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NEWS

Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff-Elect Nominations Set for Sept. 19 Meeting

The unified medical staff leadership nominating committee will report its nominees for chief of staff and chief of staff-elect at a meeting to be held 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Swedish Education and Conference Center. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor and all candidates will have an opportunity to make brief remarks. The election will take place by electronic ballot following the meeting. [Read more.](#)

Nominations Sought for APC Representative to Medical Executive Committee

For the first time APCs (PA-Cs, ARNP, CNM, and CRNAs) have the opportunity to nominate a member to run for election to a two-year term as the APC representative to the medical executive committee. Nominations will be taken at the Sept. 19 meeting (see above) and nominees will be invited to make a brief statement in support of their candidacy. Nominations may also be submitted to swedishmedicalstaffvote@swedish.org by Thursday, Sept. 14. Only the names of those who consent will appear on the ballot. Voting will take place electronically following the meeting.

Insulin R U-500: New Order Set and Workflow Process as of Aug. 1

"Insulin U-500 High Concentration Orders" #2283

R U-500 a unique, highly concentrated insulin, is used for patients with extreme insulin resistance requiring 250 or more units of insulin daily. It is metabolized differently than regular insulin; although the onset is within 30 minutes, the duration can reach 24 hours. U-500 insulin **cannot** be directly converted to other insulins. [Read more.](#)

Post-Incident Documentation

Documentation facilitates communication among health care team members, promotes continuity of care and serves as the legal record of care provided. It includes information about the patient's status, clinical assessment and interventions, expected outcomes, evaluation of the patient's outcomes and of responses to clinical care. The patient's record specifies what interventions were performed by whom, when, and where and patient's response to interventions. [Read more.](#)

August Newsletter from the 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 committee did not meet in August. This [August issue](#) provides information about the role and responsibilities of the committee as well as a summary of the medication [policy changes](#) and [drug utilization initiatives](#) approved by P&T to date this year. Visit [Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee](#) at Swedish Online for more information.

Welcome New Medical Staff Members

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

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."

EPIC HINT

Epic Upgrade 2017 Provider Engagement Centers

To provide insight into the Epic Upgrade 2017 the Swedish Informatics Team will open drop-in provider engagement centers at the various Swedish campuses Sept. 5-15. We will have staff deployed at all hospital campuses in the physician lounges from 6-8 a.m. and again from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Duplicate Checking of Laboratory Orders in Epic

Concurrent with the upgrade to Epic 2017 on Sept. 9, the Swedish Laboratory Utilization Committee (LUC) will implement duplicate procedure checking for inpatient laboratory orders. [Read more](#).

PHYSICIANS-IN-TRAINING

Graduating Fellows

Swedish proudly congratulates 2017 graduating fellows. [Continue reading](#).

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:

- Sept. 11-13 [Transcranial Doppler for Cerebrovascular Disease](#)
- Sept. 21-22 [7th Annual Intensive Update in Neurology](#)
- Sept. 29 [21st Annual Pain Management Symposium: Pain in Older Adults - Improving Assessment and Expanding Care Options](#)
- Oct. 5 [7th Annual Swedish Orthopedic Institute Joint Replacement Lecture](#)
- Oct. 20 [Orthopedics Symposium for Primary Care: Acute Injury Update
Tips and Tricks for Primary Care Management of Acute Injury](#)
- Oct. 27 [15th Annual West Coast Colorectal Cancer Symposium](#)



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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...

Medical Staff Leadership Nominations

Also on the agenda is a presentation of bylaws revisions and other governance documents. A vote on these items by Active and APC members present will follow. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the regular quarterly medical staff meeting of the First Hill, Ballard, and Cherry Hill medical staff. For the convenience of Issaquah members it will be teleconferenced with the Issaquah Campus in the Leadership and Knowledge Rooms. All members are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

Elections for department chiefs and campus chiefs of staff-elect will be held electronically later in the year. Look for additional information here in *Medical Staff News* and in your mailbox.

