LEADER NOTES

Medical Executive Committee Report, April 2015 by Peggy Hutchison, M.D., chief of staff

The Medical Executive Committee (MEC) is reviewing departmental activities at its monthly meetings. In April, Janice Lew, M.D., described the activities of the departments of surgery and anesthesiology; areas she represents on the MEC. There is tremendous work underway in both departments on quality initiatives. (Continue reading here.)

Register Online for Culture of Safety Class
You may now register online for an upcoming Culture of Safety class near you. When on the site, scroll down to the “Swedish Medical Staff Members, Physicians and Contractors” and select a location. Log in when prompted. If you are not a medical staff member or do not currently have an account with Swedish CME, please fill out the sections listed and also check the “I am a new user” box, then click “sign in” to create an account. Call Swedish CME at 206-386-2755 or email cultureofsafety@swedish.org if you have questions.

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.” See, for instance, Consent for Surgery or Other Invasive Procedural Treatment.

EPIC HINT

Epic – How Do I Get Help? by Jeff Wolff-Gee, M.D., CMIO; Steve Weiss, CNIO; Lisa Serna, director, Business Applications; and Nam Hong, manager, Informatics Ops
In February we surveyed your opinions about the availability of Epic support from the optimization team. The responses indicate we need to improve our visibility to you. Recently, at a leadership forum, a similar topic came up. (Continue reading here.)
PHILANTHROPY

Community Donates More Than $400,000 for Mental Health Services
Thank you to everyone who attended or supported the Destination Swedish luncheon on April 21. The event generated more than $400,000 which will provide the start-up costs needed to embed mental health counselors in our primary care clinics. Watch a video and learn more about how Swedish is creating safer, healthier communities by reducing the barriers to mental health treatment at www.swedishfoundation.org/destination-swedish.

Spring 2015 Issue of IMPACT Magazine Now Available
The latest issue of IMPACT magazine is now available online at www.swedishfoundation.org/impact or in public areas at all hospital campuses, ambulatory care centers, and Swedish Medical Group primary care and specialty care clinics. Published by Swedish Medical Center Foundation, IMPACT magazine provides the latest information about Swedish’s services, events, health care, medical topics, and activities of the Foundation and its supporters. The spring 2015 issue highlights how philanthropy and the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute are giving patients with heart failure a second chance at life.

Save the Date for the Annual Celebrate Swedish Fundraising Gala and Auction on Saturday, Oct. 24
Celebrate Swedish, Swedish Medical Center Foundation’s annual black tie gala and fundraising auction, is moving to the fall. This important event will now take place on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Details at www.swedishfoundation.org/celebrate-swedish.
Register Your Team for the *SummeRun & Walk* on July 19
Runners and walkers take your mark. And, mark your calendars for the 21st annual *SummeRun & Walk* for Ovarian Cancer on Sunday, July 19.

The SummeRun brings together ovarian cancer patients, survivors, families, friends, caregivers, and community members to raise money for ovarian cancer research across the country.

Register your team now or fundraise to help end ovarian cancer at [www.summerun.org](http://www.summerun.org).

CME

Below are Swedish CME activities for May through July. Please visit [Swedish.org/CME](http://Swedish.org/CME) for locations, times and the most up-to-date information about upcoming CME activities.

**Annual Oncology Symposium: Personalized Medicine**
Friday, May 8

**Swedish Liver Care Network Spring Hepatology Update**
Saturday, May 9

**Eighth Annual Iris and Ted Wagner Endowed Lectureship (Evening Lecture)**
Wednesday evening, May 13

**Ninth Annual Cerebrovascular Symposium**
Thursday-Friday, May 14-15

**The Transradial Approach: A Case-based and Hands-on Training Course**
Friday-Saturday, June 5-6

**Obesity Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment**
Saturday, June 6

**Epilepsy Symposium**
Friday, June 12

**Cardiology for Primary Care**
Friday, July 10

**CME Series**

**Cancer Conference Series**
12 sub-series | First Hill, Cherry Hill, Ballard, Issaquah and Highline

**Combined Campus Cardiovascular Conference Series**
Second & Third Thursdays | Cherry Hill

**Grand Rounds**
Second Thursday | First Hill, Edmonds
Medical Ethics Conference Series for Health-care Providers
Fourth Wednesday | First Hill

Swedish Neuroscience Institute Grand Rounds
First & Third Thursdays | Cherry Hill

Journey to Selma—Part 2
Please plan to attend Medical Ethics Grand Rounds on Wednesday, May 27, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. when Swedish Chief Medical Officer John Vassall, M.D., presents Part 2 of Culture and Justice: A Journey to Selma, inspired by his pilgrimage to Selma, Ala., on the fiftieth anniversary of Bloody Sunday, (March 7, 1965). Dr. Vassall’s moving presentation of Part I on April 22, can be viewed here.

