

MEDICAL STAFF NEWS

A monthly newsletter for the Medical Staff of Swedish Medical Center

Swedish Bylaws | Swedish Rules and Regulations | Swedish Organization and Functions Policy
 New & Revised Clinical Standards | Access System Library Services & Resources
 Edmonds Bylaws | Edmonds Rules and Regulations | Edmonds Organization and Functions Policy

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Postponed: Unified Medical Staff Quarterly Meeting

TBD

The Medical Staff will be informed of the new meeting date once determined.

Postponed: Medical Staff Leadership Retreat

TBD | Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum

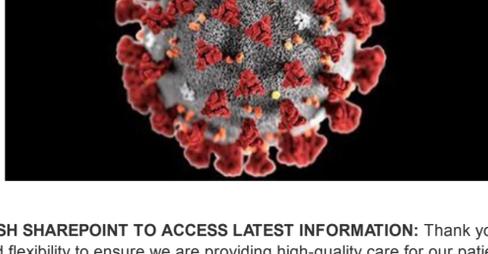
Medical Staff leaders will be informed once the new dates are scheduled. Opportunities to RSVP, along with more details regarding the agenda, lodging, food, and entertainment will be emailed from Medical Staff Services.

Caring Reliably: Training Dates - Register Here

April 23, 2020: 8:00am - 10:00am, First Hill Campus | Glaser Auditorium

September 22, 2020: 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Edmonds Campus | Auditorium A&B

SWEDISH INFORMATION & RESPONSE TO COVID-19



VISIT SWEDISH SHAREPOINT TO ACCESS LATEST INFORMATION: Thank you for all your hard work and flexibility to ensure we are providing high-quality care for our patients during this trying time. To stay informed, we encourage you to visit [Swedish's Infection Prevention Sharepoint](#) (to access this site, you must log in with your @providence.org username & password).

PROVIDER LABOR POOL: In response to this community emergency, Swedish Acute Care Services and Swedish Medical Group are recruiting an emergency labor pool of providers who can serve in any number of capacities from Hospital Medicine to Critical Care to Virtual Care and more. Providers without specific experience in these areas are also needed to serve as specialty extenders in the inpatient capacity. **If you are interested in joining the emergency labor pool, please click here and fill out the survey.**

VIEW RECENT SWEDISH COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: Swedish releases a daily newsletter with up-to-date COVID-19 information, including a message from Swedish leaders, daily stats, community response clinic hours, updates to PPE and other policies/protocols, and much more. **Click here** to read the March 23rd update. **Click here to read the recent newsletters.**

WATCH MOST RECENT TOWN HALL: Swedish hosts a virtual Town Hall with COVID-19 updates every Monday and Thursday from 12pm - 1pm. **Click here to watch the March 23rd Town Hall.** Links to previous Town Hall recordings are available [here](#) (@providence username and password required).

MORE NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Bilingual Staff Policy

Hospital regulations require that we define our processes for evaluating the fluency level of our Bilingual caregivers and providers who wish to use a language other than English in the course of their own work (such as speaking to patients / visitors). Please see the newly revised [Bilingual Staff and Qualified Languages Policy](#), and [Bilingual Caregiver Fluency Evaluation Job Aid](#). All participants must complete the language assessment process and pass with a minimal level of proficiency, which Swedish will retain as proof of their language competency. This is a one-time, voluntary test. Note: If you've taken a language assessment test previously, send your test results and [Qualification Form](#) to Linguistic Services to obtain your "Bilingual" badge sticker. Questions? Please contact the Interpreter Services Department or [Kathleen To](#).

Swedish Pharmacy and Therapeutics

DIRECT ORAL ANTICOAGULANT (DOAC) ORDER PANEL ROLL OUT 3/5/20

A new inpatient medication order panel has been created to facilitate ordering of direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs). The panel is configured by indication and follows system-approved renal dosing guidelines. [Click here](#) for more information on the roll out on March 5, 2020.

IV LEVOTHYROXINE USE CRITERIA effective 3/17/20

Levothyroxine IV utilization has been restricted since March of 2017. Levothyroxine IV can be interchanged to PO at 50% dose conversion. Levothyroxine has an average half-life of 9 to 10 days in hypothyroidism patients, thus it is safe to hold IV levothyroxine for 7 days if patient cannot take the medication orally or via tube. [Click here](#) to review the use criteria effective March 17, 2020.

