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Bylaws vote, leadership nominations on medical staff meeting agenda

The next medical staff leadership council (MSLC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Swedish Education and Conference Center at the Cherry Hill Campus. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Included on the agenda will be a vote on a series of Bylaws amendments. All Active medical staff members in attendance are eligible to cast ballots.

In addition, nominees for election to the MEC will be announced and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The following seats will be filled in an election to be held later in the fall:

- Hospital-based/medical specialties
- Primary care
- Surgery and anesthesia
- Cardiovascular medicine and surgery

Several departments will also be conducting elections this fall to elect chiefs to a two-year term beginning Jan. 1. Members interested in nominating themselves or a colleague should contact their department chief for further information. MEC members and department chiefs serve two-year terms.

Active member profiles important to referrals

Every day up to 2,000 people view profiles on Swedish.org, and others call the Swedish referral line. Is your profile up to date? Check here: www.swedish.org/physicians. If you are practicing at Issaquah, Mill Creek or Redmond, is that reflected on your profile? Many users search by “clinical interests.” Do you have a robust list of clinical interests selected? Make sure you give yourself the best possible chance to be found in a search. The only one who can select an appropriate list of clinical interests for you is you. Directions are at www.swedish.org/physician.

Peer Review Process update

by Peggy Hutchison, M.D., chief of staff-elect

At our September medical staff meeting, you will be voting on a change in the Bylaws 10.4.5 regarding the requirement for a quality review committee to communicate a preliminary category finding during the initial portion of the case review. The vote will seek your support to remove these few words: *A “zero” finding or an initial category is assigned.*

This change is intended to engage physicians whose case is being reviewed in providing information to the committee BEFORE a category is assigned. ([See attached evaluation grid](#)).

The purpose of peer review is to determine if there is something that could be improved in care, either by the individual practitioner or as a system. Avoiding the potential bias of a preliminary category is intended to create a more collaborative engaged educational process.

Please review the attached [Peer Review Flow Chart](#) that outlines how the new peer review process will work. Please contact me if you have questions.

Order set changes for VTE prophylaxis

On August 6th & 7th, changes to select preop/postop order sets for CMS required mechanical & anticoagulants:

- New VTE risk assessment for **low, mod & high risk in selected postop MD order sets** (nursing DVT Risk Assessment to be archived soon).
- Anticoagulant section in selected postop orders will be “required”; anti-coags or contraindications MUST be ordered to release order sets
- New options for “Contraindications & “Not Needed” reasons satisfy CMS regs
- “DVT Prophylaxis” for mechanical will be changed to “VTE Mechanical Prophylaxis” in both selected preop & postop order sets

Urology, hysterectomy/gynecology & intracranial neuro-surgery order sets: if your current order set does not have anticoagulants, the only change you will see is for “VTE Mechanical Prophylaxis” replacing “DVT Prophylaxis.”

Thoracic, cardiac, vascular & colorectal order sets: will have both pharmacologic AND mechanical prophylaxis in new section, with option for contraindications or not needed.

Ortho order sets: will have VTE Mechanical Prophylaxis in new section, with option for contraindications or not needed; the options for “Contraindicated” & “Not Needed” can be added to the current anticoagulant section of your orders.

Therapy Plans

Beginning August 6th, providers can start using Therapy Plans for patients coming to Swedish infusion and treatment centers. Therapy Plans allow providers to quickly manage and sign non-chemotherapy infusion orders for an entire course of treatment, rather than individual encounters. Online training modules and Job Aides for providers and nurses are available on the CIS/Epic web site:

<http://swedishonline.swedish.org/departments/IL/Informatics/Pages/default.aspx>

(You may need to copy and paste the link into your internet browser)

New enrollment process for non-billing physicians

Physicians who have privileges at, or refer services to, Swedish facilities, must be on the HCA's mailing lists. Swedish will be at risk of nonpayment for services related to non-enrolled physicians. **Effective August 1, 2013, HCA will not reimburse pharmacies for services to Medicaid enrollees if the ordering physician is not enrolled** and will apply denials to other services.

If you have not yet enrolled, you are required to be enrolled under the new process to practice at Swedish facilities. You must enroll in the ProviderOne System as either a Medicaid provider with core provider agreement or a non-billing provider with a non-billing individual provider agreement. To enroll as a non-billing Individual Provider the Agreement for non-billing Individual Providers form, [HCA Form 13-002](#) must be completed.

Physicians who have enrolled under the new process will have their National Provider Indicator (NPI) numbers tracked in the state's claim processing system (ProviderOne) as enrolled non-billing providers. Prescribers who are already enrolled with Medicaid do not need a non-billing individual provider agreement.

For more information contact [Scotty Christopher](#), manager, Systems Ambulatory Pharmacy at 206-215-6332.

Swedish Spine, Sports & Musculoskeletal Medicine expands

The Swedish Spine, Sports & Musculoskeletal Medicine (SSSMM) is now providing additional specialists, services and locations on the Eastside (Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond) and in Seattle (Cherry Hill, First Hill campuses) and Mill Creek. Specialists provide full-spectrum, nonsurgical management of spine, sports, joint and occupational injuries for patients age 12 and older, whether from normal daily activities, motor vehicle accidents, or athletic or work injuries. They also can develop or revise a rehabilitation and wellness exercise program for patients who want to enhance their overall quality of life.