Swedish Neuroscience Grand Rounds Now Online for Credit
By providing twice-monthly updates on information from a variety of disciplines, the Swedish Neuroscience Grand Rounds series provides a forum for neuroscience specialists in the region to be continually updated on developments in the field of neuroscience. Neuroscience Grand Rounds will not take place in July and August. However, Neuroscience Grand Rounds is now available online for-credit! Go to http://www.swedish.org/Neuroscience-Grand-Rounds, and click on Online Module. You may also view past Neuroscience Grand Rounds recorded presentations: http://www.swedish.org/recordedcmes.

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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
- Emotional or behavior issues
- Compulsive behaviors

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. At the “Work/Life Resources” tab enter the username: “swedish” and the password: “employee“ for immediate access. The username and password provide access for all medical staff members, whether or not employed by Swedish.
MEC Report
Kudos to these medical staff members who made the following presentations this year:

**Brian Louie, M.D.,** Swedish Cancer Institute, presented on “Minimally Invasive Thymectomy” at the General Thoracic Surgical Club in Naples, Fla.

**Alexander Farivar, M.D.,** Swedish Cancer Institute, presented on “Mediastinal Lymphadenectomy is Better than VATS, therefore the Robotic Approach should be the Preferred Platform for Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery,” at the Second Annual Chest Medicine Conference in New York.

**Swedish** was represented at the Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) held recently in Nashville. **Heather Warren, M.D., Ralph Aye, M.D., Alexander Farivar, M.D., and Brian Louie, M.D.,** Swedish Cancer Institute and Swedish Medical Center, co-presented “Multi-Institutional Outcomes Using Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation Versus Nissen Fundoplication for Chronic Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease,” with physicians from the University of Southern California and Knox Community Hospital.

**Ralph Aye, M.D.,** Swedish Cancer Institute, presented on “Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy.”

Additionally, the following posters were presented:

“A Thoracoscopic and/or Laparoscopic Approach to Epiphrenic Diverticula is an Alternative to Thoracotomy,” **Virginie Achim, M.D., Ralph Aye, M.D., Brian Louie, M.D., and Alexander Farivar, M.D.;** Swedish Medical Center, Division of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery.

“Does the Nissen-Hill Hybrid Repair Reduce Recurrence Rates for Uncomplicated GERD,” **Andreas M Schneider, M.D., Ralph Aye, M.D., Alexander Farivar, M.D., Eric Vallieres, M.D., and Brian Louie, M.D.;** Swedish Medical Center.

“Manometric Changes to the Lower Esophageal Sphincter Following Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation in Patients with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease,” by **Heather Warren, M.D., Brian Louie, M.D., MPH, Alexander Farivar, M.D., and Ralph Aye, M.D.;** Swedish Cancer Institute and Medical Center.


**Brian Louie, M.D.,** Swedish Cancer Institute, presented “Does the Surgeon Have a Role in the Management of Early (HGD- T1a) Esophageal Cancer?” at the American Association of Thoracic Surgery Annual Meeting in Seattle.

The MEC looks forward to additional department and division reports each month showcasing the excellent work of our medical staff in quality, research, education and service.

Click here to see your medical staff structure.

**Epic Help**
Here are the results:

Eighty-one percent of respondents didn’t know you can schedule a one-to-one optimization session with the inpatient provider support team. Of the 19 percent that did know about it, most thought it was at least “easy” to schedule, but their confidence in getting the right kind of help was 3.5 out of 5. Interestingly, respondents were evenly divided about wanting a dedicated rounder for deeper specialty knowledge versus a rotating team of rounders for faster response times. Written suggestions indicated a desire for improved communication about known issues, increased one-to-one support, and improved availability and speed of support.
As we work on responding to your comments, I want to share an important reminder; if you are stuck in an Epic workflow and it’s urgent, please call the Help Desk and explain that the problem is interrupting patient care. Our knowledgeable Help Desk resources can probably help solve the problem, as they have a first-call resolution rate of greater than 90 percent. If the request requires changes in Epic beyond a simple fix, or you want at-the-elbow assistance, the Help Desk can get your issue or request routed to the right group, including our Epic Optimization Team.

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.