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Dear Colleague

MHG is a group formed by physicians practicing at Memorial Herman Memorial City Medical Center in order to provide a high-quality, private practice alternative hospitalist group. Our goal is to collaborate with our colleagues, as a grass-roots effort against the prevailing business and political climate which threatens physician-run medical practice with extinction. All members are board certified in Internal Medicine. Several members have additional certification in Critical Care, Pulmonary, Infectious Diseases, and Palliative Care. Our goal is to support primary care physicians and specialists who are busy with their outpatient practice, by caring for their hospital admissions. Whether a patient is moderately ill and requires admission to a medical/surgical unit, or critically ill and requires ICU monitoring, our group is capable of providing the expertise required to provide the best available care. All our members are physicians deeply rooted in this community, and enjoy a solid reputation for our clinical ability and our ethical principles. This respect we enjoy from our colleagues is proven by the fact that several members of our group have held multiple positions at Memorial Herman Memorial City Medical Center as chiefs of staff; chairpersons of Medicine, Critical Care, and Pulmonary Sections; including the next chief of staff. They have been and continue to be leaders of physician-centered medicine in our medical community, protecting physician autonomy as well as the physician-patient relationship. We share a strong conviction in the basic traditional and ethical principles of the practice of medicine. Entrenched in our ethical belief is the sanctity of patient-physician relationship not only as a professional courtesy, but also as an essential element of quality medical care and of the profession itself.

As we realize that the evolving modern healthcare system has slowly created a great clinical divide, separating the inpatient and the outpatient segments of clinical care, we believe that medical excellence requires a transparent and continuous flow of information in order to bridge this divide and avoid disruption of care. We believe that as hospitalists, we are the temporary custodian of your patient. Therefore, we must adapt our practices to accommodate the patterns established by you as the primary care physician or the specialist in need of our services. We offer each referring physician the option of providing the list of specialists with whom they feel most comfortable. We always respect an established physician-patient relationship and ensure its continuation. We also provide expedient documentation to our referring physicians upon discharging patients with a variety of communication methods. We have established a web site with a public interface memorial-hospitalist.com, and a secure protected portion to allow private communication between our referring physicians. Soon we will have the capability of providing HIPAA compliant electronic communications.

Yet, the most important service we offer is our dedication to the delivery of the best quality medical care for your patients and the conviction that true private practice peers, seamlessly working to the same end, uncompromising excellence. It is clear that this unification of physician peers will be vital for survival against gathering forces in healthcare reform. We must join in being accountable to each other along the entire patient care continuum, improving our performance and generating statistics we can rely upon to represent our quality to third-parties who will decide whether we exist or not. We have established evidence based clinical processes that will allow us to provide efficient care, while maintaining the highest standard of quality. As a group of physicians with a strong investment in this medical community, both on a professional and a personal level, we are not transients who are able to avoid accountability by simply relocating. We do not report to any third party. Our only accountability is to our patients, to our colleagues, and ourselves.

It is that which has impelled us to create this unique, but natural, model which we believe will bring all our practices into an aligned position of strength for the continued autonomous private practice of medicine. Please support us and the future of your practice.



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MEMORIAL HOSPITALIST GROUP (MHG)

DIRECTIVE FORM

RE: REFERRAL SOURCE INSTRUCTIONS TO MHG
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1. **Notification:**

- a. I want to be called first when my patient presents in the Emergency Department: Y N
- b. I want MHG to function **ONLY** as my default, back-up when I cannot be reached or am out of reach: Y N
- c. I want the Emergency Dept to call MHG **FIRST** on all my patients. Y N

2. **Contact:** How often and what kind of contact do you want on your patients from the MHG doctor?

 daily weekly significant events or substantial information developed
 upon discharge/transfer copies of significant medical records is sufficient

- a. Is there a contact person, like a PA or NP, in your practice you wish to be our first contact point to minimize your inconvenience and distraction?

Name	Cell phone	
		Prefer
b. Key contact Information: Office phone:	_____	_____
Cell Phone:	_____	_____
FAX:	_____	_____
email:	_____	_____

3. **Extended Care Preferences,**

Home Health Companies:
 LTACs:
 SNFs:

4. **Specialist Preferences,**

Medicine

Allergy/Immunology:
 Cardiology:
 Dermatology:
 Endocrinology:
 Gastroenterology:
 Hematology/Oncology:
 Infectious Diseases:
 Nephrology:
 Neurology:
 Pain Management:
 Physical Medicine/Rehab:
 Psychiatry:
 Pulmonary/Critical Care:
 Rheumatology:

Surgery

Cardiothoracic:
 Colorectal Surgery:
 ENT:
 Hand Surgery:
 Neurosurgery:
 OB-GYN:
 Ophthalmology:
 Orthopedics:
 Plastic Surgery:
 Podiatry:
 Surgery:
 Urology:
 Vascular Surgery:

- 5. Do you have a need for **coverage of outpatient/office emergencies** when you are away from your practice? Y N

- 6. If you prefer certain MHG docs to manage your patients, circle those in the top banner, and our group will move patients to those doctors during routine work hours.

COMMENTS:

 PHYSICIAN NAME

 Signature

 Date



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MEMORIAL STAFF EMERGENCY CENTER CALL AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR ASSIGNED PATIENTS

I, _____, request Memorial Hospitalist Group to see
 (designating physician) accepting physician(s)
 my patients that present at MHMCMC's ER when I would be called for inpatient care. My designation
 will remain in effect until Memorial Hospitalist Group or I notify the ER in writing of any change.
 accepting physician(s)

Signature of Designating Physician

Date

Printed Name of Designating Physician

We, Memorial Hospitalist Group agree to see the assigned patients of Dr. _____,
 accepting physician(s) (designating physician)
 that present to the MHMCMC's ER and we agree to provide appropriate medical care. Our acceptance
 will remain in effect until Dr. _____ or we notify you in writing
 (designating physician)
 of any change.

Signature of Accepting Physician

Date

Printed Name of Accepting Physician

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