

Galen Hospitalist Opportunities

Northern California

- Ukiah [*Medical Director position also available*]
- Bay Area

Southern California

- Palm Springs

Hawaii

- Kailua, Oahu

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Upcoming Events

- September 17–19
CEP America's Annual
Partnership Meeting,
Scottsdale, AZ

Galen Management Transition

By Prentice Tom, President

As Galen grows, we need to meet the increasing management demands and improve the support provided to each of our practice locations. To this end, I would like to announce a very positive change that should help build our management infrastructure and provide Galen with the management resources to not only support existing sites, but also to expand our business.

Effective August 1, 2007, we will be using the CEP America Regional Directors to provide senior level management support to our Medical Directors. The current CMO, George Block, will transition out of his administrative role and will continue as one of our physicians at Regional Medical Center in San Jose. This transition will greatly increase the management experience available to Galen. CEP America Regional Directors have many years experience managing and leading a diverse number of organizations and all provide senior oversight to multi-million dollar health care operations.

Included amongst this group of senior leaders are a founding Board Member of a large Bay Area IPA, the first physician to graduate from Harvard Law School, a long-time senior manager for two well known health care organizations, and a senior CEP America leader who has helped define a new nationally recognized paradigm in patient flow. The experience they bring in facilitating relationships with medical staff and hospitals and managing operational change will be invaluable. Every Galen site has already been assigned a CEP America Regional Director to support the local site leadership (see reverse). Please join me in welcoming these new physicians to Galen.

In addition, to further support our sites, we will be developing resource physician hospitalists within the organization and utilizing our Galen Medical Directors to provide insight into specific hospitalist issues. As we grow, we will be able to use the Best Practices and experience across sites to support each of our practice locations.

Why Is Our Name “Galen?”

Claudius Galenus of Pergamum (131-201 AD), better known as Galen, was a famous Greek physician who was considered second only to Hippocrates in his importance to the development of medicine. He gained fame as a surgeon to the gladiators and was eventually summoned to Rome to be the physician of the Emperor. Galen spent the rest of his life at the court writing an enormous corpus of medical works which became the standard source of medical knowledge for centuries.



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I am hoping to see many of you at the CEP America Meeting in Scottsdale, where we will discuss these and other issues in greater depth.

Galen Practice Location

- Ukiah
- Castle, HI
- Regional Medical Center, SJ
- Sequoia Hospital
- Desert Medical Center
- DMC San Pablo
- Sutter Delta

Regional Director

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Hospitalist FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

- **If I know another physician that is interested in working as a hospitalist, who should I contact?**

If you know someone that is interested in working for Galen as a hospitalist, please have them either call JoAnne Duncan (510)879-9077, or email her, duncanj@medamerica.com, and she will get in contact with them. FYI—we are developing a referral program that will reward physicians for sending us referrals. We will send out information as soon as it is approved.

- **Why do we need to provide a time statement when we use a critical care code?**

The time statement is a requirement of CMS and does not have to be for time with patient only. It can include reviewing test results, consulting with other physicians, and other patient care items, excluding any time doing procedures. You can use this following qualifying statement, “Time spent more than 30 minutes, excluding procedures.”

- **What is a “TAD” and why do I need to complete it?**

A “TAD” is a *Turn Around Document* and it is sent out when the documentation received by MBSI is missing an entire section like the ROS, PFSH or critical care time statement. It allows you to either dictate an addendum to the medical record or accept it as is. You must return the letter to MBSI within 30 days after receiving and indicate what you have done. If you are able to remember the case, then it is critical that you dictate the addendum, so we can bill the insurer for the higher code. If not, the service rendered will either be down-coded or not coded at all.