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NEWS

First Hill/Ballard/Cherry Hill Annual Meeting to be Held Sept. 20
Leadership candidates announced with opportunity for additional nominations
The First Hill/Ballard/Cherry Hill medical staff will meet Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Swedish Education and Conference Center at the Cherry Hill Campus. All medical staff members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be available at 5:45 p.m. Continue reading here.

First Hill Expansion Construction Update
Crews at the Swedish First Hill expansion project continue to make progress, with early infrastructure work continuing through September. The team will continue digging trenches for the installation of conduit and utility vaults, primarily on Cherry Street and parts of Boren and Minor avenues. Affected streets will have intermittent lane closures and sidewalk detours for this work on a daily basis, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click here for more information about the project.

Surgical Site Infection Improvement Project Initiated
A new colorectal and abdominal hysterectomy bundle is being initiated system-wide. We hope to decrease the number of infections with these guidelines. Please review this information and contact Peggy Hutchison, M.D., or Amir Bastawrous, M.D., with any questions.

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee News
The P&T Consensus newsletter details the committee’s decisions and timely implementation of therapeutic initiatives to promote appropriate prescribing practices. The committee did not meet in August. This August issue provides information about the committee’s role and responsibilities and a summary of the medication policy changes and drug utilization initiatives approved by P&T to date this year. Visit Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee at Swedish Online for more information.

DNV stroke survey at Swedish First Hill Sept. 27-28
DNV (Det Norske Veritas) will survey First Hill for Primary Stroke Certification Sept. 27-28. All departments that care for stroke patients will be surveyed. Our stroke population includes TIA (transient ischemic attack), ischemic stroke, spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage and spontaneous subarachnoid hemorrhage (typically an aneurysm). We must meet multiple measures to provide the best stroke care and receive certification. Visit the Stroke Program at Swedish Online for DNV survey prep questions and other resources.

DNV Education Sessions Offered
You are invited to attend one of several sessions being offered to describe and discuss the transition from accreditation by The Joint Commission to Det Norske Veritas (DNV). What are the differences? What are the expectations and timelines in this transition? Why did we make this change and how will this propel Swedish in a strong forward momentum for regulatory compliance and quality excellence?!! Let's discuss! Read more.
August issue of Regulatory Readiness available
The August edition of the Regulatory Readiness newsletter provides information on what information should be included in a patient’s Plan of Care, review of patient records and who may turn off medical gas shutoff valves. Also visit Accreditation at Swedish Online for additional resources.

Swedish Vascular Surgery Expands to Issaquah
Jason Lee, M.D., is now seeing patients at Issaquah as the newest member of Swedish Vascular Surgery. Dr. Lee will be in clinic to see patients on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at the Issaquah Professional clinic at 751 NE Blakely Drive, Suite 3020. Continue reading.

Welcome New Medical Staff Members
Welcome practitioners who joined the Swedish medical staff in August.

Kudos
Fifty-two Swedish-affiliated providers were recently named as Top Doctors of 2016 by Seattle Met Magazine.

POLICY WONK
New/Updated Standards
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.”

Physicians-in-Training
New nurse practitioner fellowship in digestive health
The Swedish Digestive Health Network is pleased to announce the launch of the first Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Gastroenterology Fellowship program on the West Coast. The one-year program focuses on the inpatient and outpatient settings, and is integrated within our growing Digestive Health Network. The program is directed by Carolyn Anderson, ARNP, and Jack Brandabur, M.D. and welcomed its first ARNP fellow on Sept. 1. Learn about the new ARNP fellowship.

Philanthropy
Help us Celebrate Swedish on Saturday, Oct. 22 – a message from Drs. Vassall and Lewis
Each fall, we join our community to help raise millions of dollars to help us better care for our patients. As the honorary co-chairs for this year’s event, we invite you to join us at Celebrate Swedish on Saturday, Oct. 22 as we honor your colleagues at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute. We encourage you to attend Swedish’s signature fundraising event to learn more about the Swedish Spinal Cord Research Platform and SNI’s efforts to bring hope and new treatment options to patients with spinal cord injuries, stroke patients and persons suffering from MS. Learn more at Swedishfoundation.org/celebrate-swedish and consider joining us to celebrate everything that makes Swedish so extraordinary.
**Seattle/King County Clinic Seeks Volunteers**
The Seattle/King County Clinic is Oct. 27-30 in KeyArena at Seattle Center. The clinic brings together health care organizations, civic agencies, nonprofits and volunteers from across the state to offer free care to thousands of people in need. Help is needed for the clinic days, as well as set up and take down. Get clinic volunteer information. This and other volunteer opportunities are available on the Volunteers in Partnership portal. Get tips for using VIP.

**CME**

**Swedish Continuing Medical Education Opportunities**
Swedish offers a variety of accredited CME events, including full-day conferences, online courses and regularly scheduled series. Check out these upcoming events and visit www.swedish.org/cme for a complete list:

- **Sixth Annual Intensive Update in Neurology** Sept. 15-16
- **Updates in the Management of Pituitary Disorders** Oct. 7
- **Pain Management Symposium** Oct. 14

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**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  
- Grief and loss  
- Home ownership consultation  
- Emotional or behavior issues  
- Compulsive behaviors  
- Caregiver burnout  
- Management coaching

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. From the homepage enter your username, “swedish,” in order to access the library of work/life tools, trainings, and webinars available to you, whether or not employed by Swedish.
And So Forth...

Medical Staff Meeting
The meeting will include a report on nominees for chief of staff-elect and three seats on the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), including representation in the following areas:

- Women and infants medicine
- Pediatrics
- Orthopedics

Nominations will also be taken from the floor and candidates will have an opportunity to make brief statements describing their qualifications. Voting in the leadership election will take place by electronic ballot later this fall.

The chief of staff-elect and MEC members are elected to two-year terms that begin Jan. 1, with the chief of staff-elect becoming chief of staff at the conclusion of that term. Any Active member interested in serving in any of these roles should contact the nominating committee chair, Clark Coler, M.D.

Active members will also be asked to vote on one bylaws amendment that would incorporate the Issaquah medical staff into the quality review committee process. The amendment was distributed via email to all medical staff members last month.

DNV Education
Issaquah and Cherry Hill are now accredited by DNV. We are transitioning Edmonds (most likely late November or early December) and First Hill/Ballard/Mill Creek/Redmond late January or early February. We have new managers/leaders across the system, in addition to existing leaders at these upcoming sites who would benefit from this training.

First Hill/Cherry Hill Campuses:
- Wednesday, Sept. 7, First Hill Glaser Auditorium, 1 - 2:30 p.m.; immediately following "It Really Happens Here"
- Friday, Sept. 30, Cherry Hill Conference Center, Room B, 8 - 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, First Hill Glaser Auditorium, 3 - 4:40 p.m.

Ballard Campus:
- Thursday, Sept. 22, during all-campus management meeting, Ballard Conference Room ABC, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Edmonds Campus:
- Monday, Oct. 3, Auditorium B, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Issaquah Campus:
- Friday, Sept. 9, Conference Center, 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Swedish Vascular Surgery
He performs endovascular as well as open vascular surgery procedures with a special interest in vascular access for dialysis patients. Prior to joining Swedish, Dr. Lee had practiced for several years in the Seattle area. In addition to serving Issaquah and surrounding communities, Dr. Lee will also be seeing patients at Swedish First Hill in Seattle.

For referrals & appointments, call 206-215-5921 or fax 206-215-5922. Learn more about Swedish Vascular Surgery and Vascular Laboratory services and locations on the Vascular Surgery website. Dr. Lee's full profile can also be found online.