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New chief: Clinical transformation is key to quality, savings

Kevin Brown, Swedish's new chief executive, introduced himself in a message to medical staff members. [Read his message on Swedish Online.](#)

Medical Staff Leadership Council minutes available online

Minutes of the January Medical Staff Leadership Council meeting are [now available for review.](#)

MSLC meetings are held quarterly from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Swedish Education and Conference Center at the Cherry Hill campus. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15. All medical staff members are welcome to attend. Dinner is available at 5:45 p.m.

Members may submit topics for the agenda by contacting [Mary Weiss, M.D.](#), chief of staff.

Updated guidelines issued for physicians in teaching settings

Updated information about payments for physician services in teaching settings is now available in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) fact sheet titled "[Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents.](#)" The publication also provides general documentation guidelines, evaluation and management documentation guidelines, and other resources related to graduate medical education. It reflects changes resulting from the Affordable Care Act.

Many medical staff-member resources available on Swedish Online

The Medical Staff Services department provides an online source for resources ranging from the medical staff bylaws and policies to the information about the physician assistance program. The site also includes orientation information for new physicians, or veterans wanting to reacquaint themselves with some medical staff basics. [Visit the department's page on Swedish Online](#) today.

Please note: Links to the site are only accessible on the Swedish network or by using your remote access token (that is your SSG login). If you do not have an SSG remote access dongle, you may request it by contacting [Medical Staff Services](#) at 206-386-2550.

Swedish welcomes new physiatry group

Four physiatrists have joined Swedish Medical Group. Formerly of Northwest Spine & Sports Physicians, P.C, [Andrew Cole, M.D.](#), [Andrew Lynch, M.D.](#), [Carolyn Marquardt, M.D.](#), and [Irene Young, M.D.](#) are now offering nonsurgical sports, spine and peripheral joints medicine and rehabilitation treatments for the musculoskeletal system at two Eastside locations. More information about these board-certified and fellowship-trained physiatrists and the specific services they offer is available at [Swedish Spine, Sports & Musculoskeletal Medicine](#).

Patient education offers resources to help practitioners

The Patient/Family Education and Community Health Department exists to support to all Swedish practitioners and their patients by offering a variety of resources to help practitioners communicate health information in a manner that meets their patients' needs.

Resources include:

- Access to free brochures on over 1,000 topics found by [visiting the department's online page](#), going to "Order Patient Education" and clicking on "View Brochure Catalog." Contact [Jennifer Wojciechowski](#) at 206-386-2315 for more information.
- Access through Epic and on the [Swedish intranet](#) to [Krames On-Demand](#), which provides additional patient education materials in up to 10 languages on a variety of topics.
- Consultations for individual practitioners or departments on additional patient education resources by contacting [Kaetlin Miller](#) at 206-386-3380.

Information on the following resources for patients and their families is available by visiting the Douglas Health Education Center in the main lobby of the First Hill campus, or by phoning 206-386-2502:

- Free educational materials, books for purchase, and a lending library.
- [Free or low-cost classes](#).

Practitioners interested in teaching community health classes should contact [Kaetlin Miller](#) at 206-386-3380.

Medical staff members are invited to share their questions, comments, or requests regarding patient education and community health by emailing healtheducation@swedish.org.

Swedish partners with Walla Walla hospital to provide stroke support services

The Swedish Neuroscience Institute (SNI) Acute Telestroke Program recently announced a new partnership with the Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) that will provide a 24/7 link between the WWGH emergency department care team and the nationally-recognized stroke specialists at the Swedish/Cherry Hill campus. [Click here](#) for the full story.

SNI also recently announced the opening of a new cerebrovascular center in the James Tower at the Cherry Hill campus. For the full story [click here](#), or, for information about the Swedish Cerebrovascular Center, visit www.swedish.org/cerebrovascular.

Legacy gifts made in gratitude of care received

Bequests are critical to Swedish's philanthropic pipeline, as they allow Swedish to plan and prepare for the future. Often these important gifts are made by donors in response to the great care that they or a loved one have received, inspiring donors to leave their legacy to support health-care excellence.

Planned gifts and realized estate gifts accounted for \$4.2 million of the \$19.8 million the Foundation received in 2011 - more than 21 percent of the total dollars raised. Bequests are often made by grateful patients, and many of the bequest intentions received by the Foundation were directly tied to the high-quality, patient-centered care provided by specific physicians, nurses and staff members. In the past few years, legacy gifts were received in support of a variety of service lines and programs, from orthopedics and the cancer patient assistance fund, to charity care and the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute.

Physicians whose patients are interested in making a planned gift to Swedish, or who would like more information for their own estate planning purposes, should call 206-386-2738 or email plannedgiving@swedish.org.

Welcome new medical staff members

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

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

Kudos

Bart Johnson, D.D.S., and **Amy Winston, D.D.S.**, were recently featured in [Catalyst](#), a quarterly publication of Burkhart Dental Supply for their work in creating the dental residency program at Swedish and the dental care program at Swedish Community Specialty Clinic (SCSC). Dr. Johnson is the residency program director and Dr. Winston is assistant director. SCSC is designed exclusively to treat low-income uninsured or underinsured patients. It provides advanced medical care at no cost by volunteer specialists from Swedish and several other physician and dentist groups.

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

[High-Risk Obstetrics: Tools for the Family Physician](#)

March 23

[Redefining HIV/AIDS: Prevention. Policy. Practice.](#)

Jointly Sponsored by: Swedish Medical Center and Lifelong AIDS Alliance

March 30

[Palliative Care Symposium: Expert Skills for Everyday Practice](#)

April 13

[Otolaryngology for the Primary-Care Physician](#)

April 20

[Annual Oncology Symposium: Cancer and Obesity](#)

May 4

[Sixth Annual Cerebrovascular Symposium: Practical Aspects of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Care](#)

May 17-18

[Let's Talk about Sex \(R3 Talks\)](#)

May 18

[Acute Care Neurology and Neurosurgery: From the ER to the OR to the NCCU](#)

June 1

[Emil Jobb Gastroenterology Symposium: Updates in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastroenterological Diseases](#)

June 8

[Spine Management for the Primary-Care Physician: Back to the Future](#)

June 15

[Liver Transplantation from A-Z](#)

June 29

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

[Standards News](#)

[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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