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## NEWS

### Edmond Medical Staff Leadership Elections Completed

Alexander Chung, M.D., was recently elected president-elect of the Edmonds medical staff, and Aric Christal, M.D., re-elected to a two-year term as chair of the credentials committee. Jeffrey Ward, M.D., and David Peck, M.D., were re-elected to chair the pharmacy and therapeutics, and medical records committees, respectively. In addition, the following were elected to two-year terms as service chiefs:

Carol Cornejo, M.D.	Surgery
Catalina Draghici, M.D.	Psychiatry
Robert Gould, M.D.	Medicine

Those re-elected to chief positions include:

Bryan Chow, M.D.	Emergency Service
Sunil Saluja, M.D.	Pediatrics

### FBC Medical Staff Department Chiefs Elected

Several FBC medical staff departments recently completed elections. Newly-elected chiefs are:

Deborah Washington, M.D.	Medicine
Elizabeth Meade, M.D.	Pediatrics
John Mullen, M.D.	Urology

Chiefs re-elected include:

Ian Doten, M.D.	Emergency Medicine
Mark Lowdermilk, M.D.	Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatology
Alexis Falicov, M.D.	Orthopedics

### FBC Medical Staff Quarterly Meeting to be Held Tuesday, Jan. 17

The First Hill/Ballard/Cherry Hill (FBC) medical staff will hold a quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Education and Conference Center. Included on the agenda are a report from Chief of Staff Janice Connolly, M.D., a report on the impact of pharmacy closures on patients, and a presentation on system capacity management. All medical staff members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m.

### New Epic Functionality for Advance Beneficiary Notices

In order to increase compliance with Medicare regulations, Swedish is implementing functionality in Epic related to Advance Beneficiary Notices (ABNs) on Jan. 24. An ABN is a method by which providers communicate to traditional Medicare patients who are using ambulatory and outpatient services.

Providers or their representatives need to discuss the ABN with the patient and let the patient know that they may receive a bill for items and services that may not be covered by Medicare. [Read more.](#)

### **Swedish Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee**

The P&T Consensus newsletter details the committee's decision and timely implementation of endorsed, system-wide therapeutic initiatives to promote appropriate, safe and effective prescribing practices. The [December issue](#) summarizes the committee's work in 2016 and provides information about the Providence St. Joseph Health (PSJH) System P&T in which Swedish is a part of. Visit [Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee](#) at Swedish Online for more information.

### **International Patients**

Caregivers and clinical staff should direct all international patients with service requests to the Swedish Referral Services Team who will work with private pay teams—SMC as well as SMG dedicated teams—for all estimates. If your clinic receives an inquiry, please send a note to [Swedish Referral](#) or dial 1-425-525-6110. We'll communicate directly with the patient and the private pay groups. We'll also work with your caregivers for expected advance payment and scheduling. Questions? Contact [Laura Walden](#), manager, or visit us on [Swedish Online](#) and [on the web](#).

### **New CDIP Newsletter has Tips, Tricks and Even Puzzles!**

The clinical documentation team is publishing a [new monthly newsletter](#) to spread the word about documentation integrity and what you can do to ensure accurate quality data. The newsletter also includes tips and reminders on capturing the highest specificity/acuity that reflects the patient's true condition and trends seen in the coding and documentation-integrity community. You can find the newsletter on [WellSpot](#) or by visiting [CDIP](#) at Swedish Online and clicking "Resources."

### **New Research and Clinical Trials Website Launches**

Providence has a new research and clinical trials website that will now make it easier for patients and clinicians to access the vast number of leading-edge therapies, research studies and active clinical trials available across our markets. [Visit the research website here.](#)

### **Welcome New Medical Staff Members**

Welcome practitioners who [joined the Swedish medical staff in December.](#)

## **LEADER NOTES**

### **FBC**



Happy New Year to all from Janice Connolly, M.D., your new chief of staff!

2017 is going to be a great year for the medical staff at Ballard, Cherry Hill, First Hill, Mill Creek and Redmond.

I'd like to share my vision for the medical staff with you for the new year. My focus will be on the four C's: communication, Culture of Safety, Crimson, and campus unification. [Read more.](#)

## **KUDOS**

*Medical staff members may submit news about awards, recognitions, published articles, media reports, and other professional achievements for consideration in "Kudos" by emailing [Medical Staff News](#).*

## **POLICYWONK**

### **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." See, for instance, "[Attire for Restricted and Semi-Restricted Procedure Areas.](#)"

## 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](http://www.swedish.org/cme) for a complete list:

Jan. 27-28 [Pediatric Metabolic Health & Nutrition Summit](#)

### Providence Regional Medical Center Everett CME Conference on Addiction Medicine

March 2-3 [19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine Conference](#)  
Tulalip Resort & Conference Center \* Tulalip, Washington  
Day 1 Highlight: Optional PCSS-MAT Office-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders Session

To see the brochure or to register visit [Regional Medical Center Everett CME Conferences.](#)



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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...

### Advanced Beneficiary Notices

Changes you'll see in Epic:

- Physicians will be alerted when ordering in Epic if the order and associated diagnoses are not considered medically necessary by Medicare.
- The provider will have the opportunity to review the diagnosis code to see if a more specific one is appropriate. If not then:
- Patients will receive an ABN to sign notifying them that they may be responsible for payment of the non-covered service. The estimated fee will be listed on the ABN.

Additional updates will be provided as the timeline progresses. Direct questions to: [Shelly Farber](#), project manager, SMC Revenue Cycle; [Shilpa Kasukurthi](#), project manager, SMG, and [Alan Harney](#), project manager, IS.

### Chief of Staff Connolly

1. I'm hoping to improve communication for the medical staff. We are exploring Twitter, texting, Facebook and how the medical staff office can be digitally engaged. We will be doing a trial of short videos. Please email me your contact information (with your 10-digit cell phone number), your questions, your requests and your concerns. I'm here to voice your issues to administration and I want to hear from you.
2. Crimson: This is a means for you to own your data. We're going to be transparent. We're going to help you understand your data. We'll leverage our IT assets so that we are the highest-performing medical staff. The chief of your department will be a focus of the early training. With this, assuring competency for DNV will be structured.
3. Culture of Safety: Since 2012, we've had this Swedish tool for improving communication and safety. Every medical staff member needs to complete this training once. We lag behind our colleagues in other areas.
4. Campus unification and campus identity: The medical staff will be joining with Issaquah. We will be developing campus leadership structures at each campus. There will be new departments. Stay tuned as there will be opportunities for you.