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## NEWS

### Special Medical Staff Meetings Scheduled for May 16

Several special medical staff meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the Swedish Education and Conference Center, at Cherry Hill. Dinner will be available. The unified medical staff will vote on a resolution to delay unification to Jan. 1 and a bylaws amendment related to leadership selection and department structure. The amendment would retain the current First Hill, Ballard, and Cherry Hill (FBC) department structure. Both the FBC and Issaquah medical staffs will vote on amendments moving restraint policy from rules and regulations into bylaws. The FBC medical staff will also vote on an amendment adding campus advisory councils at the First Hill and Cherry Hill campuses. Issaquah members may participate via teleconference in the Leadership Room at the Issaquah Campus.

### Primary Campus Designation Survey Coming Soon

Credentialed practitioners in the First Hill, Ballard, and Cherry Hill medical staff and the Issaquah medical staff will soon be sent information about their current primary campus designation along with an option to select a different campus. The primary campus designation determines the campus at which you vote and are able to hold campus offices. All members will be able to vote in system-wide elections. Voting in the Edmonds medical staff will remain unchanged. Look for the message in your preferred email account and respond by the June 16 deadline. No action is necessary to retain your current primary campus designation. Changes can only be made once annually.

### Improper Use of 'Communicate to Nurse' Orders

"Communicate to Nurse" (CtN) orders are not to be used to transmit medication-related orders as they:

- Bypass pharmacy (missing an integral safety check built into our workflow)
- May not be seen by RNs during medication administration as do not appear on the medication administration record (MAR).
- Providers may not discontinue the CtN order when no longer appropriate.

[Continue reading.](#)

### Staging of Newly-Diagnosed Cancer Cases

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer requires physician staging of all newly-diagnosed cancer cases seen at each facility in order to maintain accreditation. To meet this requirement, Swedish asks its medical staff to complete an online staging form. Swedish Medical Staff Rules and Regulations state that collection of this information will be achieved with the completion and signing of the appropriate American Joint Committee on Cancer staging form by the managing physician. [Continue reading.](#)

### Why Give Two When One Will Do?

Transfuse one unit of RBC then re-evaluate before additional transfusion. At Swedish, we are adopting this evidence-based practice for red blood cell transfusion in otherwise stable patients who meet transfusion criteria (clinical evaluation + H/H): A restrictive transfusion threshold approach minimizes risks of transfusion-related complications and associated expenses. [More information is available here.](#)

### **Evening Culture of Safety Class at Swedish First Hill June 22**

In response to requests for evening training opportunities downtown, we're pleased to offer a Culture of Safety class from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22 in Glaser Auditorium at Swedish First Hill. To register, visit [Culture of Safety](#) at Swedish Online. If you are off the Swedish network, [please register here](#). Registration for all medical staff and allied health professionals, can be found under "physicians" regardless of employment status with Swedish.

### **Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee**

The [April issue](#) of the P&T Consensus newsletter details recent actions on the updated Medication Administration Governing Policy, new pediatric clinical protocols for Anaphylaxis/Hypersensitivity Treatment and Emergency Measures, and melatonin dosing. Daptomycin dose standardization went into effect April 13 and perioperative antibiotic coverage guidelines for adult patients with history of MRSA on April 25. Visit [Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee](#) at Swedish Online for more information.

### **May is Bike Everywhere Month!**

Get rolling.... Bike Everywhere Month is the time to support, encourage and celebrate all things bicycling. Join us in proving no one celebrates pedal power like Swedish.

- [2017 Washington Bikes Bike Everywhere Challenge May 1-31](#). Are you in? Ride your bike, form a team of friends, log your bike trips and win prizes!
- [F5 Bike Everywhere Day on May 19](#). Visit the Cherry Hill Celebration station on this nationally recognized day celebrating biking.

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

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

## **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."

## **PHILANTHROPY**

### **Registration is now open for the *SummeRun & Walk* on July 16**



Save the date and register now for the 24th annual *SummeRun & Walk for Ovarian Cancer* on July 16. Your support benefits the Rivkin Center, funding ovarian cancer research and education efforts across the country. Register your team now or fundraise to help end ovarian cancer at [summerun.org](http://summerun.org).

## 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:

- May 11-12 [11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cerebrovascular Symposium – Interdisciplinary Care of the Stroke Patient](#)
- May 12 [Annual Oncology Symposium: Innovations in Gynecologic Cancer Care - Prevention to Survivorship](#)
- May 24 [10th Annual Iris and Ted Wagner, M.D., Endowed Lectureship - Helping Solve Our Healthcare Crisis What You Need to Know \(Evening Program\)](#)
- June 2 [R3 Talks - Selected Infectious Disease Topics: An Update for the Primary Care Provider](#)
- June 9 [Seventh Annual Pacific Northwest Head and Neck Cancer Symposium: Updates on Parathyroid and Salivary Glands](#)
- June 16 [Epilepsy Update 2017](#)

### Tuberculosis Trainings Offered

June 22-23 The [Curry International Tuberculosis Center](#), [Firland Northwest Tuberculosis Center](#), and [Washington State Department of Health Tuberculosis Control Program](#) are pleased to announce two upcoming trainings in Seattle, WA.

*Location:*

UW South Lake Union Campus, Brotman Auditorium, 850 Republican St, Seattle, WA 98109

*Cost:*

No fee for this training.

*Trainings:*

Thursday, June 22 Focus on LTBI (one full-day training)

Credit: CME & Nursing CEs are available

This training is intended as an introductory course covering the basics of latent TB infection diagnosis and treatment for physicians, nurses, and other licensed medical care providers who diagnose and treat patients with latent TB infection.

Friday, June 23 Tuberculosis Nursing Workshop (one full-day training)

Credit: Nursing CEs are available

This training is intended for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and other licensed medical care providers who work with TB patients.



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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...**

#### **'Communicate to Nurse' Orders**

Pharmacy and nursing both request that providers instead directly modify the administration instructions OR other fields (dose, route, timing) of medication orders to communicate specific instructions they want followed that are related to medication therapy.

Other examples of inappropriate use of CtN orders include:

- "Hold if..."
- "Give XXX 1 hour prior to..."
- "Give XXX 2 hours after..." or other specific medication-related communications

Medication orders are more likely to be seen, modified/removed when the provider reviews the medication list. CtN orders may not be evaluated by follow-up providers or when service coverage changes.

Nurses may not always refer to CtN orders during the medication administration procedure when they are working in the live MAR. These CtN orders are NOT seen on a nursing MAR view and may be missed. Providers may not go in and discontinue the CtN order when they no longer want those instructions followed, whereas the orders may be more likely to be seen and modified/removed when the provider reviews the medication list.

Pharmacy and nursing both request that providers directly modify the administration instructions on medication orders to communicate specific instructions they want followed that are related to medication therapy.

#### **Staging of Newly-Diagnosed Cancer Cases**

The managing physician is identified as the surgeon, or the person who identified the malignancy, such as the medical and/or radiation oncologist.

When newly-diagnosed cases are identified, the physician will be sent a chart completion reminder and is expected to complete the staging. Recurrent malignancies are not required to be staged. Cancer staging forms must be completed via the Epic problem list, by logging into "Department," and then "Oncology-Medical." If there are issues with access, the IS Help Desk Epic staff can assist in determining the nature of the problem.

Cases diagnosed in 2017 or earlier use the 7th Edition American Joint Committee on Cancer staging guidelines. Cases diagnosed in 2018 and later will utilize the 8th Edition which will be in use beginning Jan. 1.