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## NEWS

### Medical Staff Town Hall Forum with Swedish Administration

Wednesday, March 8

5 to 7 p.m.

Swedish Orthopedic Institute, 1st Floor Orthopedics Conference Room, First Hill Campus

Panelists include:

*R. Guy Hudson, M.D., interim chief executive officer, Swedish Health Services*  
*June Altaras, chief operating and administrative officer, Swedish Health Services*  
*Dave West, chief operating officer, Cherry Hill & First Hill Campuses*  
*Derel Finch, M.D., vice president of medical affairs, Cherry Hill Campus*  
*Meredith Gould, nurse executive, Cherry Hill Campus*

Comments from panelists will be followed by an opportunity for questions from medical staff members. All medical staff members are welcomed.

### FBC Medical Staff Quarterly Meeting Moved to Tuesday, March 28

The First Hill/Ballard/Cherry Hill (FBC) medical staff quarterly meeting scheduled for March 21 has been moved to Tuesday, March 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Education and Conference Center. The agenda includes "Culture of Safety: Professional Behavior and the Medical Staff," and feedback from the March 8 Town Hall meeting. Active members will also be asked to approve a corrective bylaws amendment on R5 privileging. All members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m.

### What is a Bundle? by Peggy Hutchison, M.D., immediate past chief of staff

We have been working on bundles for various serious safety events (SSEs) in the hospital. I have been involved in the development of the hysterectomy bundle. [This article](#) makes very clear what a bundle is and how we should view it. Bundles are intended to improve patient outcomes by adhering to processes supported by literature, not checklists to burden the staff or physicians. I hope this article is helpful.

### Blood Services Newsletter Debuts

Blood Services is starting a newsletter to provide quick tips and answers to common questions about transfusion. The idea came from the Issaquah Quality Council and was endorsed by councils at other campuses. [Here is our first issue](#). Each month we'll provide a case to illustrate important points for medical and nursing staff. For questions or topics you want to learn about, contact [Andrea Nordmark](#), blood management specialist, or [Kirsten Alcorn, M.D.](#), medical director transfusion service lab.

## Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

The P&T Consensus newsletter details the committee's decision and timely implementation of system-wide therapeutic initiatives. The [February newsletter](#) summarizes the Committee's decisions to remove use restrictions on posaconazole, outline the management of ketamine for chronic, acute, and post-surgical pain, and changes to the heparin infusion protocol. Other updates and more information are available on the [Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee's webpage](#).

## Welcome New Medical Staff Members

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

## LEADER NOTES

### FBC Chief of Staff Janice Connolly, M.D., on Culture of Safety

Take a look at [my video message about the Culture of Safety](#)



Thank you for your caring engagement, your thoughtful messages, and your fortitude over the last two weeks. I know that our patients and fellow caregivers trust that we will continue to provide the highest quality care. We will continue to promote our Culture of Safety and seek to better understand when it has not been effective and to continue to learn and to improve. I am proud to be a member of our Swedish Medical Staff. This situation gives us all an opportunity to rise to the occasion, to lead effective change and to make a difference. [Continue reading](#).

## 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

### Nasogastric Tube Management Standard Updated Following SSE

Following review of a recent serious safety event at Swedish, nasogastric tube placement practice changes have been implemented and are reflected in [Nasogastric Tube \(NGT\) Management: Adult Standard](#). All NGTs must be confirmed by x-ray (or intra-operatively-either direct visualization or palpation of the end of the tube in the stomach during surgery) and should have a label affixed to the tube to indicate such. [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."

## EPIC HINT

### Epic Cupid Now Live with Cardiac Catheterization Structured Reporting by Jeff Westcott, M.D., and Jeff Wolff-Gee, M.D., chief medical informatics officer

Faster and more accurate clinical documentation through synoptic reporting is now in place thanks to implementation of [Epic Cupid](#). This improvement required a change to the location of cardiac catheterization lab results from the "Notes" tab in chart review to the "Card" tab. Results can also be found in "Results Review" review or by using the chart search box. Reports preceding March 5 will remain in their existing location. For now, cardiologists will document a brief post-procedure note referencing the "Card" tab. Results will include diagnostic and post-procedure diagrams. Additional changes to cardiology results reporting are anticipated. Check back here for updates.

## PHILANTHROPY

### Join the Ivy Brain Tumor Center and Research Team on May 7 for the 10th Annual *Seattle Brain Cancer Walk*



Register now for the [Seattle Brain Cancer Walk](#) on Sun., May 7 at Seattle Center benefitting [The Ben and Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment](#). Founded in 2008 by a group of committed volunteers and families, the *Seattle Brain Cancer Walk* has raised more than \$4.6 million for research, clinical trials and comprehensive care for patients with brain cancer. Celebrate and

support those affected by brain cancer by joining and/or donating to the [Ivy Brain Tumor Center and Research Team](#). If you're unable to attend, you can still show your support by registering as a Virtual Walker at [Braincancerwalk.org](#). (Use Chrome or Firefox to open links.)

### Volunteers Sought for International Summer Program

Health care professionals and members of the community are invited to participate in [Global Impact](#), a Seattle Colleges service learning program presented in partnership with Seattle-area medical, education and service organizations. Program volunteers will work around the world during summer 2017 with Seattle Colleges and other partners including Seattle University and University of Washington-Tacoma on this initiative. [Continue reading.](#)



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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...

### Culture of Safety

In the words of Abraham Lincoln at his Annual Message to Congress, 1862: "We can succeed only by concert. It is not "Can any of us imagine better?" but, "Can we all do better?"...The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."

When I think of our safety bundle and missed opportunities, I wish all of us had completed our Culture of Safety training. It gives us a set of tools to improve our communication which is the foundation of quality and safe care.

With the Culture of Safety as a key element, the Swedish Board and your MEC wish to collaborate with the new administration on reaching out and bringing us together. This will be an important step in our healing process.

### NGT Management

If intra-operatively confirmed, the label should be placed by anesthesia in the OR.



The Epic order set "NG Tube (NGT) Placement Confirmation and Management," (#3087) is now available. Please use this order set for all NGT insertions/confirmations as it includes care and management guidance intended to result in better tube maintenance (irrigation of tube and sump). You can also choose to enter a "Communicate to nurse order" for use once the tube is confirmed.

### Global Impact

Since 2005, local teams have paired with teams from the host country to provide clinics and health education services. The teams also work on sustainable infrastructure projects such as testing for potability of water in wells, sustainable agriculture, and the installation of clean-burning stoves, water filters, and composting toilets--activities that contribute to the overall health of rural communities. Global Impact is sponsoring four programs in late August:

- *Ghana Expedition*, Aug. 20-Sept. 3: Keta, Ghana
- *Magical Morocco*, Aug. 20-Sept. 3: Rural outreach near Agadir
- *Explore India*, Aug. 20-Sept. 3: Goa area, poor communities
- *Discover Laos*, Aug. 21-Sept. 1: Villages a two hours outside of Luang Prabang

Find details about this year's trips and photos and videos about previous trips at [Global Impact](#).

Global Impact was inspired by the international programs of the Seattle Colleges, which serve students from more than 100 countries around the world; by the region's leadership in health care; and by the health care education focus of the colleges, whose combined programs comprise the largest health care education provider in the region. "These elements provide the foundation for taking our education programs to the next level of development and significance," says Global Impact program administrator Dr. Andrea Insley, associate vice chancellor of Global Initiatives. The program offers an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people in developing countries, and in return, Insley says, "participants find themselves changed by the experience."