

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
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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Unified Medical Staff Bylaws: Voting Period

November 16, 2020 - November 30, 2020

The Swedish Medical Executive Committee (SMEC) is recommending several amendments to the Unified Medical Staff Bylaws. The amendments are grouped into 9 line-item votes, and may be voted on by any Active or APC member of the Unified Medical Staff. Electronic ballots were emailed to eligible voting members on November 16 from SwedishMedicalStaffVote@Swedish.org. Votes must be cast by 5pm on November 30, 2020.

Click the following links to review the proposed amendments, along with a summary of the proposed changes: [Letter of Intent & Summary of Proposed Changes](#) | [Blacklined Text](#) | [Side-by-Side Text](#) | [Summary of Comments & SMEC Response](#).

Email SwedishMedicalStaffVote@Swedish.org with questions or if you did not receive your ballot.

SWEDISH NEWS

Swedish COVID-19 Updates & Resources

Click the following links to access information (some sites may require your @providence.org username & password):

[Swedish COVID-19 Sharepoint](#) | [Swedish COVID-19 Analytics](#)

[Most recent Swedish COVID-19 update](#) | [Swedish COVID-19 Newsletter Archive](#)

[Most recent Swedish COVID-19 Town Hall recording](#) | [Town Hall Video Archive](#)

Mask Up and Don't Forget Eye Protection

MESSAGE BY MICHELE ARNOLD, MD, ISSAQUAH CMO



A recent case from the Swedish Issaquah campus highlights the need to wear a properly fitted N95 mask and eye protection -- full length face shield, goggles, or facemask (mask with shield) -- during encounters with a patient who is COVID-positive or a PUI. Read about the case, required eye protection, and an exposure risk assessment grid [here](#).

For more information on Required Use of Facemask, Eye Protection and Required Physical Distancing (UPDATED 11/23/2020), [click here](#).

For more information about what constitutes an 'exposure' or about quarantine, [click here](#).

Sepsis Documentation

MESSAGE BY CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Sepsis is a hot topic nationwide and documentation is key to ensuring the patient's severity of illness is accurately depicted through coding, quality metrics, and registry reporting. Provider documentation must include clinical indicators and interventions to validate the diagnosis of sepsis in the assessment/plan portion of the note. Swedish does not use the problem list for coding purposes so it is imperative that every diagnosis is discussed in the body of the note. [Read more here](#).

Swedish Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

The P&T committee provides interdisciplinary oversight and guidance for all medication use policies and processes across the Swedish system to ensure that medications are used in a safe, clinically appropriate, and cost-effective manner.

Decisions from the P&T October meeting on low-dose alteplase infusion, insulin restrictions, and IV push and IV bolus medications are available. [Click here for a printable PDF version of the October 29th P&T Newsletter](#) or visit the [Swedish P&T Webpage](#) (providence.org username and password required to access page).

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & TRAINING TOOLS



Caring Reliably: Tools of the Month

- 1) [Speak-up for Safety: A Tool for Everyone - Read more here](#)
- 2) [Operate Learning Boards: A Tool for Leaders - Learn more here](#)

For detailed information about enrollment for Toolbox for Everyone and Toolbox for Leaders, please see the [Swedish Caring Reliably Sharepoint](#).

Office 365 Training Materials

Office365: [Training Resources](#)

Mobile Access to Swedish Email: [iPhone](#) | [Android](#) (employed providers only)

For help with Office 365 or Remote Access, please call the IS Service Desk at **844-92-AskIT (844-922-7548)**.

MEDICAL STAFF WELLNESS

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

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](#)

Other Wellness Resources

Swedish's [Caregiver Wellness Sharepoint](#) and [Credible Mind](#) offer a collection of resources and tools available for Swedish providers to help support body and mind.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Ballard

Cherry Hill

Edmonds

First Hill

Issaquah



Mondays, 12-1pm | Teams: (509) 904-0815, 572 788 0978 | Leadership Conf. Rm.

Battlefield Debrief Drop-In Sessions

This weekly forum is a secure, confidential space for physicians and APCs at Swedish Issaquah to connect with their peer group.

- Share stories of traumatic events and validate crisis reactions
- Express workplace stressors or the burden of heavy workloads
- Vent feelings or fears
- Find encouragement and support from others that understand the pressures of navigating challenging circumstances
- Self-check for burn-out and exhaustion
- Recognize or modify maladaptive behaviors
- Connect with other organizational resources if needed

Rotating Physician Leader Hosts:
 Dr. Brenna Born
 Chief of Staff,
 Swedish Issaquah
 Dr. Michele Arnold
 Chief Medical Officer,
 Swedish Issaquah
 Dr. Jennifer Spence
 Chief of Staff,
 Swedish System

Things this group is NOT: psychotherapy, formal counseling, behavioral assessment, mental health care, event case analysis, peer review, or a substitute for the employee/provider assistance program or behavioral health concierge (833-286-WELL).

Battlefield Debrief Drop-in Sessions

Mondays, 12-1pm, Issaquah Medical Staff leaders will host secure, confidential weekly forums for physicians and APCs at Swedish Issaquah to connect with their peer group. [Learn more here](#).

Welcome New Medical Staff Members!



[Click Here](#) to see who joined the Swedish Medical Staff in October!

CME

CME ACCREDITED PROVIDERS:

Swedish Medical Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Visit <https://www.swedish.org/for-health-professionals/cme> for more information.

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