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NEWS

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

The Committee reconvened in January, approving revisions to the Antibiotic Prophylaxis Surgical Guidelines for adults to address patients with MRSA history, and a pilot to standardize order sets for venous thromboembolism (VTE). They also addressed therapeutic duplication of PRN medications for pediatrics, medications requiring special cardiac monitoring, and a process to ensure safe management of insulin R U-500. For more information, see the [January newsletter](#).

Welcome New Medical Staff Members

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

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

Restraint and Seclusion Policy Updated

Medical staff updates to the [Restraint and Seclusion Management](#) policy include: **Initial Order:** ordering timeframe for restraint or seclusion (if not able to enter prior to application) has been updated to "not to exceed one hour after restraint application / seclusion." **Face-to-Face Assessment:** The Face-to-Face Assessment for Violent Track / Seclusion "performed by LIP" has been updated to "...LIP, or appropriately trained designee." [Continue reading](#).

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."

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:

March 10 [High Risk Obstetrics for the Family Physician: Up-to-Date Care For Your Challenging Patients](#)

March 17 The Impact of Culture on the Delivery of Palliative Care



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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](#). Enter your username, swedish, in order to access the library of work/life tools, trainings, and webinars available to you.

And So Forth...

Restraint and Seclusion

Medical Restraint Order renewal: Timing for renewal orders for the **Medical Interference Track** has been updated from "every 24 hours" to "*Each calendar day.*" Reminder: **Violent Track** renewal orders remain per CMS requirements (every four hours for patients 18 and older, every two hours for patients nine through 17, and every hour for patients under nine).