Insulin Order Set

In response to safety incidents related to this high risk medication, a new workflow has been implemented:

- ✓ U-500 insulin has been classified as a **"restricted"** medication.
- ✓ An LIP will need to obtain a diabetes educator consult prior to ordering U-500 insulin. If the insulin is ordered without a consult, pharmacy will discontinue the order until notified that the patient consult has been completed.
- ✓ If a consult is not available, the LIP will need to instead prescribe an insulin infusion or a standard basal/bolus/correctional regimen (U-100 insulin).
- ✓ Once approved, the dose will be prefilled by pharmacy in a unique green capped U-500 syringe with an identifying U-500 symbol.

Order set language

STOP- THIS IS A RESTRICTED MEDICATION: U-500 order set use requires a Swedish Diabetes Education consult to be completed first

- Please cancel U-500 order set
- Order Swedish Insulin Infusion [2461 OR U-100 Insulin using Swedish Insulin Basal bolus correctional order set [2603]
- Place communicate to pharmacist [PHM0001] order stating “Please be aware that insulin U-500 is requested”
- Use of home U-500 insulin is not permitted

Documentation

In instances of emergency response (Code Blue for example), it is important to document following the incident to capture assessments, interventions, and outcomes completed during the event. Review code form, electronic medical record flow sheets and summary notes for accuracy and completion as soon as you are able following the event.

Checking Lab Orders in Epic

WHEN is this changing?
Saturday, Sept. 9

WHY is this changing?
While laboratory testing is an integral part of patient care, it is also often overutilized resulting in unnecessary testing and significant increase in overall cost. Duplicate testing also negatively affects patient experience by being subjected to additional specimen collections.

The LUC has determined that Swedish will benefit from having duplicate checking policies in place to reduce cost and improve patient care. This functionality will alert clinicians during order entry when:

- an order is duplicated within a defined time interval
- a high-cost test is ordered
- a genetic test, which should be performed only once in a patient's lifetime, is reordered

WHAT is changing?
Duplicate checking will be performed on inpatient laboratory orders placed in Epic.

Soft stop alerts will be utilized for duplicate checking. Alert messages will guide clinicians in making appropriate decisions. Clinicians will have the option to cancel the duplicate order prior to being placed. Alerts will also display the most recent result(s) if test being ordered was performed within a defined time interval. The allowed time interval between orders for each test has been vetted by the laboratory medical directors and approved by the LUC.

Duplicate procedure checks will only affect inpatient laboratory orders at all five Swedish hospitals. All responses to duplicate checking alerts will be logged in Epic. [Click here to view entire message.](#)

