

Medical Staff Update

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Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine

To successfully treat chronic, non-healing wounds, St. Jude Medical Center recently added a new treatment option: hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

“Hyperbaric therapy is not new, but the research documenting its benefits is,” explains William Foley, MD, Medical Director of the Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center. “For certain types of wounds, it can create healing even after other modalities have failed.” Indications for hyperbaric therapy include: diabetic wounds; compromised skin grafts; radiation tissue damage; chronic osteomyelitis; and necrotizing soft tissue infections.

Located in the old Emergency Department on the first floor of the hospital, the Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center offers two private hyperbaric chambers allowing patients to comfortably watch TV or listen to music during therapy), advanced wound care rooms, as well as treatment rooms dedicated to the optimal management of lymphedema patients. The center’s multidisciplinary team includes certified wound clinicians, nurse specialists, certified lymphedema clinicians, and certified hyperbaric medicine therapists. In addition to consistently meeting and exceeding national benchmarks for outcomes, this wound care team routinely earns near perfect patient satisfaction scores.

Questions? Please contact Jana del Rosario, PT, CWS, Manager, Advanced Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center, at (714) 446-5148.

Introducing the new St. Jude Sleep Center

Evidenced-based medicine and new health plan requirements are changing the way many sleep disorders are identified and treated, decreasing the number of overnight tests performed in sleep labs and increasing the use of portable home tests. Home testing devices have been deemed as effective as in-lab sleep studies, and afford patients the convenience of having the test performed in the comfort of their home.

The St. Jude Sleep Disorders Institute closed Nov. 15, and the new St. Jude Sleep Center opened at the medical center to focus on diagnosing sleep apnea and other sleep-disordered breathing using portable home testing devices, no longer offering in-lab studies. **The phone number and referral process remains the same: (714) 446-7240.**

Patients referred to the Sleep Center will receive the equipment and education. Patients requiring more complex testing will be referred to the St. Joseph Hospital Sleep Disorders Center or Hoag Sleep Disorders Center. These changes allow us to continue to serve our patients’ needs and become more efficient while maintaining our commitment to high quality and service.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Auw, MHA, RRT-NPS, Director of Respiratory Medicine, at (714) 732-1987.

Applause, Please

These physicians were recognized through the APPLAUSE program by patients and coworkers for going above and beyond in demonstrating our four core values: *Dignity, Excellence, Service, and Justice.*

Eugene Byun, MD	Tim Greco, MD	Stewart Shanfield, MD
Renato Del Carmen, MD	Mathew McKay, MD	Jon Sherman, MD
Jeffrey Dell, MD	Shirley Pang, MD	Bhanu Sud, MD
Leslie Doi, MD	Giribala Patel, MD	Tuan Trinh, MD
Timothy Downing, MD	Harry Peled, MD	Jesus Vera, MD
Arman Forouzannia, MD	Clarence Petrie, MD	
Leo Garcia, MD	Ramesh Rathod, MD	

Mark Your Calendar!

Department and Quality Review Committee (QRC) meetings allow you to help shape quality efforts and standards, provide feedback on policies and procedures, as well as gain valuable insight and information about current issues, changes, and goals. Ensuring and encouraging an absolute commitment to quality requires your involvement – so plan to attend!

Uncertain which of the four departments – Medicine, Cardiothoracic, Surgery, or Women & Children’s – you belong to? Please check www.sjmedstaff.org for a list of which specialties have been assigned to each department. Attending your department and QRC meetings also helps fulfill your point requirement for Medical Staff membership.

2014 Department & QRC Meeting Dates

Cardiothoracic Department – bimonthly, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., EEC				
Jan. 8	March 12	May 14	July 9	Oct. 8
Cardiothoracic QRC – bimonthly, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., EEC				
Feb.	April	June 11	Sept. 10	Nov. 12
Medicine Department – bimonthly, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., EEC				
Jan. 16	March 6	May 1	July 10	Oct. 2
Medicine QRC – bimonthly, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., EEC				
Feb. 6	April 3	June 5	Sept. 4	Nov. 6
Surgery Department – bimonthly, Wednesday, 7 a.m., EEC				
Jan. 8	March 5	May 7	July 2	Oct. 1
Surgery QRC – bimonthly, Wednesday, 7 a.m., EEC				
Feb. 5	April 2	June 4	Sept. 3	Nov. 5
Women & Children’s Department – bimonthly, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., EEC				
Jan. 8	March 12	May 14	July 9	Oct. 8
Women & Children’s QRC – bimonthly, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., EEC				
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