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## MEC approves allied health oversight policy

The MEC has approved a new policy defining the responsibilities of physicians in supervising allied health professionals (AHPs). The policy calls for the supervising physician to provide the AHP with feedback to assure the AHP's success, meet with the AHP as necessary to assure the documentation requirements for credentialing are being met, and manage and communicate to the AHP any additional oversight standards the physician requires.

The AHP would be required to review, with the supervising physician, a minimum of five cases within the first three months of appointment to the medical staff. Privileges of AHPs not completing the review would be restricted until the review is complete.

The policy will be submitted for review and comment by the medical staff following consideration by all Swedish medical staff executive committees.

# SCI conducting innovative breast cancer treatment trial

For the past three years Swedish Cancer Institute (SCI) has been conducting an important breast cancer treatment trial under the direction of Henry Kaplan, M.D. and Erin Ellis, M.D. SCI is one of just 20 sites across the nation—and the only site in the Pacific Northwest—conducting the trial. It's brought patients to Swedish from the Puget Sound and as far away as Alaska while demonstrating Swedish's commitment to providing new, cutting-edge treatment for its patients.

The study, called the I-SPY 2 TRIAL (Investigation of Serial Studies to Predict Your Therapeutic Response with Imaging And moLecular Analysis 2), is for women with newly-diagnosed, locally-advanced breast cancer and is designed to test whether adding investigational drugs to standard chemotherapy is better than standard chemotherapy alone prior to surgery.

The I-SPY 2 TRIAL uses molecular testing to tailor treatment to the individual by identifying which patients should be treated with investigational drugs. Information from each participant who completes the study treatment is then used to help determine treatment for women who join the trial in the future.

# Medical Staff Regulatory Compliance Reference Guide online

Medical staff members are encouraged to <u>visit the Physician Education</u> page on Swedish Online and stay current on regulatory requirements and expectations. Included in the site is the <u>Medical Staff Regulatory Compliance Reference Guide</u> that at addresses the most common best practices for patient safety with quick questions that often arise during a survey.

# Key reminders for the medical staff to assure patient safety

Infection Control

True or false? Everyone who works in a hospital has a role and responsibility

to help prevent the spread of infection.

Answer: True. Hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home when

ill and knowing how to clean or maintain clean patient care items involves everyone's help. The <u>Hand Hygiene</u> policy assists by defining indications and methods for hand-washing and hand antisepsis (alcohol gel). Practitioners should be aware of the correct Sani-Wipes "Which Product Should I

<u>Use"</u> when cleaning surfaces and equipment.

For the current *Regulatory Readiness* newsletter, click on this link.

#### Medical staff:

- Immediate post-procedure note
- Informed consent for blood
- H and P timing and quality

### Morbidity and mortality conferences welcome all practitioners

by Sandeep Sachdeva, M.D.

The Alvin J. Thompson M.D. Morbidity and Mortality Case Series launched last September encompasses the larger family of services that constitute hospital medicine such as critical care, geriatrics, palliative care, and family medicine. The series is an attempt to foster and promote a heuristic culture where continuous learning, teamwork and collegiality are most prized.

I am happy to report the case series, celebrating the life and legacy of Alvin J. Thompson, M.D., a stalwart physician whose footprints continue to guide us, is off to a robust start, drawing participation in excess of 40 practitioners at each meeting. We were fortunate to receive an educational grant from the Swedish Foundation in December.

Conferences are held on the fourth Friday of each month in the Cafeteria Alcove Conference Room, B Floor (next to the cafeteria) on the First Hill campus, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. All health-care practitioners are welcome to participate in these conferences. For more information please contact <u>James O'Brien</u>, medical staff services coordinator, at 206-386-3301, or <u>Sandeep Sachdeva</u>, <u>M.D.</u>, Swedish Hospital Medicine.

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# Secure your email and encrypt PHI

by Tracy D. Hawes, privacy officer and compliance manager, Swedish and Providence Western Washington

Almost all regular email is sent in the clear – unencrypted – over the Internet. If someone were to intercept an unencrypted email before it arrived at its intended recipient, that person could easily read the entire email. Encryption secures the email and any attachments by making it unreadable to anyone except the person you send it to – this means the content is kept safe, even if the email is intercepted. Although email encryption makes the delivery of an email more secure, it does not change the type of information you are authorized to share or who you may share it with. You are still responsible for safeguarding protected health information (PHI) and other confidential information.