Graduating Fellows

Addiction Medicine (ABAM-accredited)	
Christopher Luke Peterson, D.O.	Dr. Peterson has accepted a faculty position in family medicine and addiction medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine as well as the Phoenix Family Medicine Residency at Banner University Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Advanced Hospital Medicine	
Abhishek Agarwal, M.D.	Dr. Agarwal has accepted a hospitalist position at Northbay Hospital in Fairfield, Calif.
Kunal Joshi, M.D.	Dr. Joshi has accepted a position with Swedish Medical Center as a nocturnist primarily at First Hill and Cherry Hill in Seattle, Wash.
Opara Praise, M.D.	Dr. Praise plans to stay in Seattle practicing as a hospitalist.
Colon and Rectal Surgery (ACGME-accredited)	
Tafadzwa Makarawo, M.D.	Dr. Makarawo has accepted a position at Banner Thunderbird in Glendale, Ariz.
Esophageal and Thoracic Surgery (Fellowship Council-accredited)	
Matias Mihura, M.D.	Dr. Mihura has accepted a foregut and bariatric attending position with the General Surgery Division at the Buenos Aires British Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Jeff Watkins, M.D.	Dr. Watkins has accepted a position in Portland, Ore., with Northwest Minimally Invasive Surgery practicing minimally invasive and foregut surgery.
Family Medicine Advanced Obstetrics	
Marissa Kummerling, M.D.	Dr. Kummerling will join Open Door Community Health Center in Eureka, Calif., as a family medicine physician.
Alicia Parsons, M.D.	Dr. Parsons will practice outpatient primary care at a location to be determined.
Eduardo Duquez, M.D.	Dr. Duquez will join CHI Franciscan Health in Enumclaw, Wash., practicing family medicine with obstetrics.
Mihuna Papazian, M.D.	Dr. Papazian has accepted a position as junior faculty at Central Washington Family Medicine Residency Program in Yakima, Wash.
Sarah Belensky, M.D.	Dr. Belensky will practice obstetrics, medicine, and pediatrics at Bere Adventist Hospital in Bere, Chad.
Geriatric Medicine (ACGME-accredited)	
Laura Blinkhorn, M.D.	Dr. Blinkhorn has accepted a position in primary care family medicine and geriatric assessments with NeighborCare, Rainier Beach, in Seattle, Wash.
Anshu Rimal, M.D.	Dr. Rimal will practice as a geriatrician at a Seattle location to be determined.
Minimally Invasive Colon and Rectal Surgery (Fellowship Council-accredited)	
Canaan Baer, M.D.	Dr. Baer will join Legacy Hospital in Portland, Ore. after his fellowship.
Neuroanesthesia	
Liang Huang, M.D.	Dr. Huang has accepted a fellowship position at Albert Einstein Medical College in New York City, N.Y.
Neurosurgery – Cerebrovascular/Endovascular	
Raghu Sampath, M.D.	Dr. Sampath will join Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania as an attending in neurosurgery, skull base, and vascular neurosurgery.
Oded Goren, M.D.	Dr. Gore has accepted Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania as an attending physician.
Naser Jaleel, M.D.	Dr. Jaleel has accepted an assistant professor position with Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.
Neurosurgery - Complex and Minimally Invasive Spine	
Jonathan York, M.D.	Dr. York will join Neurological Associates with the University of Tennessee Medical Center as an attending physician.
Doniel Drazin, M.D.	Dr. Drazin will remain in Seattle, Wash.
Peter Grunert, M.D.	Dr. Grunert will return to Austria.
Tarush Rustagi, M.D.	Dr. Rustagi will return to India to continue his practice.
Daniel Dilorenzo, M.D.	Dr. Dilorenzo has accepted an attending physician appointment at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif.

Neurosurgery – Interventional	
Pratik Ghandi, D.O.	Dr. Ghandi has accepted a position with Alpine Orthopedic Group in Stockholm, Calif.
Neurosurgery – Skull Base	
Christian Bowers, M.D.	Dr. Bowers will join Westchester Medical Center with New York Medical College as an assistant professor.
Hermes Garcia-Marrero, M.D.	Dr. Garcia-Marrero will begin a minimally invasive endoscopic cranial base surgery fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Penn.
Neurosurgery – Neuromodulation/Functional	
Carter Gerard, M.D.	Dr. Gerard has accepted a stereotactic and functional fellowship at the University of Bristol in Bristol, U.K.
Advanced Otology	
Michael Foster, D.O.	Dr. Foster has joined the ENT Center Grand Rapids as an attending physician in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Robotic Urology	
Gerald Heulitt, M.D.	Dr. Heulitt has accepted a position as a urologist with Arkansas Urology in Little Rock, Ark.
Sports Medicine (ACGME-accredited)	
Ronan Cahill, M.D.	Dr. Cahill has accepted a position as sports medicine physician with the Swedish Spine Sports and Musculoskeletal Medicine in Seattle, Wash.
Jeff LaVallee, M.D.	Dr. LaVallee will join Valley Sports Physicians and Orthopedic Medicine as a musculoskeletal and sports medicine physician in Glastonbury, Conn.
Structural Heart	
Rahul Sharma, M.D.	Dr. Sharma has accepted a position as assistant professor of medicine at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine as well as assistant director of structural heart at Carilion Clinic Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Va.