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## NEWS

### **Medical Staff and Board Agree to Jan. 1 Unification**

At a special meeting on May 16 the medical staff adopted a resolution to delay to Jan. 1 the unification of the First Hill/Ballard/Cherry Hill (FBC) and Issaquah medical staffs. The Board approved the action, giving the medical staff additional time to develop an organizational structure to support the new medical staff. Also approved was a bylaws amendment to retain the existing FBC department organization. Changes in departments may be presented at a later date and would require approval by the medical staff.

### **Cherry Hill to Elect Advisory Council Chair, Campus Chief of Staff**

Active Cherry Hill members will be asked to nominate and elect a Cherry Hill Advisory Council chief who will become the campus chief of staff on Jan. 1, the effective date of the medical staff unification. Requests for nominations will be sent to each Active Cherry Hill member. Electronic balloting will follow the close of nominations. Look for more information in your mailbox.

### **Primary Campus Designation Election Closes June 16**

The annual primary campus designation election closes at 4 p.m., Friday, June 16. All credentialed staff were notified by email of their current campus designation and instructions for updating the designation if desired. Primary campus designation determines which campus elections members are eligible to vote and hold office in. No action is necessary to retain existing designation. Once the June 16 deadline passes no changes may be made until the following year.

### **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.

### **Accessing PACS images from outside the network is changing July 18**

Information Services is migrating from the current GE Centricity PACS software to the Philips IntelliSpace PACS system on July 18. Once live on Philips IntelliSpace, externally accessing the PACS system from outside the network at [pacs.swedish.org](http://pacs.swedish.org) will no longer be available. Swedish Secure Gateway or hyperlinks in Epic will need to be used to get PACS images off the network. [Learn about the change](#).

### **Nurse-Driven Foley Removal Protocol Updated** *by Cheri Constantino-Shor, MSN, RN*

CAUTI continues to be a concern throughout our system. The evidence is clear that early removal of a Foley catheter is the very best prevention we can offer against CAUTI (other than not putting one in!) We have had a nurse driven Foley removal protocol since 2013. An updated version has new guidance to increase nurse empowerment in leading efforts at early removal of Foley catheters. Please review the newly revised [Nurse Driven Foley Removal protocol](#). [Continue reading](#).

### **First Hill Transfusion Lab is Moving**

The Transfusion Service Laboratory at First Hill is moving down the hall on C level across from the Pharmacy and will have access to a pneumatic tube station. Samples will be able to be tubed to the transfusion service from any area with a house pneumatic tube station. The number to put in the tube station to send to transfusion service is 16. Samples can still be walked to the transfusion service lab if desired. Transfusion services will not be interrupted during the move. Phone and fax numbers remain the same. Questions? Contact Tracy Pepper at [Tracy.Pepper@swedish.org](mailto:Tracy.Pepper@swedish.org) or 206-386-6244.

### **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 [May issue](#) includes vancomycin dosing guidelines for neonates and pediatrics, provisions for use of inpatient alcoholic beverages, patient education on food-drug-nutrient interaction, and use of non-formulary medications. Visit [Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee](#) at Swedish Online for more information.

### **Transfusion News You Can Use Published**

Click [here](#) for the latest edition of "Transfusion News You Can Use."

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

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

## **KUDOS**

### **Buckler awarded the 2017 Rod & Nancy Hochman Physician Executive Scholarship**



Joshua M. Buckler, M.D., chief of Cardiovascular Services at the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute, was recently awarded the 2017 Rod & Nancy Hochman Physician Executive Scholarship. Established in 2013 in honor of the Hochman's leadership at Swedish, the award recognizes a physician who has significantly enhanced the culture of safety and collaboration at Swedish. [Continue reading](#).

*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."

### **Providence Clinical Leadership Update Available Online**

Check out the latest issue of [Providence Clinical Leadership Update](#), a monthly newsletter with information on clinical initiatives, news, programs and services across the organization.

## **PHILANTHROPY**

### **Generosity Starts with Us**

Your opportunity to invest in extraordinary patient care at Swedish launches on June 15 during the 2017 Caregiver Campaign. As our esteemed medical staff, this is your chance to make sure that Swedish remains the best place to work and practice. Your generous payroll deduction or one-time gift

can be directed to any fund, program or institute at Swedish that you care about, or to wherever the need is greatest. Extraordinary care starts with us! Visit [Swedishfoundation.org/caregivers](http://Swedishfoundation.org/caregivers) to learn what your extraordinary generosity makes possible at Swedish.

### Join Team Swedish/Team Mehta for the Swedish SummeRun July 16



Join [Team Swedish/Team Mehta](#) for the [Swedish SummeRun](#) Sun., July 16 benefitting the [Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer](#). Team Swedish/Team Mehta is among the largest *SummeRun* teams and team captain, [Vivek Mehta, M.D.](#), is an enthusiastic supporter of the *SummeRun*. We also need volunteers for the event to help with set-up, shirt/packet pick-up, water stations and we especially need course monitors. To volunteer, contact Molly Jo McGuire at [Mollyjo.mcguire@swedish.org](mailto:Mollyjo.mcguire@swedish.org) or 206-386-3445.

### Community Donates More than \$395,000 for Brain Cancer Research at the Ivy Center



On May 7, more than 2,500 people gathered at Seattle Center to support patients and survivors of brain cancer at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual [Seattle Brain Cancer Walk](#). The fundraising event benefits brain cancer research and clinical trials at [The Ben & Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment](#) at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute. [View photos](#) from the event and [donate](#) through Dec. 31.

## CME

### Swedish Continuing Medical Education Opportunities

Swedish offers a variety of accredited CME events, including full-day conferences, online courses and regularly scheduled series. Visit [www.swedish.org/cme](http://www.swedish.org/cme) for a complete list.

### Attend primary care conference in paradise



Stay informed on the latest in primary care and attend this Providence St. Joseph Health-sponsored conference Nov. 6-10 in Hawaii. The event is open to caregivers interested in updating their knowledge of primary-care treatments. [Get details and register here.](#)



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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...**

### **Foley Protocol**

It includes the following updates:

- During post-removal voiding trial, now a range of 350-500 ml urine in bladder (for adults) before I & O catheterizing (peds, consult with LIP for volumes)
- Now up to TWO I & O catheterizations before re-inserting Foley (and some units with more, see Table C)
- Guidance that if trial results in reinsertion of Foley, wait 24 hours and restart algorithm
- Notify LIP for any urethral trauma with I & O catheterizations
- Consider pharmacy consult for urinary retention without a known obstruction (this would be a nurse to pharmacist contact and then reaching out to LIP with any suggestions)
- Guidance that in addressing acute retention, I & O catheterizing with smaller urine volumes (closer to lower range) is more desirable as an overly full bladder can worsen acute retention.

Please order this protocol (whenever clinically appropriate for your patient) to empower our nurses to remove indwelling catheters early to reduce risk for CAUTI in our vulnerable patients.

### **Hochman Award**

Dr. Buckler was selected for his valued contributions at Swedish and his leadership potential. He will receive full tuition support toward earning his MBA through the Executive Development Program at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business.

The award namesake and Providence St. Joseph Health President and Chief Executive Officer, Rod Hochman, M.D., presented the award to Dr. Buckler at the medical staff retreat in late April.