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Electronic Health Records Bulletin

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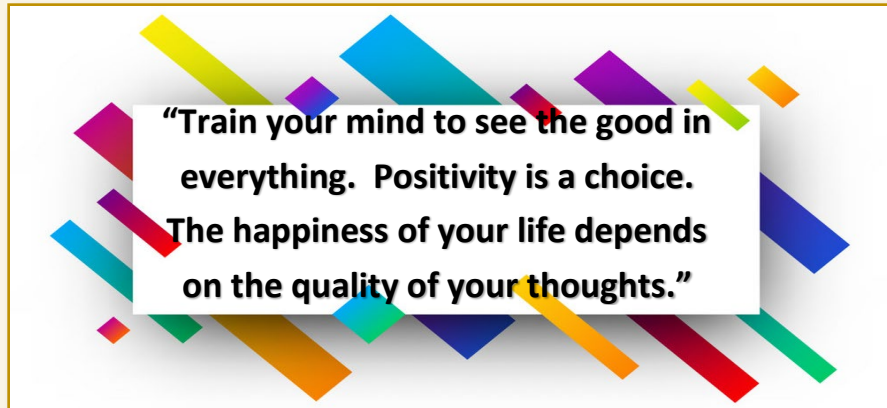


2024 CureMD Updates & Reminders

- ❖ The EHR team would like to announce the addition of two members to our team:
 - **Nurse Manager** to replace Catina Swindle - **Judy Dicks, RN** is training in the use of CureMD and is a valuable new member of the EHR team and is looking forward to assisting you with any concerns or questions. Judy can be reached at 334-206-2951.
 - **Clerk** - Hazel Lucas. Hazel can be reached at 334-206-9306.
- ❖ A great big "Thank You" to Houston, Coffee, and Pike County Health Departments for agreeing to pilot the new Billing Upgrades. We welcome any comments and suggestions as we move forward with this upgrade.
- ❖ For all counties not participating in the pilot, please continue current processes. EHR will notify you when changes occur.
- ❖ As we phase into the new CureMD billing system, please scan the entire (front/back) Insurance Card and Driver's License. **Do not crop the cards.** It is important that all the information on the cards is captured.
- ❖ Requests for **Inventory Access** must be provided by CureMD. Please send your request to the EHR email address. Once your request has been approved, you will be notified. This process normally takes 24 to 48 hours to process.
- ❖ 2024 EHR Training
 - September 20 | October 18 | November 15
 - To request special training outside of these scheduled dates, please contact the EHR department via email @ EHR@adph.state.al.us to accommodate your request.
 - Contact Connor McLemore (IT Help Desk) at 334-206-5268 with CureMD computer issues.

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS & HEALTH OBSERVANCES

- ❖ Labor Day, (9/2)
- ❖ Grandparents Day, (9/08)
- ❖ Patriot Day, (9/11)
- ❖ Constitution Day, (9/17)
- ❖ National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (9/18)
- ❖ National Good Neighbor Day (9/28)
- ❖ Healthy Aging Month
This observance raises awareness on the physical and mental health of adults to stay healthy as they age.
- ❖ Addiction Awareness Month
This observance is held every September to provide support to individuals and families affected by addiction, and to educate the public.



Ingredients	Orange Pineapple Fluff Salad	Instructions
1 12 oz can mandarin oranges, drained		1. Stir together the first 5 ingredients in a large bowl until well blended.
1 8 oz can crushed pineapple in juice, not drained		2. Gently fold in whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour.
1 pkg. 3.4 oz vanilla instant pudding mix		3. Enjoy.
1 cup mini-marshmallows		
½ cup chopped pecans		
1 ½ cups frozen whipped topping, thawed		

HELPFUL LINKS YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

[ADPH Districts & Health Departments](#)

[ADPH Guide to Services](#)

[Central Office Telephone Listing](#)

[Map \(Public Health Districts\)](#)

[CDC Vaccines](#)

[VAERS](#)

September Symbols

Birthstone
Sapphire

Birth Flowers
Morning Glory
Aster

Colors
Deep Blue
Sapphire

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SHINE A LIGHT ON CHILDHOOD CANCER DURING SEPTEMBER

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a month designated to call attention to this condition which deeply affects families across the world. According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 15,000 children and adolescents ages 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States and 1,590 will die of the disease. Pediatric cancers are the leading cause of death from disease of children and adolescents. The cause of most pediatric cancers remains unknown.

Many cancers in children are found early, either by a child's doctor or by parents or relatives. Cancers in children, however, can be hard to recognize in early stages because symptoms are often like those caused by much more common illnesses or injuries. Children often get sick or have bumps or bruises that might mask the early signs of cancer.

Cancer in children is not common, but it is important to have your children examined by a doctor if they have unusual signs or symptoms that do not go away, such as these listed by the American Cancer Society:

- An unusual lump or swelling
- Unexplained paleness and loss of energy
- Easy bruising or bleeding
- An ongoing pain in one area of the body
- Limping
- Unexplained fever or illness that doesn't go away
- Frequent headaches, often with vomiting
- Sudden eye or vision changes
- Sudden unexplained weight loss

If your child has any of these symptoms, see a doctor so that the cause can be found and treated, if needed. Other symptoms are also possible, depending on the type of cancer. More information on common symptoms for specific types of childhood cancer can be found in [Types of Cancer that Develop in Children](#).

On a positive note, medical advances mean many childhood cancers are highly treatable. The American Association for Cancer Research reports that pediatric cancer death rates have declined by almost 70 percent over the past 4 decades. According to the National Cancer Institute, as of January 1, 2020 (the most recent date for which data are available), approximately 495,739 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer (diagnosed at ages 0 to 19 years) were estimated to be alive in the U.S. The number of survivors will continue to increase, given that the incidence of cancer in children and adolescents has been rising slightly in recent decades and that survival rates overall are improving.

Among this growing group of survivors is Raeleigh Jane McCartha, daughter of Rachel and Josh McCartha. Raeleigh Jane's father is employed with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Raeleigh Jane was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare and serious form of childhood cancer, at 15 months of age in 2016. Following successful treatment, the family feels richly blessed she is thriving and will turn 10 in October.

To reduce the risk of cancer as your children grow older, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends parents consider these tips to reduce their kids' risk of cancer as adults.

- Stay safe in the sun.
- Get your kids vaccinated against HPV (human papillomavirus).
- Help your kids stay active and keep a healthy weight.
- Talk to your kids about smoking and do not allow them to be exposed to secondhand smoke.

The ADPH is a member of the Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. The coalition's vision, mission, special programs, and information about joining are described [on this website](#). If you are interested in reducing the impact and burden of cancer in Alabama, please consider joining.

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