ANTI-Xa MONITORING to REPLACE aPTT for HEPARIN INFUSION

P&T decision: APPROVED 1/8/20. Implementation 4/2/2020.

Heparin infusions managed by pharmacy will use anti-Xa monitoring instead of aPTT for the standard of care starting April 2nd, 2020. Monitoring intravenous unfractionated heparin infusions with anti-Xa, compared to aPTT, achieves therapeutic anticoagulation more rapidly, maintains the values within the goal range for a longer time, and requires fewer adjustments in dosage and repeat tests. [Click here](#) for a summary of the practice changing update for providers. Education modules are being developed for providers, pharmacists and nursing staff. Details will be posted on the [P&T webpage](#) (access to Swedish intranet required).

P&T LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Our Swedish P&T Chair, Adam Corson, MD will also be serving as co-chair of the PSJH System P&T. His responsibilities include assisting in the development and review of the System P&T agenda, reviewing the PCC agendas to stay informed of future topics that may come to SP&T. Once PCC has reached a final recommendation, facilitating discussion during the meetings and providing a quarterly report out to the CMO Collab on behalf of the System P&T Committee.

Our Executive Director of Pharmacy, Jim Lacy, will be serving as chair of the Pharmacy Governance Council (PGC) to facilitate changes in the governance and pharmacy related Epic process improvement. PGC is comprised of system and regional executives whose primary role is to identify, optimize and align pharmacy practices that maintain or enhance patient safety, affordability and/or optimize care outcomes. The council supports the PSJH Strategic plans by developing and maintaining sustainable medication management and pharmacoeconomic models as establishing productivity/benchmarking standards, process improvement projects, system policies, system pharmacy contracts and regulatory/accreditation/compliance readiness plans.

Office 365 Migration and Mobile Email

During the months of March & April, Medical Staff members' Swedish Microsoft accounts are being migrated to the Office 365 platform. Swedish has discontinued all mobile email applications for Office 365 users, *except* for Microsoft Outlook. This means that other email applications, such as Apple Mail or Android Mail, will no longer function with your email once your account has been migrated to Office 365. Follow these instructions to set up Microsoft Outlook on your cell phone: [iPhone](#) | [Android](#).

If you have not yet migrated to Office 365, there is no action required. For help accessing your email remotely, please call the IS Service Desk at **844-92-AskIT (844-922-7548)**.

OTHER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Caring Reliably Tool of the Month: Peer Check

[Click here for more information](#)



Free & Confidential Mental Health Resources for Swedish Medical Staff and Their Families | [Click here to learn about the resources available](#)

Check out the Physician Assistance Program

Outside, confidential service available to Medical Staff and their families at no cost. Provides mental health, legal, financial, and other support services. | [Learn more here](#)

CAMPUS UPDATES

Ballard

Cherry Hill

Edmonds

First Hill

Issaquah

DEPARTMENT UPDATES (no link means no update for this month)

Acute Care Medicine | Anesthesiology | Cardiovascular Services

Emergency Medicine | Family Medicine | Medicine | Neurosciences | Obstetrics & Gynecology

Orthopedics | [Pathology](#) | Pediatrics | Radiology | Surgery | Urology

Welcome New Medical

Staff Members!

[Click Here](#) to see who joined the

Swedish Medical Staff in February!



CME

Swedish CME Activities Status Update

As part of prevention efforts for COVID-19 transmission and to ensure our caregivers are available for the needs of the community, Swedish CME has canceled our March symposiums and are working to reschedule them for later dates. Current registrants will be notified by email and registration fees *will be refunded* via the original method of payment within 3-5 business days. Leadership has also requested that non-essential regularly scheduled series be canceled, however, please check with meeting leaders for details. Please check the [Swedish CME website](#) for updates on our symposiums or contact the Swedish CME office with any questions at cme@swedish.org.

9th Annual Pacific Northwest Head and Neck Cancer Symposium: Thyroid Disorders - Guidelines, Guidance, and Common Sense – June 19

Join your colleagues at this educational program as expert faculty will present contemporary clinical and scientific information to clinicians involved in the care of patients with both benign and malignant thyroid disease. This course is presented through a partnership with UW Medical and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. This conference is designed for providers in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery, endocrinology, general surgery, primary-care, family medicine, residents, fellows and allied health professionals in the Pacific Northwest. [View more information about the course here.](#) *This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.*

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