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Hutchison chosen as next chief of staff-elect



Hutchison

The medical staff has chosen Peggy Hutchison, M.D., as the chief of staff-elect beginning Jan. 1. Hutchison will serve in that capacity for two years before becoming chief of staff for a two-year term. In her capacity as chief of staff-elect, Hutchison will chair the quality oversight committee, serve as a member of the medical executive committee, and assist the chief of staff.

Hutchison is an obstetrician and gynecologist specializing in gynecological robotic surgery and urogynecology. She joined the medical staff in 1994 and is completing her second term as the women and children's representative on the Medical Executive Committee. Hutchison is also a member of the quality oversight committee and has served on several other medical staff committees.

As chief of staff-elect, Hutchison will replace Dr. Clark Coler, who will advance to become chief of staff Jan. 1.



Save the Date:

...for the 2012 Medical Staff, Board of Trustees, & Foundation Board of Governors holiday party on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Education Center with the children's party in the Pinard Foyer.

Two members elected to open seats on the Medical Executive Committee

Department chief elections to be held this month

Two new members of the Medical Executive Committee will take their seats for two-year terms beginning Jan. 1. Dr. Susan Harvey was elected as the women and children's medicine representative while Dr. E. Pepper Toomey was chosen to represent orthopedics.



Harvey

Dr. Harvey is affiliated with the Seattle Obstetrics and Gynecology Group. She has been a member of the medical staff for over 20 years, and served two terms as chief of the obstetrics, gynecology, and perinatology department. In addition to her work at Swedish, Dr. Harvey serves on the board of the Washington State Medical Association and is a member of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission.



Toomey

Dr. E. Pepper Toomey is an orthopedic surgeon with Orthopedic Physician Associates. He has been a member of the medical staff since 2000, prior to which he practiced in Wenatchee, where he served as chief of staff of Central Washington Hospital.

In addition to the election of these leaders, several departments will be holding elections this month for department chief and assistant chief positions. These departments include:

- Emergency medicine
- Medicine
- Obstetrics/gynecology and perinatology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Urology

Medical staff approves series of bylaws amendments

In balloting conducted electronically, medical staff members voted overwhelmingly in favor of a series of Bylaws amendments that will now go the Board of Trustees for final action.

Amendments approved include:

- adopting The Joint Commission's terminology relating to behavior
- eliminating requirements that departments file annual written reports
- permitting the MEC to accept foreign board certification on a case-by-case basis and aligning certification deadlines with those adopted by the individual boards
- authorizing non-substantive changes to rules and policies without a 14-day comment period
- clarifying that medical staff may only exercise privileges granted by the Board, whether for outpatient or inpatient services at Swedish
- requiring a recommendation from the chief of staff for temporary privileges to be granted
- requiring certain peer review appeals be submitted within 10 days of a finding
- adding vice presidents of medical affairs to peer review notices and requiring written notices be sent to practitioners involving Category 4 and 5 findings
- naming the medical director for quality and patient safety as chair of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee; this role is currently the responsibility of the chief of staff-elect.

The medical staff also adopted a resolution allowing the MEC to adopt policy on behalf of the medical staff while requiring a review and comment period for medical staff prior to final adoption.

CDC encourages all health-care workers to get flu vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) wants physicians to top the 86 percent vaccination level achieved during the previous flu season and are encouraging all health-care workers to receive the influenza vaccine. Swedish anticipates more than 90 percent of health-care staff will receive a flu shot. Everyone who does not have a medical contraindication to flu shots is asked to be vaccinated. Staff members who do not receive a flu shot will be required to wear a mask in patient areas after Saturday, Dec. 15, or as soon as influenza is active in the community, whichever comes first. [Click here](#) to see the policy.

Upcoming flu-shot clinics include:

- Ballard: Monday, Nov. 12, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Cherry Hill: Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- First Hill: Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

[Click here](#) for the complete schedule ([click here for Edmonds](#)). [Click here](#) for the roving flu-shot clinic schedule.

Patient privacy and the Epic 'In-basket'

Q: Should I forward medical information about a physician's family member to the physician's Epic 'In-basket' as a courtesy?

A: No. Although well intended, the receiving doctor will be in violation of HIPAA privacy rules and Swedish Epic access policies when he or she opens the note.

The Epic 'In-basket' is for communication between members of the treating team. Please do not use Epic 'In-basket' for communications with family members or physician-patients. You may send these types of communications and test results to a MyChart account if available. Otherwise Swedish policy states that patients (including physician-patients) must sign an authorization and work with the Health Information Management Department to receive copies of any medical record documents. This is for the protection of all patients, including those who are physicians, and to provide integrity and security of Epic system data.