Messages which contain credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, or PHI are automatically encrypted as they leave Swedish. You can also force a message to be encrypted by beginning the Subject line with "[Secure]" like this:

Send	From *	Microsoft Exchange
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The word 'Secure' must be inside square brackets. Your message is secured in transit, but is unencrypted once opened by the recipient. If they reply to you, the reply will not be secure. Through encryption, Swedish can ensure that the message is delivered securely, but we cannot control what happens to the message after it is delivered. For more information see <a href="Email Encryption - Frequently Asked Questions">Email Encryption - Frequently Asked Questions</a>.

# Petersen selected for interventional cardiology emerging leaders program



John L. Petersen II, M.D., has been chosen as one of 12 early-career interventional cardiologists to participate in the 2013-2015 Emerging Leaders Mentorship Program. This collaborative program was developed by the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions in partnership with the American College of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Research Foundation.

Dr. Petersen will participate in an intense, hands-on, two-year mentorship program to improve and enhance his skills as a leader in medicine, be an ambassador for his

specialty, and an advocate for his patients. For the next two years, Dr. Petersen will be collaborating with 11 other physicians as they refine their skills as medical leaders. All 12 members of the class were chosen for their motivation to excel both regionally and nationally in the areas of clinical care, scholarship, education and advocacy.

Dr. Petersen has been instrumental in leading the Rising Stars Research, Quality and Innovation Program at the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute. This clinical research program was funded with an initial gift of \$1 million by Joe Clark, chief executive officer of Aviation Partners. Since the program initially launched in May 2010, an additional \$800,000 in gift support has been received from the community. The mentorship program has helped support the training and research interests of five cardiovascular fellows and several innovative research projects.

To learn more about partnering with the Foundation contact the Swedish Foundation at 206-386-6791.

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## Audiology at Swedish Cherry Hill now evaluating dizzy patients

The Center for Hearing and Skull Base Surgery at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute at Cherry Hill announces the expansion of their audiology practice to include vestibular assessment, a scope of practice useful in the evaluating the dizzy patient. Research shows that over one-half the U.S. population experiences some form of vestibular dysfunction at some point in their lives, while vertigo from vestibular problems accounts for one-third of all dizziness and vertigo symptoms reported to health-care professionals.

While dizziness is a very common health-care complaint, it can be challenging to find the cause given the often complex, multifactorial nature of the problem. The Center for Hearing and Skull Base Surgery offers a comprehensive battery of tests to assess the dizzy patient's balance system, which will help determine whether the patient's inner ear or vestibular system is involved. This determination is critical in the development of the most effective treatment plan, which often includes vestibular rehabilitation therapy.

To refer a patient for a vestibular (balance) assessment, call 206-215-4327, or directly in Epic, use referral to: SNS-Audiology Swedish Cherry Hill.

## **Community health classes offered**

Every month, Swedish hosts free and low-cost community classes on various topics that may be helpful to share with patients. Classes include:

#### **Taking Control of Your Health-Care Decisions**

Saturday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m.-noon (Swedish/Issaguah)

Patient participants will explore key questions that may arise regarding health-care planning, individual values, and communicating with your health-care team. Free.

#### **Care Down There: Pelvic Health for Moms**

Tuesday, May 7 from 10 a.m.-noon (Swedish/Issaquah)

Patients will learn about post-pregnancy pelvic recovery. Free.

### **Hearing Loss Intervention Options: Amplification to Implants**

Tuesday, May 7 from 10-11 a.m. (Swedish/Cherry Hill)

Patients will learn the options available to address hearing loss, from traditional amplification to the latest in implant technology. Free.

To see a full list of classes or to register for a class, patients should visit <a href="www.swedish.org/classes">www.swedish.org/classes</a>, email healtheducation@swedish.org, or call 206-386-2502. Providers and staff may contact <a href="Kaetlin">Kaetlin</a> Miller, health education specialist.

#### Welcome new medical staff members

Help welcome practitioners who joined the medical staff in March.

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

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### First-year residents to begin training in June

Swedish matches with top applicants in all residency programs! Welcome to the new incoming first year residents who will arrive in late June.

