

MEDICAL STAFF NEWS

A monthly newsletter for the Medical Staff of Swedish Medical Center

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Elections

Fall 2019

Elections for System & Campus Chief of Staff-Elect, System & Campus Department Chiefs, and System APC Representative will occur in the Fall. If you are interested in a Medical Staff leadership position, please contact your Campus Chief of Staff, or the System Chief of Staff, Dr. Peggy Hutchison at peggy.hutchison@swedish.org.

Caring Reliably: Training Dates - Register Here

10/24/19: 3:30pm-5pm, First Hill

10/29/19: 5pm-7pm, Edmonds

12/10/19: 8am-10am, Issaquah

Physician Wellness Virtual Groups Schedule Change

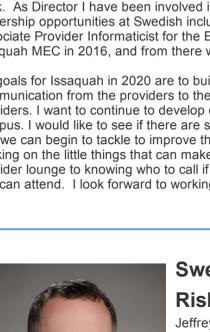
Medical Staff and Administrative leaders along with behavioral health specialists have been working together to provide resources to support caregiver and physician wellness. In June at First Hill, weekly Physician Wellness Group sessions were started to promote physician wellness. The recently transitioned virtual groups are offered weekly. The morning sessions held on the 1st Mondays and 4th Fridays of the month have moved to a new time: 12:15pm-1pm. The virtual sessions are free and open to all physician medical staff members, fellows, and residents. The flyer with the schedule and the instructions for the virtual Physician Wellness Groups may be found [here](#).

Swedish Surprise Billing Grassroots

Message from Janice Lew, MD, FH Chief of Staff: The U.S. Congress is considering bipartisan legislation to end surprise billing for patients, and Swedish Health Services strongly supports this goal. However, we have concerns about current proposals that would set an arbitrary payment rate for these out-of-network claims. Specifically, we believe this rate setting approach will have unintended consequences for patients because it will weaken existing provider networks. Government-mandated rates reduce the ability for local communities to recruit and retain physicians and other providers, which in turn will create weaker networks with less access for patients.

You are invited to join us and advocate that Congress hold patients harmless from surprise bills and allow providers and insurers to negotiate a fair payment rate. More information may be found at <https://pza.co.jp6k/JNs>.

Message from Peggy Hutchison, MD, System Chief of Staff



The Bylaws vote at the Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting on 9/17/19, did not support the proposed Bylaws revisions. Thank you to all of you who took the time to vote.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the members who participated in the Bylaws Revision Project. The time spent was significant and despite the results of the vote, there is no doubt that you had the best interest of the Swedish Medical Staff as a whole, in your efforts.

I am hopeful that your engagement regarding this vote is a sign of your participation in Medical Staff governance going forward.

SWEDISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Issaquah Welcomes Their 2020-2021 Chief of Staff: Brenna Born, MD

I began with Swedish in 2006 at the stand alone Emergency Department in Issaquah that is staffed by Eastside Emergency Physicians. I became the Emergency Department Medical Director before the move up to the new Issaquah hospital in the summer of 2011. Eastside Emergency Physicians also partnered with Swedish to open the Redmond campus and ED in 2010 and the Mill Creek campus and ED in 2011, where I also work. As Director I have been involved in multiple committees and leadership opportunities at Swedish including working with EPIC where I am currently the Associate Provider Informatist for the Emergency Departments at Swedish. I joined the Issaquah MEC in 2016, and from there went on to the Chief of Staff elect position in 2018.



My goals for Issaquah in 2020 are to build on the legacy that exists. I want to improve communication from the providers to the Medical Staff leadership and from leadership to the providers. I want to continue to develop our ability to interface with and effect quality on our campus. I would like to see if there are some quality projects that involve multiple disciplines that we can begin to tackle to improve the care of our patients. I would also love to start working on the little things that can make life on our campus easier from improvements in the provider lounge to knowing who to call if you have a problem to knowing when meetings are so you can attend. I look forward to working with you next year!