If you have questions about privacy, please visit the [Privacy Office](#) website, e-mail questions.HIPAA@swedish.org or phone 206-386-6178.

Clear communications – repeat back

Three easy steps:

1. **Sender** initiates using receiver's name;
2. **Receiver** acknowledges with "I understand....." *and repeats message verbatim*;
3. **Sender** acknowledges with "That's correct."

For more information, check out "[Safety Rounds](#)" on Swedish online.

CDC advisory committee recommends Tdap for pregnant women

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently issued new recommendations that providers of prenatal care implement a Tdap immunization program for all pregnant women irrespective of the patient's prior history of receiving Tdap. This builds upon a previous recommendation made by ACIP in June 2011 to administer Tdap during pregnancy only to women who have not previously received Tdap. The recommendation is pending approval by the CDC.

More information is available by reading the [CDC media advisory](#). Information on the dangers of pertussis and influenza in infants and the benefits of vaccination is available from the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), in a brochure titled "[Cocooning Protects Babies](#)."

Swedish again receives maximum ACGME institutional sponsorship accreditation

For the third consecutive time, Swedish has been awarded the maximum institutional accreditation period — five years — by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) allowing Swedish to sponsor accredited physician residency training. ACGME-accredited programs sponsored by Swedish include family medicine, general surgery, colorectal surgery, and geriatrics. As a private, non-profit organization, the ACGME is responsible for the evaluation and accreditation of approximately 700 institutions offering 9,000 residency education programs. An institution must meet strict requirements to become and stay accredited.

Taxi vouchers: Did you know?

The Case Management Department pays nearly \$36,000 per year in taxi expenses for patients. This is money that could help cover other emergency services, such as walkers or wheelchairs for uninsured patients. In order to best utilize these resources, case management staff must follow guidelines in determining whether to provide a taxi voucher to a patient or family member for discharge. For example, all other options for transportation must first be explored and documented, and the patient must demonstrate financial need or a significant safety concern.

Physicians can help manage these resources by encouraging patients to consider their discharge transportation options and plan ahead. Case management is available to help patients explore options and as a last resort, a taxi voucher may be made available. For more information, contact [Deena Hannen](#), case management director.

Medical Staff Services Awareness Week Nov. 4-10



National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week is being observed Nov. 4-10 in recognition of the important role medical staff services professionals play in the nation's health-care system. Please take a moment to thank these individuals who help ensure competency and quality patient care at Swedish.

Grateful patient gives back to the Organ Transplant Program



Chenta Chen owes his life to the Organ Transplant Program at Swedish and has now chosen to give back through philanthropic gifts. “Giving back to the program that helped save my life feels good,” says Chenta. “I was lucky to get this kidney, and now I want to carry on and help others suffering from organ failure — to extend the luck.”

Since his kidney transplant in 1998, Chenta has become a major donor to the Organ Transplant Fund at the Foundation. This summer, when he met with Dr. Marquis Hart, director of the Organ Transplant Program, he decided to target some of his annual gifts to support the creation of a new robotic kidney transplant procedure.

“I was very thankful Dr. Hart took the time out of his busy schedule to show me how my continuous investment can make a difference in the field,” says Chenta. “It’s amazing to me how far medical technology has come since my transplant. I’m proud to make an investment to further advance this field.”

For more information on how to cultivate a grateful patient, contact the Foundation at (206) 386-2738.

Community health calendar

Every month, the [Community Health Education Department](#) hosts free and low-cost community classes on various topics, such as:

Headache and Migraine Management

Thursday, Nov. 8, from 6-8 p.m. (Swedish/Issaquah)

Headache and migraine don’t have to be a pain. Swedish Neuroscience Institute’s Kate Kennedy, A.R.N.P., will discuss the etiology of headache and migraine as well as various options for treatment and management. Free.

Thrifty in 30

Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. (Swedish/Cherry Hill)

Whether they have diabetes or not, attendees will benefit from the quick and low-cost cooking tips and recipes from Diabetes Education Center nutrition interns. Fee: \$10.

Let’s Talk About Stroke: Life After Stroke

Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Swedish/Cherry Hill)

Patients and caregivers will hear from members of the Swedish stroke team about various therapies and resources to help stroke survivors and co-survivors. Free.

