



# Housestaff NEWSLETTER

## KEY TOPICS THIS MONTH:

- Important Reminders from GME
- Child Care Needs Survey
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Be Well Utah
- Intercomm
- Utah Medical Association Membership

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM GME

### Update Your Address / Campus Information System

Be sure to update the address listed under your "Personal Bio / Demo Information" in the Campus Information System (<https://cis.utah.edu>). This will prevent delays in receiving important notices regarding your benefits, among other important subjects.



### Ski Discounts / Student Pricing

Each Program Coordinator has been provided with a template for a letter that affirms the dual status (student / staff) of our residents and fellows. Ski resorts will often accept this documentation to offer student discounts to our housestaff. Inquire with your Program Coordinator if you would like a copy of this letter.

### Licensing Reminders

If you have applied for a Utah Medical License or DEA License, please be sure to get copies to the GME office (1C412) when you receive them.



## CHILD CARE SURVEY

The University has recently acquired a building near the health sciences campus that has potential to be used as a child care center. Please help assess child care needs among faculty, staff and students by taking a brief, anonymous survey. The survey can be taken at the link below:

<https://securembm.uuhsc.utah.edu/ESurvey/index.cfm?event=Run.Open&Run.RemoteKey=730D0417717F006571037467790F701170757460787A7364790C0D62717F7267>



This survey will be available through Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Your participation is appreciated.



**QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

*Just a reminder:*

Make sure you type or write out all free text areas of electronic or paper charting!

The following is the Joint Commission list of 'Do Not Use' abbreviations:

Do Not Use	Potential Problem	Use Instead
U (unit)	Mistaken for "0" (zero), the number "4" (four) or "cc"	Write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily) Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod (every other day)	Mistaken for each other Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "l"	Write "daily" Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)* Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg Write 0.X mg
MS MSO <sub>4</sub> and MgSO <sub>4</sub>	Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate Confused for one another	Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate"

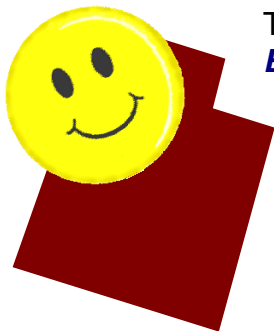
<sup>1</sup> Applies to all orders and all medication-related documentation that is handwritten (including free-text computer entry) or on pre-printed forms.

\***Exception:** A "trailing zero" may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.

<http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/DoNotUseList/>

**BE WELL UTAH**

*Mark your calendars: September 8-12!*



This will be a week of family health activities culminating in the Saturday *Be Well Utah Fair*.

**Join Us For:**

- Complimentary health screenings
- Informative lectures with health care experts
- Daily lifestyle event opportunities to walk, hike, cycle and run
- Saturday: Interactive wellness displays, Kid's Corner, University of Utah athletics and more!

See Intercomm for more details or visit:

<http://www.healthcare.utah.edu/bewellutah/>



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**NEW HEALTH SCIENCES INTRANET - INTERCOMM**

*Intercomm* is the new Health Sciences Intranet system.

You can access Intercomm at <https://intercom.utah.edu> . The system requires you to log on using your Campus Information System information. This will provide more security for our internal web pages and allow notices to be targeted to specific personnel.



Please check Intercomm at least once per week. Notices that are important to your position will periodically appear when you log in. A training video can be viewed at

<http://healthcare.utah.edu/intercommintro.html> .

Intercomm is designed to be a portal for all on-line campus resources. It is recommended that you set this as your browser's home page.

**UTAH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Join UMA today! If you had joined last year, you could have save thousands of dollars in discounts or services through UMA.



As a member you can save 40% or \$44 on the *Prescriber's Letter*. This is a subscription service for prescribers to keep them up to date on new developments in drug therapy. The service consists of a monthly letter, plus detail documents available 24 hours a day.

Prescribers receive very short concise updates and advice. The detail documents provide in-depth coverage answering many specific questions related to each topic.

More information can be found at <http://www.utahmed.org/> .

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*Have a Nice  
September!*