Swedish Welcomes New Director of Risk Management and Patient Safety

Jeffrey Weisser, RN, JD, CPHRM, has joined Swedish as the new Director for Risk Management and Patient Safety. Jeff will report to Chief Quality Officer, Dr. Chris Dale, and work with his dyad partner, Dr. Sarah Higgs. Jeff has been a Registered Nurse since 1997 and has worked in a variety of hospital settings. He previously worked as a claims attorney for a large non-profit hospital system in Texas. Most recently, Jeff was the Associate Director for Health Sciences Risk Management at the University of Washington. He is eager to work with the organization and to learn how best to provide service to your area. He can be reached at (206) 386-2306 or Jeffrey.weisser@swedish.org.

Medical Staff Committee Highlight:

MEDICAL STAFF FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSFAC)

The MSFAC provides financial oversight of the Medical Staff Dues Account and invested funds. Members of this committee include the System and Campus Chiefs of Staff, one appointed representative from each System and Campus Executive Committee, and the elected or appointed System Treasurer, who serves as Chair. The committee meets at least quarterly. The primary source of revenue for the Medical Staff is the annual Medical Staff dues. The expenses are for the benefit of the Medical Staff and include, but are not limited to, contributions to leadership stipends, the annual Medical Staff Retreat, the annual Holiday event, educational programs, and Nurses Week Recognition.

In 2019 the Medical Staff Dues Account underwent a thorough external audit. The next meeting of the MSFAC is scheduled for September 24, 2019. Agenda items include a review of the audit findings; the 2019 dues account investment and financial performance; and any applications for funds. Direct any questions about the medical staff dues account to the current System Medical Staff Treasurer, Janice Lew, MD, at janice.lew@swedish.org.

MORE NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Ready For Mandatory Appropriate

Use Criteria For Advanced Imaging

A new clinical decision support tool in Epic will go live **October 1st** across the organization to help providers adhere to mandatory appropriate use criteria (AUC) when ordering advanced imaging studies for Medicare-eligible patients. Since this criteria is a new requirement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), it is important that you have the tools and information you need to comply.

Please click here to find out how to get ready for the CMS mandate which begins **January 1, 2020**.

Changes to the US Anesthesia Partners -

Washington Contract with United

Please be aware that US Anesthesia Partners (USAP-WA) is no longer in network with United. USAP-WA provides anesthesiology services at all campuses except Swedish Edmonds. This impacts UnitedHealthcare commercial products, but does not affect UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan patients. Please note that USAP-WA currently participates with all other major insurance plans in Washington. We posted this information at our registration desks and USAP-WA informed patients of this change. **More information is also available here.**

Need to call the IS Service Desk? Use a new

number starting October 17

Information Services is implementing a single phone number for the entire organization to call the service desk. **Starting October 17, all caregivers should call 844-92-AskIT (844-922-7548)**. Current phone numbers will be phased out over time, so be sure to note the new number. **Learn what's changing.**

SHORTAGES OF HEPARIN PRODUCTS

A recent outbreak of swine fever in China has reduced the worldwide supply of raw materials to make unfractonated heparin medications. This will likely cause shortages and potential outages of heparin products worldwide for at least the next 6 months.

The Anticoagulation and Hemostasis subcommittee of the Swedish P&T has recommended that prescribers order enoxaparin instead of heparin for DVT prophylaxis. This helps conserve heparin for situations where enoxaparin is not appropriate while offering equivalent efficacy, fewer injections per day, and a lower risk of HIT (with or without thrombosis). Enoxaparin costs Swedish less than a dollar per day more than SQ heparin, and this works out to costing the organization less than \$100 to avoid one case of HIT with thrombosis.

Swedish inpatient pharmacies are working daily to maintain inventories of heparin and enoxaparin products for our patients.

For additional information, please contact Livia Hegerova, Eric Harvey, or your campus inpatient pharmacy.

