

Medical Staff Update

October 2014

Hydrocodone Combination Products(HCPs) Change from Schedule III to Schedule II

The DEA has announced it is rescheduling all hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) from federal Schedule III to federal Schedule II effective Oct. 6.

Federal requirements for prescribing and dispensing Schedule II controlled substances will apply to all hydrocodone combination products. This means, among other things, a very limited ability to orally prescribe HCPs and authorize refills. This "up scheduling" is a major change for California. HCPs are the most frequently prescribed opioid in the United States: nearly 137 million prescriptions for HCPs were dispensed in 2013.

The DEA is permitting legitimate HCP prescriptions issued before Oct. 6, 2014 to be refilled until April 8, 2015, if the prescription authorizes refills.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Final Rule, and its supporting documents (i.e., medical and scientific evaluations, and economic impact analysis) may be viewed online at regulations.gov: Docket No. DEA-389.

Alternatively, the documents can be obtained on the DEA website at deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

Please visit the Medical Staff website at www.sjmedstaff.org to download a Q&A.

Joint Commission: Coming Soon

Joint Commission surveyors will visit SJMC sometime between today and April, 2015, and an important element of the survey will include interviews with physicians. According to Paulette Fletcher, RN, MSN, CPHQ, HACCP, Regulatory Manager, some questions could focus on "How is the medical staff governed?"

Here's what you need to know:

At St. Jude, there is an organized medical staff structure whose function is to guide and govern its members.

Key documents: Medical Staff Bylaws Rules and Regulations. These documents provide structure for:

- selecting and removing medical staff officers
- criteria for medical staff membership
- criteria for delegating oversight responsibilities to practitioners with independent privileges
- developing and maintaining patient care standards and credentialing
- performance improvement activities

Join the Discussion

Have you visited the Medical Staff website today? Start or join a discussion on a topic of interest to you. Want to talk about Proposition 46, or about the new Northwest Tower? What about healthcare reform's impact on your practice? The forum page allows you to engage other physicians in these – or any other topic – on your mind.

Go to sjmedstaff.org and click on the forum page.

To access the website: sjmedstaff.org

Username: Your license number (capitalize the letter, example: G12345)

Password: SJMEDSTAFF2012 (all capitals)



Welcome New Physicians

Ronald Daoud, MD
Internal Medicine

Samim Enayat, MD
Endocrinology

Khaled Hssan, MD
Dermatology

Max Pollock, MD
Teleradiology

Sasan Salmi, MD
Internal Medicine

Important Dates to Remember

Oct. 15: Grand Rounds, 12:30 p.m., EEC, all physicians invited to attend. **Lunch to be served.**

Topic: Stevens-Johnson Syndrome & Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis

Faculty: Tuan Q. Trinh, MD, Bhanu Sud, MD, Karen Simpson, MD & Dana Tran, MD

Visit the Medical Staff website to download a flyer at: sjmedstaff.org

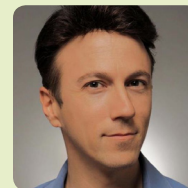
Oct. 18: 2nd Annual Stroke Symposium at St. Jude Centers for Rehabilitation & Wellness, Brea
7:30 a.m. registration - Noon

Nov. 4: Annual Staff Meeting at St. Jude Medical Center, 6 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Kraft, MD

Topic: Exponential Technologies and the Future of Medicine

Daniel Kraft, MD, is a Stanford and Harvard trained physician-scientist, inventor, and entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in clinical practice, biomedical research and healthcare innovation. He chairs the medicine track for Singularity University and is Founding Executive Director for FutureMed (now Exponential Medicine), a program which explores convergent, exponentially developing technologies and their potential in biomedicine and healthcare. His various TEDTalks have over 1 million views. Following undergraduate degrees at Brown University and medical school at Stanford, Dr. Kraft is board certified in the Harvard combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency program at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. He went on to complete Stanford fellowships in hematology/oncology & bone marrow transplantation, and extensive research in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine. He has multiple medical device, immunology and stem cell related patents through his faculty positions with Stanford University School of Medicine and the University of California San Francisco bone marrow transplantation program. Dr. Kraft's experience and vision represents the kind of out-of-the-box thinking that is helping to shape not only the future of healthcare, but the future of wellness, prevention, and biopharma.



(October Medical Staff Meetings – Points awarded for attendance to the meetings below.)

Medical Staff Meetings

10/1: Surgery Dept., 7 a.m.

10/2: Medicine Dept. 12:30 p.m.

10/8: Cardiothoracic Dept., 7:30 a.m.

Women and Children's Dept., 12:30 p.m.

10/14: Anesthesia Clinical Svcs., 7 a.m.

Contact the Medical Staff Office for details on any of the above events at (714) 446-5751.