

Medical Staff Update

April 2014

MEDITECH Standardization: What Does It Mean For You?

Simply put, it means change. Significant change. MEDITECH standardization, which is going live June 1, is not just another upgrade. It will take time and training to become familiar with dozens of new screens, features and processes. There will be a "learning curve" as we make the transition and practice will be critical to minimize the disruption and inconvenience. As with any new technology launch, we expect some glitches with the system and are committed to working through these problems. We will have support services available to help and ask for your patience during this transition.

So why do it? St. Joseph Health ministries use hundreds of different clinical informatics and IT systems, and have hundreds of different workflows. This patchwork structure is unsustainable. We must implement a standardized system to effectively share information, adopt future innovation and stay ahead of upcoming changes in health care, such as Meaningful Use and ICD-10 requirements. The new standardized version of the MEDITECH 5.66 system will include these changes:

- All new content for order sets and progress notes
- Current "favorite" order sets will be eliminated. Physicians will be able to customize new standard order sets and save as a favorite as well as favorite procedures and medications after go live. You can schedule a meeting with the Physician Liaison to help build your favorite order sets between **May 16 – 31**. (See phone numbers below.)
- Multidisciplinary discharge routine, integrating ePrescribe and prescription printing
- Wound Care photographs will be uploaded wirelessly into MEDITECH
- Track, get alerts and updates on patients through the physician desktop
- Ability to remotely complete medical record deficiencies
- Historical link to view patient records entered into the old MEDITECH system
- Upgrade to EasyPass 2, which provides availability to more people on more devices
- Enterprise-wide PACS system, allowing access to images from sister ministries

Mandatory physician training is scheduled to begin **April 21**. More information on dates and times coming soon. For questions or to schedule an appointment to build your favorite order sets, please call the physician liaisons: Greg Mercado: (714) 308-4904 or Melanie Rubio: (714) 290-7767.

Zero is the Greatest number for SJMC Maternity Services

Evidence-based medicine is clear. Babies born before 39 weeks as a result of elective deliveries (inductions or cesarean), suffered increased complications at birth.

In 2010, a state-wide initiative was launched to reduce elective deliveries from 9.94 to five percent in three years. To date, California hospitals have reduced that number to 2.57 percent, and St. Jude Medical Center has achieved a rate of zero.

SJMC was recently recognized by the Patient Safety First Collaboration, a coalition of California hospitals, for not only meeting the goal, but exceeding it with a perfect score.

"This accomplishment reflects the physicians' commitment to best practices and providing patients the finest possible care," says Julianne Toohey, MD, Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Obstetric Services at SJMC.

Having a perfect score is considered an essential quality indicator of maternity hospital care by the Joint Commission, Medicare and Medicaid, Leapfrog and other national quality measurement groups.

"Whether you're looking at brain maturation or infant mortality, the evidence against early elective delivery is very clear," explains Dr. Toohey, "I am very proud to see St. Jude recognized by its peers for its leadership in providing quality care."

Changes Coming for Collection of Red Blood Cells

Due to extremely low utilization, SJMC no longer contracts with Presbyterian Intercommunity Blood Donor Center for the collection of autologous and directed donor red blood cells. This service is included in our contract with American Red Cross Blood Services. ARC blood donation sites are located in Fullerton, Pomona and Downey. The ordering physician must complete the American Red Cross Special Collection Order and fax it to ARC Patient Services prior to the patient/donor scheduling their appointment. The form is available at sjmedstaff.org.

ARC Patient Services may be reached Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., by phone (909) 859-7003 or fax (909) 859-7720. For questions, contact Linda Walton, Blood Bank Supervisor, at (714) 992-3000 ext. 2705 or Victor Lee, MD, Blood Bank Medical Director, at (714) 992-3907.

Mark Your Calendar

Medical Staff Meetings

(Attendance applied toward point requirements. Important discussion on PerfectServe DocLink Requirement will be on all Department Agendas. Please plan on attending to provide input.)

4/8: Anesthesia Clinical Service, 7:30 a.m., *all anesthesiologists are invited*

4/9: Cardiothoracic Department, 7:30 a.m., *all cardiologists & cardiac surgeons are invited*

4/9: Women & Children's Department, 12:30 p.m., *all OB/GYN, neonatologists and pediatricians are invited*

4/29: General Staff Meeting*, 6 p.m. *(2 points awarded for attendance)*

*Please Note: The wrong date was previously published as 4/12.

Key Note Speaker: Jay Kaplan, MD

Educational Offerings

(All events located in EEC. For more CME offerings, please visit sjmedstaff.org.)

4/9: A Physician Educational Dinner – 6:30 p.m. – The Ranch Restaurant, Anaheim

“Barrett’s to Esophagectomy: Diagnosis and Treatment” – all physicians are invited; particularly useful for Gastroenterologists, Surgeons, Oncologists, and Primary Care Physicians. RSVP to lynn.warrick@stjoe.org.

4/17: Schwartz Rounds, 7:30 a.m., *all physicians are invited. Breakfast will be served.*

4/22: General CME, 12:30 p.m., *all physicians are invited*

New Physicians Join St. Jude Medical Staff

Jeffrey Hagen, MD

Thoracic Surgery

Gurleen Jamaria, MD

Internal Medicine

Erick Montero, MD

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Daniel OH, MD

Thoracic Surgery

Please Take Note

Remember, points enforcement begins May 1.

Please contact Medical Staff Services at (714) 446-5753 with any questions.