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NEWS

Swedish MEC Approves 2018 Medical Staff Meeting Schedule

The Swedish MEC has scheduled regular medical staff meetings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Swedish Education and Conference Center at the Cherry Hill campus for the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 15
- Tuesday, September 18
- Thursday, November 15

All medical staff members are invited and encouraged to attend. Dinner is served 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

Board Approves Medical Staff Policy Amendments

The Board of Trustees has given final approval to several amendments to Swedish Medical Staff governance documents, which would:

- increase flexibility for medical staff leaders in responding to behavior complaints
- add two APC references inadvertently left out of earlier drafts
- make several non-substantive, technical corrections to the bylaws

All medical staff governance documents are available for review on [Swedish Online](#).

New Dictation System coming to SMC and SMG by Laurie Burns, medical transcription manager and Chrissie Stillwagon, HIM manager at Swedish/Edmonds

A new system (eScription) will go live at Swedish in two phases. The first go-live will be on April 24 with a small group of pre-selected physicians. This will last two weeks, during which time we will closely monitor and verify whether the system is operating as expected. After that, the second go-live will be on May 8 for the rest of the medical center. Clinicians who have dictated within the last year will receive detailed information via interoffice or US mail. It is vital clinicians review the information, as there will be a number of changes with the new system.

Medication Use Decisions

Cangrelor has been restricted for use in the cath lab only at all inpatient Swedish facilities until further notice. IV acetaminophen is restricted to bariatric surgery or febrile neutropenia patients in whom the PO/PR routes are contraindicated. Doses will be limited to one-time orders only and may be reordered as long as the patient continues to meet the approved criteria. All other uses are non-formulary. P&T will monitor use closely to ensure compliance. Any requests for IV acetaminophen use outside current approved indications should be brought to P&T for review. [Continue reading](#).

Why Do Codes Matter?

A joint effort between the health care provider and the coding professional is essential to achieve complete and accurate documentation, code assignment, and reporting of diagnoses and procedures. Coders read all of the documentation and may query the attending physician to clarify existing documentation in order to assign the most accurate code and ensure the claim is compliant. [Continue reading.](#)

In Memoriam

Medical Staff Services recently received word of the death of **Jeffrey Bernstein, M.D.**, a vascular surgeon most recently affiliated with The Polyclinic. A complete [obituary may be found online.](#) Condolences may be sent to his wife, Ruth Bernstein, at 15134 Maple Lane NW, Seabeck, WA 98383.

Welcome New Medical Staff Members

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

KUDOS

Judith Kimelman, M.D., a partner at Seattle OB/GYN Group, has been named the national recipient of the 2018 Louis M. Hellman Midwifery Partnership Award. The award highlights the strong partnership experienced by the physicians and midwives of Seattle OB/GYN Group, and will be presented at both the ACOG and ACNM annual conferences.

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."

PHYSICIANS-IN-TRAINING

Incoming Residents in Nationally-Accredited Training Programs

Once again, Swedish garnered its top applicants in all ACGME-, CPME-, and CODA-accredited residency training programs! Congratulations and best of luck to our 40 new residents. Composite photos for residents and fellows can be found at [2018 Incoming Residents to Swedish Medical Center.](#)

PHILANTHROPY

Swedish Physicians Honored with Gifts of Gratitude from Patients



Congratulations to those who were recently honored with donations from grateful patients through the Swedish *Honor Your Caregiver* program. Every year thousands of patients donate to Swedish as a way to express their gratitude to you – Swedish physicians who have made a difference in their lives. Thank you for your commitment. You can view the 2018 Honor Roll at Swedishfoundation.org/honor-roll, including a special list of physicians with \$5,000 or more in cumulative gifts made in their honor.

Register Now for the *Seattle Brain Cancer Walk* on May 6



Register now for the 11th Annual [Seattle Brain Cancer Walk](#) on Sun., May 6 at Seattle Center benefitting [The Ben & Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment](#) at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute. Founded in 2008 by a group of committed volunteers and families, the *Seattle Brain Cancer Walk* has raised more than \$5 million for brain

cancer research and clinical trials. Celebrate and support those affected by brain cancer by joining a [Swedish Team](#). If you are unable to attend, you can still show your support by registering as a virtual walker. Complimentary registration for caregivers, please use code Swedish2018. (To open the links, please use Chrome or Firefox.)

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:

- April 13-14 [LGBTQ Health - Trans* Health Symposium](#)
- April 27-28 [4th Annual Spring Hepatology Update](#)
- May 3-4 [12th Annual Cerebrovascular Symposium: A Comprehensive Approach to the Diagnosis, Treatment and Management of Patients with Cerebrovascular Disease](#)
- May 11 [Annual Oncology Symposium: Oncology Care in the Aging Population](#)
- May 16 [11th Annual Iris and Ted Wagner, M.D., Endowed Lectureship](#)
- May 18 [Physician Well-Being](#)
- June 1 [R3 Talks: Health Disparities and Working Towards Equity in Primary Care](#)
- June 15-16 [Metabolic Health and Nutrition Across the Life Span](#)
- June 22 [14th Annual PsychoOncology Symposium: Promoting Resilience in Cancer Care](#)



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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...

Medication

Click [here](#) for the new use criteria. Click [here](#) for ordering instructions. Read the [March newsletter](#) or visit the [P&T website](#) to learn more about these and other medication use policies and processes.

Coding

The Swedish HIM Coding & Abstracting Department follows the Official Coding & Reporting Guidelines for hospital acute-care settings and assigns codes from ICD 10 CM, ICD 10 PCS and CPT classification systems. Each coder is credentialed by AHIMA/AAPC and follows standards for ethical coding. We are committed to quality and compliance. Self-compliance audits are performed yearly in addition to government and payer audits.

Why do codes matter?

The Patient:

It is our duty to protect the patient and ensure that their treatment is accurately recorded. The patient suffers if we do not ensure that their medical record is complete and easily interpreted by all audiences, not just physicians.

- Out of pocket insurance financial liability for the patient can be more if not coded accurately due to medical necessity denials
- The patient's life insurance benefits can be denied

Other reasons codes matter:

- DOH, CDC, WHO, research data
- Reimbursement
- Case mix index (CMI)-patient acuity and complexity
- Quality scores for hospitals and physicians (i.e. Leapfrog/Healthgrades)
- Insurance/payer deny based on codes; unspecified or not clinically supported per medical record documentation
- Quality outcomes
- Service line reporting
- Auditing Agencies (i.e. RAC, MAC, OIG, HCA, Payer and other government agencies as directed by CMS)

Physicians are extremely busy and it is increasingly harder to document to the level necessary to assign ICD 10 CM and PCS codes. Coders and clinical documentation integrity specialists (CDIS) are here to help physicians and ensure the documentation in the medical record accurately reflects the diagnosis, procedure and treatment provided to the patient.