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Your physician weekly bulletin

Did you know that Labor Day, the first Monday in September, became a federal holiday in 1894? It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of our country.

As we close in on the end of summertime, here are system items that may be of interest:

- award-winning podcast by two Beaumont physicians
- reduce sleeping patient interruptions
- office resources

I'm pleased to share that the [Beaumont HouseCall podcast](#) series, which was featured in Modern Healthcare Magazine, just received a [platinum dotcomm award](#). Launched in May with hosts Nicholas Gilpin, D.O. and Asha Shajahan, M.D., these two doctors are passionate about helping people to manage their health concerns. In each of the 12 episodes, they talk with an expert about a health topic that people want to learn more about in an easy-to-understand, yet frank conversation. It's a "medical mumbo-jumbo" free zone, so you can offer these insightful [educational episodes](#) to your patients. I learned valuable information about Lyme disease when I listened.

Want to improve your hospitalized patients' comfort? A system-wide inpatient study on **overnight lab draws** has been conducted to reduce patient sleep disruptions. Since this study, several inpatient units in our hospitals have begun coordinating tasks between nursing and phlebotomy technicians, which has decreased interruptions to sleeping patients. This effective collaboration has worked well and been rewarding for both patients and staff. Two things I'd like ordering physicians to consider. One, consolidate lab tests to avoid repeated pokes during the day and, two, minimize lab testing overnight when feasible. Essentially, **be mindful of orders and how you can improve the patient experience**.

Need help with patient communication strategies? Look to the [ABIM Choosing Wisely campaign](#) for resources to promote conversations between you and your patients to ultimately help patients choose quality care.

Have you been using the [provider website](#)? Once you login, the site personalizes information for your location with updated procedures, news and policies. And the [Office Resources page](#) is your page to list space for lease, available positions or equipment for sale. Send your information to physicians.communications@beaumont.org with what may help your office and it will be posted to the page. There are items posted there already, so go check it out.

Remember that the [weight management campaign](#) begins next week, as does the [heart and vascular campaign](#). Please take a look at these materials so you can refer your patients into these highly-regarded programs, if necessary.

Finally, **Epic Single Instance Implementation** is a couple weeks away, scheduled for Sept 9. Valuable resource links include:

[OB Stork Provider](#)

[Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne with Surgeon and Anesthesia](#)

[Royal Oak, Troy and Grosse Pointe with Surgeon and Anesthesia](#)

[Farmington Hills with Surgeon and Anesthesia](#)

Wishing you, your family and friends a fun and restful Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David P. Walters, D.O." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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