

# Medical Staff Update

February 2014

## Physician Workshop Offered Feb. 4 - 6

**Topic:** **Understanding the Impact of Current and ICD-10 Documentation on Patient Care.** Presented by James Kennedy, MD, CCS, President of CDIMD Physician Champions, and Donald Blanton, MD, MS, FACEP, CDIMD Physician Champions. Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Blanton are available for individual and small-group consulting. For a complete list of workshop times and locations, please visit [sjmedstaff.org](http://sjmedstaff.org).

**When:** **Feb. 4 - 6**, in EEC (choose one):  
**7 - 8 a.m. (breakfast served)**  
**12 - 1 p.m. (lunch served)**  
**5 - 6 p.m. (dinner served)**

This one-hour workshop, recommended for every physician, will include:

- Reviewing applications of provider definitions and understanding how ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 documentation in quality measurement and cost efficiency profile reporting will impact physician performance and operations
- Outlining disease definitions and how their reporting affects physician profiling and participation in Affordable Care Act, with an emphasis on ICD-10
- Exploring ICD-9 and ICD-10's role in severity and risk adjustment

**To attend a workshop or to schedule individual consulting, please contact Sue Mets, RN, BSN, at (626) 372-5201 or [sue.mets@stjoe.org](mailto:sue.mets@stjoe.org).**

## SJH Launches Innovation Institute and Lab

St. Joseph Health is proud to announce the launch of the Innovation Institute, a forum designed to advance the best physician or employee ideas from concept to reality and to transform inventions into commercial products and services.

The Institute includes the Innovation Lab, an incubator for breakthrough inventions that offers free services, including technical, clinical, financial and consumer collaboration, to support the development of ideas.

To learn more, please attend the Inventor Forum on **Feb. 18, 12:30 p.m. in EEC 3** at the medical center. The workshop will be led by Patricia Eisenhardt, Executive Director, and Larry Stofko, Executive Vice President, of The Innovation Institute and Lab.

Ready to submit an idea today? Go to [www.ii4change.com](http://www.ii4change.com) and follow the seven steps listed under the Innovation Lab tab.

**For questions, please email [lab@ii4change.com](mailto:lab@ii4change.com).**



## Discontinuation of Cold Agglutinin Titer Testing

Due to very low test volume, the SJMC Clinical Laboratory has stopped performing cold agglutinin titers in-house; specimens are now sent to Quest Laboratory, with an expected turnaround time of 2-5 days.

A cold agglutinin titer is no longer recommended for the diagnosis of Mycoplasma pneumonia, infectious mononucleosis, mumps, measles and other viral diseases, as newer more specific assays are now available. The most appropriate use of the cold agglutinin titer is to diagnose Cold Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or Cold Agglutinin Disease, which is rare. Questions? Please contact Victor Lee, MD, Medical Director of Clinical Lab Services, at ext. 3907.

## Breast Center Earns Recognition

The Kathryn T. McCarty Breast Center was recently recognized with two national distinctions. St. Jude was the first hospital in Orange County to earn National Accreditation for Breast Centers (NAPBC) from the American College of Surgeons, and then followed up that honor by becoming one of only six hospitals in the state to earn the distinction of being named a Certified Quality Breast Center by the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program (NQMBC).

Even more impressively, the rigorous evaluation process for both honors focused on different areas. The American College of Surgeons National Accreditation survey and evaluation primarily concentrates on whether a breast center offers comprehensive, multidisciplinary care that reflects research-based standards, looking at every area from nurses' level of specialized knowledge to the presence of advanced treatment options. The NQMBC evaluation focuses on the measurement of patient outcomes, evaluating a program's results in over 30 different areas.

"These two honors together demonstrate not only the comprehensiveness of our program, but its documented excellence," explains Lea Powell, RN, MSN, OCN, Director, Cancer Services. Clarence Petrie, MD, FACS, and Brad Silveira, MD, serve as Co-Medical Directors of the Breast Center.

### Mark Your Calendar

(All events located in EEC.)

- 2/3** Pathology Clinical Services, 7:30 a.m.  
*All Pathologists invited to attend*
- 2/5** Surgery QRC (Peer Review), 7 a.m.  
*All Surgeons invited to attend*
- 2/11** Anesthesia Clinical Services, 7 a.m.  
*All Anesthesiologists invited to attend*
- 2/12** Cardiothoracic QRC (Peer Review),  
7:30 a.m., *All Cardiologists & Cardiac Sur-  
geons invited to attend*
- 2/13** Women & Children's QRC  
(Peer Review), 12:30 p.m.  
*All OB/Gyn, Neonatologists and  
Pediatricians invited to attend*
- 2/14** Values in Action Nominations Due  
(Want to recognize an outstanding  
employee? Forms available at  
sjmedstaff.org)
- 2/18** Innovation Lab Forum, 12:30 p.m.
- 2/19** Radiology Clinical Services, 12:30 p.m.  
*All Radiologists invited to attend*
- 2/20** Schwartz Rounds, 7:30 a.m.  
*All Physicians invited to attend*
- 2/25** General CME, 12:30 p.m.  
*All Physicians invited to attend*