



medical staff news

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Board approves bylaws amendments

The Board of Trustees has given final approval to a series of bylaws amendments that were adopted by medical staff vote in September, including:

- Establishing a practitioner health and well-being program
- Excluding unexpired terms from MEC-member term limits
- Modifying peer review evaluation procedures
- Opening committee membership to allied health professionals
- Placing time limits on fair hearing procedures

Medical staff governance documents and hospital standards are available for review on [Swedish Online](#).

Medical staff leaders recognized for years of service

by Clark Coler, M.D., chief of staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our medical staff leaders dedicated to improving the care our patients receive and who are completing their service this year:

Jon Younger, M.D.	MEC-primary care (five years)
Ryan Martinez, M.D.	MEC-surgery and anesthesia (five years)
Carla Ainsworth, M.D.	Family medicine chief (two years)
Karen Bohmke, M.D.	Maternal Child QRC chair (one year)

Medical Staff Leadership Council to meet Jan. 21

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, Jan. 21. 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 [Clark Coler, M.D.](#), chief of staff.

GME Programs contacts list posted

For photos of the Swedish residents and program contact information, please see the updated Graduate Medical Education section of Swedish ONLINE.

<http://swedishonline.swedish.org/Departments/QT/Residency/Pages/default.aspx>

Code Silver training seminar at First Hill Dec. 11

We've all seen the news stories about shooters in the workplace and in health-care settings. Do you feel ready to face a person with a gun on your unit? Have you thought about what you would do if that were to happen? Josh Stivers, system security training coordinator at Swedish, will be teaching a lunchtime seminar on active shooters in the workplace and how to keep you and your patients safe. Josh has more than 20 years of experience in law enforcement and security, and has held active shooter training classes for more than 2,000 employees. This seminar takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from noon–1 p.m. in Glaser Auditorium. For more information, email [Josh Stivers](mailto:Josh.Stivers@swedish.org).

'Specimens removed' required in post-operative notes

Per a recent regulatory compliance survey finding and a CMS requirement [§482.51(b)(6)], a SmartList for "Specimens Removed" will be added to all SmartText templates identified as " 'BRIEF POST OPERATIVE NOTE' no later than December 18th. **PROVIDERS:** If you have saved a favorite POST OP NOTE template as a SmartPhrase, please ensure that your template includes this documentation by adding Smart List # **23514** to your SmartPhrase. If you need assistance editing your Smart Phrase, please call the Epic Support Desk at 386.6115 ext. 1.

Patient Access Program update

An important new Swedish initiative is under way that will help us realize our vision of easing patient access across the Swedish system. An in-house call center currently is being built and is scheduled for a mid-2014 launch. This call center will manage the 1-800-SWEDISH Referral Line with the goal of providing concierge-level service to patients who call Swedish seeking a provider. The call center will focus on building intimate knowledge of our providers, services, and geography, thereby improving each caller's experience.

All active providers will receive an email in mid-December with information and instructions about how to opt-in to be included in the 1-800-SWEDISH rotation of providers, similar to the way in which they are currently included in the 1-800-SWEDISH referral line today. We hope this will increase efficiencies by ensuring the roster includes only those providers who wish to be included. If a provider chooses not to participate in the 1-800-SWEDISH program, patients still can find him/her online at Swedish.org: "Find a Physician."

If you have questions about 1-800-SWEDISH, contact Karen Srour, Patient Access Program Manager: karen.srou@swedish.org; 206-628-2563.

Swedish Medical Center Foundation recognizes generous support of our own physicians

Swedish Medical Center Foundation is excited to share the success of *The Campaign for Swedish* with you and our larger community over the next several months.

Over the past seven years, physicians, hospital staff, patients, families, and community members have shown Swedish Medical Center tremendous generosity, compassion and financial support. Over 62,000 individuals contributed to the Campaign, and in doing so guaranteed that

Swedish will be able to continue to conduct pioneering research, educate the next generation of doctors and nurses, invest in innovative programs to maximize health outcomes, and provide the excellent patient care that Swedish has delivered for the past 103 years.

\$12,700,000 Total dollars raised by physicians
700+ number of individual physicians who supported the Campaign
40 number of individual physicians who gave over \$25,000 each
14 number of physician groups that gave over \$50,000 each

We are particularly grateful for the dedication to philanthropy shown by our own physicians and caregivers. As we ask the community to support Swedish and the important work we do, we are proud to be able to point to the strength of our internal commitment of the cause. Without the internal support we have received, reaching and surpassing our \$100 million goal would not have been possible.

Here are some highlights of physicians who are helping to send a strong message to the community about their belief in Swedish, while also providing important resources that will benefit our patients.

- Physician giving totaled over \$12.7 million
- Over 700 physicians gave to *The Campaign for Swedish*
- 40 individual physicians gave over \$25,000 each
- 14 physician groups made gifts of over \$50,000 each

There is still time to make an impact on the future of Swedish, and to join the 700 of your colleagues who have already invested in the care of their patients. For more information on how you can make your own gift, please call 206-386-2738 before *The Campaign for Swedish* comes to a close on December 31st, 2013.

Welcome new medical staff members

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

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

Kudos

MRI guided focused ultrasound, MRgFUS, funded by the foundation and David Sabey had its first patient Friday, Oct. 4. A patient with essential tremor was treated under an investigational protocol. The introduction of the treatment, conceived by **Dr. Newell** and with **Dr. Gwinn** as the chief investigator, has been in the making for over a year. SNI is one of only four North American sites for this clinical trial.

Congratulations to [Marc Mayberg, M.D.](#), and the [Seattle Pituitary Center at Swedish Neuroscience Institute](#) for performing their 1,000th pituitary procedure since the program's inception in 2005. Very few centers in the country have accomplished such a feat; growing into one of the largest programs in the country with nationally known pituitary experts in neurosurgery, neuroendocrinology and radiation oncology, and advanced technologies not available elsewhere. The center also consistently has the highest number of outpatient and pituitary surgeries in the five-state region of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. [Click here](#) to view brochure.

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

[10th Annual Pediatric Specialty Updates for the Primary-Care Physician](#)

Friday, Jan. 31

Transradial Approach: A Case-based and Hands-on Training Course

Friday, Feb. 28

Pelvic Floor Disorders: Update for the Primary-Care Physician

Friday, March 7

Swedish Digestive Health Summit

Friday, March 14

Clinical Research Investigator Training

Friday, March 21

High-Risk Obstetrics: Tools for the Family Physician

Friday, March 28

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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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