Swedish Hospital Dental Residency/Seattle Special Care Dentistry (1 year)

Saudamini Gadgil New York University College of Dentistry
Hilary Linton Boston University School of Dental Medicine

Pamela Lloren Baylor College of Dentistry

Jayna Sekijima Loma Linda University School of Dentistry

Swedish Podiatric Surgical Residency (3 years)

Gina Amica Terra Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine

Adrienne Estes Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine

Swedish Family Medicine/Cherry Hill Clinic (3 years)

Leah Green Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine
Laura Ireland University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Nathan Kittle Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University

Marissa Kummerling Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

Teresa Lee University of Washington School of Medicine Libby Loft University of Washington School of Medicine

Swedish Family Medicine/Carolyn Downs Family Medicine Center (3 years)

Ronan Cahill University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Colin McCluney University of Washington School of Medicine

Swedish Family Medicine/Sea Mar Community Health Center (3 years)

Robie Sterling University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Katherine Wollner Rush Medical College

Swedish Family Medicine/Seattle Indian Health Board (3 years)

Matthew Graf University of Vermont College of Medicine
Socia Love University of Minnesota Medical School

Swedish Family Medicine/First Hill Clinic (3 years)

Janelle Billig UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School-Camden

Seth Curtis University of Massachusetts Medical School

Blythe Darnton Jefferson Medical College

Andie Lesowske-Perez University of Washington School of Medicine

Miriam Olson University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Megan Weeks University of Massachusetts Medical School

Swedish Family Medicine/Ballard Community Health (3 years)

Julie Hubble University of Michigan Medical School

Mimi Nguyen University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

Swedish Family Medicine/Downtown Family Medicine (3 years)

Laura Blinkhorn Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago

Elise Duggan Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Kami Larson University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Swedish General Surgery/First Hill (Categorical 5 years)

Greg Lammert Loma Linda University School of Medicine
Oleg Merzlikin University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Judah Slavkovsky Harvard Medical School

Swedish General Surgery/First Hill (Preliminary 1 year)

Ray Choi University of Colorado School of Medicine

David Rigual University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Swedish General Surgery/First Hill (UW Diagnostic Radiology Preliminary 1 year)

Linda Chen University of Washington School of Medicine

Joshua Rosenbaum University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Whitney Shofner-Michalsky University of Nevada School of Medicine

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# Medical staff members invited to join SCI in Relay For Life

This year, nearly four million people nationwide will come together in Relay For Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society's signature walking event, allows survivors, caregivers and regular folks to raise the funds needed to support nationwide research efforts aimed at finding a cure. It also raises funds for programs that support those in the community fighting back against their diagnosis, including Road to Recovery that helps patients get to their treatment appointments; and a nationwide, 24/7 toll-free hotline to answer questions about cancer.

The Swedish Cancer Institute is a sponsor of Relay For Life and encourages medical staff members to join in one or more of the five local Relay For Life events below, or to visit <u>RelayForLife.org</u> and to find another neighborhood event to participate in:

Mill Creek Relay For Life Saturday, June 1 at noon

McCollum Park

Northwest Seattle Relay For Life

Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m.
Whitman Middle School Track

<u>Issaquah Relay For Life</u> Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. Issaquah High School South Snohomish (Edmonds) Relay For Life

Saturday, June 1 at noon

Edmonds-Woodway High School

Redmond/Kirkland Relay For Life

Saturday, June 1 at 6 p.m. Redmond High School

# 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 <u>online tools and resources</u>. 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

Upcoming CME Conferences

<u>Third Annual Pacific Northwest Head and Neck Cancer Symposium: Update on Head and Neck Skin Cancers</u>

April 19

<u>Annual Oncology Symposium – Women and Cancer: Why Sex Matters</u>

May 3

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### Seventh Annual Cerebrovascular Symposium

May 9-10

Sixth Annual Iris and Ted Wagner Endowed Lectureship May 22

Fifth Annual Acute Care Neurology and Neurosurgery

May 31

Adolescent Health and Pediatric Obesity (R3 Talks)

June 7

Pacific Northwest Epilepsy Symposium, 2013

June 14

#### CME Series

#### **Cancer Conference Series**

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

## Combined Campus Cardiovascular Conference Series

2nd and 3rd Thursdays | Cherry Hill

#### **Grand Rounds**

2nd Thursdays | First Hill, Ballard and Issaquah

## Medical Ethics Conference Series for Health-care Providers

4th Wednesdays | First Hill, Ballard, Edmonds and Issaquah

### Swedish Neuroscience Institute Grand Rounds

1st and 3rd Thursdays | Cherry Hill

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 <a href="http://standards.swedish.org">http://standards.swedish.org</a> or by going to the Swedish intranet page and clicking on "Standards."



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Physician Profile Log In: <a href="http://www.swedish.org/physicians">http://www.swedish.org/physicians</a>

Swedish for Medical Professionals: http://www.swedish.org/body.cfm?id=1355

Current CME Listings: <a href="http://www.swedish.org/cme">http://www.swedish.org/cme</a>
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