For more information or to register for a class, patients should visit www.swedish.org/classes, email healtheducation@swedish.org or call (206) 386-2502. Providers and staff can contact [Kaetlin Miller](#), health education specialist.

Welcome new medical staff members

Help welcome practitioners who [joined the medical staff in October](#).

To admit a patient to Swedish, call 206-386-6090.

At Your Service: The Physician Assistance Program

The Swedish Physician Assistance Program is a confidential, outside resource available to medical staff members and their families at no cost to support members in addressing:

- Family or marital concerns
- Substance abuse
- Work-life balance issues or other problems
- Emotional or behavior issues
- Compulsive behaviors

The program is always confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-777-1323. Benefits also include free legal services, childcare and eldercare referrals, identity theft/fraud services and debt management assistance.

Check out the [online tools and resources](#). At the “Work/Life Resources” tab enter the username: “swedish” and the password: “employee” for immediate access. . The username and password provide access for all medical staff members, whether or not employed by Swedish.

CME spotlight

Dear Colleagues:

After 26 years, the *Roland D. Pinkham, M.D. Basic Science Lectureship Endowment* has run its course and will celebrate its final symposium on Nov. 16. Swedish has benefited enormously from the 25 remarkable programs this endowment has provided since 1986, and we look forward to hosting one last lectureship. We are deeply grateful for Dr. Pinkham’s vision to bring together outstanding regional and national experts to share exciting insights and ideas in basic science.

As many of you have been annual attendees of this symposium, we invite you to [share messages or memories](#) about past *Roland D. Pinkham, M.D. Basic Science Lectureships*. Your comments will be displayed at the symposium. Archives of past conferences can be viewed [online](#).

Please join us on Nov. 16, in celebration, for the final symposium: *26th Annual Roland D. Pinkham, M.D. Basic Science Lectureship: Bioengineering in 2012 – Toward the Bionic Man*. You will discover how bioengineers view the world and analyze problems. [Expert faculty](#) will explore how advances in computerization, materials science, miniaturization and robotics have been put to work to create replacement organs, accelerate healing, diagnose more confidently and deliver therapy more effectively.

Sincerely,
John Olsen, M.D.
Ed Weber, M.D.
John Wynn, M.D.
Course Co-Chairs

CME Conferences

[Advances in Neuromodulation 2012: State-of-the-Art and Emerging Indications](#)

Nov. 9

[Orthopedics Symposium for the Primary-Care Physician](#)

Nov. 9

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26th Annual Roland D. Pinkham, M.D. Basic Science Lectureship: Bioengineering in 2012 – Toward the Bionic Man

Nov. 16

Pediatric Specialty Update for the Primary-Care Physician

Jan. 25

CME Series

Cancer Conference Series

15 sub-series | First Hill, Cherry Hill, Ballard, Issaquah and Highline

Combined Campus Cardiovascular Conference Series

1st & 2nd Tuesdays | Cherry Hill

Eastside Pediatric CME Series

3rd Wednesday, bi-monthly | Issaquah

Grand Rounds

2nd Thursdays | First Hill, Ballard and Issaquah

Medical Ethics Conference Series for Health-care Providers

4th Wednesdays | First Hill

Swedish Neuroscience Institute Grand Rounds

1st & 3rd Thursdays | Cherry Hill

For the most up-to-date information, visit: www.swedish.org/CME

Standards News

<p><u>Laboratory Specimen Labeling and Identification</u></p>	<p>New procedure - Written to outline the process for accurate and thorough labeling of patient specimens. This new procedure also describes the process when mislabeled or unlabeled specimens are received in the Laboratory. This procedure does not pertain to surgical pathology specimens (see Talking Points). The major points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lab specimens must be labeled at the patient’s bedside after validating patient’s ID band and Epic label using two patient identifiers;• The name of the person who collected the specimen and accurate time of collection must be noted on the lab requisition or entered into Epic;• Mislabeled and unlabeled lab specimens will not be accepted by the Lab and need to be recollected; and• Exceptions to recollection must first be approved by the charge nurse on duty.
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Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest	Updates to procedure - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarified “Responsible Party” for specific steps in the procedure• Clarified and marked the steps that require an LIP order to perform• Added "Supplemental Guidance" column for additional information
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[Click here](#) for a summary of Clinical Standards recently adopted or amended and links to each Standard.

Standards are published as soon as possible after final adoption. All Swedish Standards are accessible at <http://standards.swedish.org> or by going to the Swedish intranet page and clicking on “Standards.”

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