Verbal Orders require a signature within 48

hours. Epic instance alignment continues to

effect compliance.

To comply with CMS, Department of Health, DNV, and Swedish Rules and Regulations, we must demonstrate that verbal orders are authenticated within 48 hours. Please remember to review and authenticate your verbal orders on a daily basis. **The latest verbal order signature report shows a significant decrease in compliance** since the Epic instance alignment in June. Please contact your department's SuperUser for assistance.

OTHER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Swedish Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Newsletter is now available | [Read more here](#) (links require access to Swedish Online)

23rd Annual Pain Management Symposium on Friday, September 27 | [Read more here](#)

Labor Negotiation News | [Click here to read the latest updates](#)

Check out the Swedish Physician Assistance Program | [Click here](#)

Behavioral Health Concierge is now available to all Medical Staff | [Read more here](#)

First Hill South Entrance Driveway Closing September 4 - October 2 to upgrade more [here](#)

CAMPUS UPDATES

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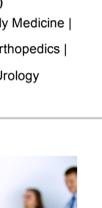
Cherry Hill

Edmonds

First Hill

INTRODUCING CHANDRASEKAR SANTHANAKRISHNAN, MD

Dr. Krishnan joins us from the UC Davis Transplant Program in Sacramento. He recognizes the potential for growth in the Swedish Kidney Transplant Program and is here to lead the programs' expansion.



Dr. Krishnan finished his medical education at the University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio. He underwent general training at the University of California, Davis and went on to fellowship training in Transplant Surgery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to coming to Swedish, he was an Associate Professor of Surgery at UC Davis where he was part of the Division of Transplant. He comes to us with extensive experience in kidney transplantation.

NOMINATIONS FOR FH CEC AT-LARGE MEMBERS AND FH MEDICAL STAFF

RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING CARE AWARD

Nominations for FH Campus Executive Committee (CEC) At-Large Members and FH Medical Staff Recognition for Outstanding Care Award candidates are open starting Friday, September 20, 2019. Nominations and statements of support will be received until Friday, October 18, 2019. More information may be found at the links:

[FH CEC At-Large Members](#) | [FH Medical Staff Recognition for Outstanding Care Award](#)

PHYSICIAN WELLNESS VIRTUAL GROUPS: SCHEDULE CHANGES

The morning sessions held on the 1st Mondays and 4th Fridays of the month have moved to a new time: 12:15pm-1pm. More information about the virtual groups and a schedule of the sessions may be found [here](#).

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

Connected in Care-PS/IH, PacMed, Swedish

A walk, which includes Swedish FH caregivers, is joining the community of nearly 250k people walking in hundreds of cities across the country in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. You are invited to join the team or support their efforts with a donation. More information may be found below and by [clicking here](#).

Event Details

Walk Date: 10/20/2019

Walk Location: Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion - Seattle, WA

Check-in/Registration Time: 8:30 am

Walk Begins: 10:00 am

Walk Ends: 11:00 am

FH Archives:

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[FH Campus Executive Committee \(FH CEC\)](#) | [Click here to see members and agenda](#)

[FH Campus Executive Committee At-Large Member Nominations](#) | [Read more here](#)

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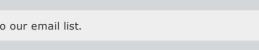
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DEPARTMENT UPDATES

(no link means no update for this month)

Anesthesiology | Cardiovascular Services | Emergency Medicine | Family Medicine |
 Medicine | Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Perinatology | Ophthalmology | Orthopedics |
[Pathology](#) | Pediatrics | Radiology/Medical Imaging | Surgery | Urology

Welcome New Medical Staff Members!



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

CME

Fall CME Offerings

Visit the [Swedish CME Calendar](#) to view and register for upcoming CME events, including the Swedish Orthopedic Institute's Joint Replacement Lecture, the West Coast Colorectal Cancer Symposium and Orthopedics for Primary Care Session, Swedish Medical Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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