New providers include [Michele Arnold, M.D.](#), [Renee Low, Ph.D.](#), [Dan Welch, M.D.](#), and [Anthony West, D.O.](#) For patient referrals or appointments contact SSSMM at 425-498-2272 or 206-386-2677, or visit www.swedish.org/spinesports.

Research Corner

Each month Swedish Center for Research and Innovation (SCRI) staff collaborate with Swedish-based physicians and other clinicians to investigate research funding opportunities, prepare grant applications, and then submit those applications to a diverse array of funding agencies. In the past six months 11 grant applications valued at \$9,546,835 were submitted by SCRI to fund innovation at Swedish.

The SCRI team includes research managers and grant and contract staff with different responsibilities in the submission process. These professionals work together to ensure all grant applications are in alignment with both Swedish and funding agency guidelines.

Please help the SCRI team meet your research goals by contacting us as soon as you know you are interested in pursuing a grant opportunity. This will allow us to assist you in meeting all organizational grant related requirements and allow us to organize workloads and allocate staff time. You can contact us at research.center@swedish.org for assistance at any time. We look forward to helping you prepare the strongest application possible and support your research interests!

Minor & James chemotherapy service changes announced

Several changes are underway at the Minor & James Hematology and Oncology department:

- Cancer chemotherapy infusion services at Minor & James have transitioned to the Swedish Cancer Institute as of July 15
- Patients will be referred to one of the following locations for future oncology chemotherapy infusions:
 - Swedish Ambulatory Infusion Center (located just one block away at the Swedish Orthopedic Institute at 601 Broadway in Seattle).
 - Swedish Cancer Institute's Medical Treatment Infusion Center (located just two blocks away at 1221 Madison Street, Arnold Pavilion, Suite 300, in Seattle).
- Most non-cancer infusion services will remain at Minor & James by virtue of the Third Floor Infusion Center, which will expand its hours of operation and services provided. Patients currently receiving their non-cancer infusion services on the first floor infusion center will be transitioned to the third floor.
- Dr. Min Park has moved her practice to the Swedish Cancer Institute and will have a clinical practice focused solely on solid tumor oncology. She will no longer be seeing patients with blood disorders and blood cancers (including leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma) in her new practice at SCI.
- Drs. Goldberg and Hammond will continue to practice at the Minor & James First Hill Medical Building as members of the Swedish Cancer Institute medical staff. There will be no change to the referral process to Drs. Goldberg and Hammond.

For more information contact [Mary Mehrens](#), practice manager, at 206-386-9504.

Remembering Gregory Foltz, M.D.

Approximately 800 people gathered at Benaroya Hall on Monday evening, July 15, to celebrate the life of Gregory Foltz, M.D. Dr. Foltz passed away on June 27 at the age of 50, following a battle with advanced pancreatic cancer.



The guests in attendance at the July 15 gathering, as well as the program that evening, represented several aspects of Dr. Foltz's life as a physician and scientist, as well as a husband and father. Providence Health & Services CEO Rod Hochman, and Swedish Neuroscience Institute (SNI) Executive Medical Officer Marc Mayberg, and Holly Zimmerman, a patient of the Ben & Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment at SNI spoke during the program about Dr. Foltz's role as a physician and caregiver at Swedish. Institute for Systems Biology President and co-founder Lee Hood spoke as Dr. Foltz's longtime mentor about the contributions Dr. Foltz made to the scientific community. The program also highlighted Dr. Foltz's lifelong love of music. Several deeply meaningful pieces of music were performed by pianist Jessica Choe in tribute to Dr. Foltz, and his extended family members reflected on his early adulthood as a musician, as well as his dedication to his wife, Luba Foltz, M.D., and their two young children.

Making a gift in honor of Dr. Foltz

It is important to everyone at Swedish who was inspired by Dr. Foltz that his life's work to find a cure for brain cancer continues. The Gregory Foltz, M.D. Endowed Director for the Ben & Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment has been established at the Swedish Medical Center Foundation with this in mind. Investment income from the fund will be available to the Ivy Center director to support the top priorities of this renowned brain cancer program. To make a personal contribution honoring Dr. Foltz, please visit the Foundation [website](#) or contact Colleen Broman, assistant director, major gifts, at colleen.broman@swedish.org, or 206-386-3527.

Welcome new medical staff members

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

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

Upcoming CME Conferences

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

Friday, Sept. 6, 2013

[Intensive Update in Neurology, 2013](#)

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 12-13

[Telehealth: Improving Access to Healthcare](#)

Friday, Sept. 20, 2013

17th Annual Pain Management Symposium: Sherlock and the Mystery of Pain

Friday, Sept. 27

Cardiology Update for Primary-Care Providers

Friday, Sept. 27

[11th Annual West Coast Colorectal Cancer Symposium](#)

Friday, Oct. 25

[The Transradial Approach: A Case-based and Hands-on Training Course](#)

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9

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Diabetes Management Update 2013
Friday, Nov. 15

Controversies in Neurological Restoration: Clinical Strategies and Case Presentations
Friday, Nov. 22

Otolaryngology for the Primary-Care Physician
Friday, Nov. 22

CME Series

[Cancer Conference Series](#)

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

[Combined Campus Cardiovascular Conference Series](#)

2nd & 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 & 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 <http://standards.swedish.org> or by going to the Swedish intranet page and clicking on “Standards.”



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