorn.
- the research and design for more efficient and timely production of clinic progress reports for course directors, students, staff - thanks to Sandi Musolino and Kathy McInnis
- ongoing improvements of the computer systems and servers that support this large and complex information system - thanks to University Networks and Systems and Administrative Computing Services.

Much More To Come...

If you missed the orientations to the Clinic electronic approval system for instructors in November please stay tuned - there will be more in January and this new stage is essential to approving student patient care completions from January on.

If you are a clinic course director we will be looking for your assistance to design and implement your course requirements into the electronic information system in the new year.

We will be removing our film darkrooms in the summer of 2009 and installing digital processing systems so that all our radiographs are digital for Fall 2009.

As you can see we are on the way and your participation and support is making a big difference.

If you have questions or suggestions on how we are doing with this project please contact Dr. Cleghorn, Kathy McInnis or Bruce Moxley.

We look forward to your continued interest and support as we move forward.

