Hutchison Elected System Chief of Staff

Active and APC medical staff members have elected Peggy Hutchison, M.D., as chief of staff of the unified medical staff. Her two-year term begins Jan. 1. Dr. Hutchison is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist who served as chief of staff of the First Hill, Ballard, and Cherry Hill medical staff from 2015-2016 and previously served on several medical staff quality committees. “My focus as a system medical staff leader will be improved communication, campus-based leadership, and effective collaboration with the Board of Trustees,” she said. “I want to build on the progress we’ve made to improve working relationships among the medical staff both at the individual and campus levels.”

Born Elected Campus Chief of Staff-Elect at Issaquah

Voters at the Issaquah campus have elected Brenna Born, M.D., as the campus chief of staff-elect beginning Jan. 1. Dr. Born is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who first joined the Swedish medical staff in 2006. In addition to serving as a campus leader she will join campus chief of staff Richard Kadera, M.D., as a voting member of the unified medical staff executive committee.

Unified Medical Staff Departments to Hold Chief Elections

Nominations are now being sought for chiefs in each of the 13 unified medical staff departments. Any Active member may nominate a qualified candidate by submitting nominations to swedishmedicalstaffvote@swedish.org. Nominations are due by Nov. 1. Existing three-term limits are not applicable and incumbent chiefs are eligible to run in the election. Voting will take place electronically and will be completed by Nov. 30. Terms begin Jan. 1.

Culture of Safety Classes

Culture of Safety classes for medical staff will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Swedish Education and Conference Center on the Cherry Hill Campus. Click here to register.

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

The Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (P&T) reconvened in September with Adam Corson, M.D., as chair. The committee provides interdisciplinary oversight and guidance for all medication use policies and processes across the Swedish system (all inpatient and ambulatory facilities) to insure that medications are used in a safe, clinically appropriate and cost-effective manner. The September newsletter highlights the committee’s new charter, changes approved to medication policies, and formulary changes and drug shortages. Visit the P&T website to learn more.
**Contact Swedish Referral Services with all international patients’ inquiries**

Referral Services should be the first point of contact for inquiries related to international patients. Our team works with private-pay teams for all estimates for SMC and SMG. If your team-clinic receives an inquiry, contact us first at referral@swedish.org or 425-525-6110. We will communicate with the patient and private pay groups, and work with your teams for providing patients with all needed, advance payments and scheduling. Questions? Visit Referral Services or contact Laura Walden.

**Swedish Palliative Care Announcement**

Yuika Goto, M.D., with the Swedish palliative care team, has accepted a position as assistant professor of medicine in the palliative care division of the University of California-San Francisco. Her last day at Swedish will be Oct. 20. Dr. Goto joined Swedish in 2015 and has been involved in the expansion of our ambulatory palliative care program at both the Swedish Cherry Hill and Swedish Edmonds campuses. Please thank Dr. Goto for her service to Swedish and wish her well in her new professional role.

**Urogynecology Specialty Service Now Available at Swedish Medical Group**

Swedish Medical Group is excited to welcome board-certified urogynecologist AeuMoro Lake, M.D., to the Swedish Women's Health team and Pelvic Health program. Her arrival rounds out the highly skilled team in place to support women with pelvic disorders. She is working in collaboration with gynecologists, urologists, colorectal surgeons, physical therapists and pain specialists to provide wraparound care unique in the region. Continue reading.

**Clinical Leadership Update Published**

Check out the latest issue of Providence Clinical Leadership Update – Sept. 2017, a monthly newsletter with information on clinical initiatives, news, programs and services across the organization.

**Welcome New Medical Staff Members**

Welcome practitioners who joined the Swedish medical staff in September.

**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**

Join Team Swedish at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The Swedish Cancer Institute is proud to sponsor the 2017 American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. This year's Seattle event is on Saturday, Oct. 21 at CenturyLink Field. There is no registration fee to participate in this non-competitive, indoor walk although donations and fundraising are welcome. Registration opens at 8:00am and the walk begins at 9:00am. To volunteer, please email Karen.mcinerney@swedish.org. For more info visit our webpage.
6th Annual Walk With Friendship

Join Team Swedish, Sunday, Oct. 22, rain or shine, for the 6th Annual Walk With Friendship, at Luther Burbank Park in Mercer Island for a full family 1K Walk/5K Run! This is a fun-filled family event that brings together the entire community for an amazing cause. Come show your support for the Friendship Circle of Washington as we walk together to create awareness and support children with special needs and their families. The walk is followed by a celebration of friendship with family activities, entertainment, music, food and prizes. Log your volunteer hours in our new VIP Portal.

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:

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

Nov. 9   Diabetes Management 2017

Nov. 10  Otolaryngology for the Primary Care Physician: The News You Can Use

Improving Value in Health Care: The 2017 Choosing Wisely Summit, Friday, Oct. 27

By Chris Dale, M.D., medical director, and Andrea Ramirez, program supervisor, SMG quality and value department

Join health care leaders, stakeholders and national Choosing Wisely® representatives in Seattle on Friday, Oct. 27 for a day-long, in-depth look at how the Choosing Wisely initiative in Washington state is moving from education to implementation. Learn more about the Choosing Wisely Summit and register on the WSMA website. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and for ABIM MOC points. Information about scholarships can be found by contacting smgquality-value@swedish.org.
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...

Urogynecology Specialty Service

Dr. Lake comes to Swedish from Women’s Health Specialty Care in Farmington, Conn., an organization dedicated to innovative urological/urogynecological services. She earned her medical degree at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and then completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, Mass., followed by a fellowship in urogynecology and reconstructive medicine at Yale University. She’s been part of the clinical faculty at the University of Connecticut-Farmington since 2015.

Dr. Lake is accepting new patients who may need specialized urogynecological care. Located on the First Hill campus, she may be reached at

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