



You're Invited!

Doctor's Day Celebration 2022 Knott's Berry Farm

Saturday, June 4, at 11 am

Come enjoy a day of fun, food and
entertainment with family and friends!

Our Doctor's Day event begins in the Knott's California Park Pavilion Event Center at 11 am.

Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Each active staff physician will receive up to four free park tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased at the general admission price at the park. Also, enjoy free parking.

A link to RSVP was emailed to the Active Staff physicians. If you have any questions, please call the Medical Staff Office at (714) 771-8056.

Tickets to be picked up on the day of event upon entry to the Event Center.

Change Alert:

D-Dimer Assay Normal Reference Range and Cutoff Value

Effective April 28, 2022, the D-Dimer assay at Providence St. Joseph Hospital Clinical Laboratory is an immuno-turbidimetric method that is run on the STAGO analyzer (STA- LIATEST D-DI) and is used in conjunction with other clinical assessments in the exclusion of DVT and/or PE. To be in line with manufacturer recommendation, we updated the D-Dimer assay normal reference range and negative predictive cutoff value from "0.4 ug/mL FEU" to "less than 0.5 ug/mL FEU." Results of 0.5 and higher will be flagged.

Please be aware of the change and report any discrepancies or concerns to the Laboratory at 714-771-8155, Administrative Lab Director Al Sarraj at alaa.sarraj@providence.org, or Laboratory Medical Director Michael Schoen, MD, at Michael.schoen@stjoe.org.

Medical Staff WINS

In our daily problem-solving race, let's take a moment to mark positive strides and milestones along the way. Going forward, watch for periodic posts on "Medical Staff Wins," such as the topics noted here, that ease our way and highlight excellence.

Numerous CMQCC Quality Awards

Congratulations to the entire Labor & Delivery team, including L&D, OB Triage, Antepartum, OB Step Down Unit and Mother Baby Unit physicians and staff, on teamwork leading to California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative awards:

Early Implementer Award – For fully implementing a maternal safety bundle with six-plus months of data collection on related process measures.

Quality and Sustainability Award: QI Academy Collaborative Hospitals – Awarded to QI Academy participants meeting and maintaining their target rate for their selected quality initiative.

Quality and Sustainability Award: Timely Treatment for Severe Maternal Hypertension – Meeting and maintaining Timely Treatment for Severe Hypertension (HTN) rate of 80% and above for calendar years 2019 and 2021.

Superstar Award: Large-sized Birth Volume Hospitals – Awarded to hospitals with more than 2,500 births for their frequency of accessing and utilizing Maternal Data Center.

Also: Kudos to the Womens Services team on achieving a 2021 Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) **Cesarean Birth Rate of 23%**, below the benchmark and state/national averages.



EPIC Update

The EPIC team now offers real time support as well as 1:1 coaching sessions with their Provider Informatics Team for acute care providers who have completed the onboarding training and users desiring improved efficiency in EHR use. 30- or 60-minute coaching sessions can be booked via this QR code. For assistance, click on the upper right "Help" button in Epic or call 855-415-8188.

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MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer

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2022 MD Friend of Nursing Awards

SJO Nursing has recognized two outstanding physicians, who they describe as “amazing partners with Nursing over the past years,” adding:

Dr. Melissa Rudolph began her career in the Emergency Care Center and has since had a positive impact on many interdisciplinary stakeholders throughout the organization. She is friendly to caregivers and collaborates with Nursing to make the best decisions for our patients. She demonstrates partnership by proactively seeking out feedback from Nursing to ensure processes and quality improvement initiatives are truly interdisciplinary. Dr. Rudolph works to foster educational growth amongst emergency nurses by displaying patience and a hands-on approach to educational needs of caregivers. This past year her involvement with the EPIC roll-out showed her ability to work collaboratively with caregivers all over the organization and recognize Nursing as a partner in patient care solutions.

Dr. Alejandro (Alex) Ramirez demonstrates the Core Values of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and utilizes the Culture of Caring model in all his interactions. He has been an integral part of the Surgical Services team since the start of the COVID pandemic with the oversight of scheduling and triaging surgical cases. He served as our partner and ensured we remain aligned with surgeons and our business strategy. Dr. Ramirez was focused on safeguarding care



From left, Chief Medical Officer Scott Rusk, MD; Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Genova, RN; Chief of Staff Peter Smethurst, MD, Award recipients Melissa Ramirez, MD, and Alex Ramirez, MD; and Chief Executive Jeremy Zoch, Ph.D.

for every patient who required essential, urgent and emergent surgery. His unique insight guided the surgery team to focus on making sound choices. Dr. Ramirez is readily available to answer questions and provide education to Nursing staff about the CDC recommendations and Infection Prevention guidelines. In collaboration with the surgeons and anesthesia team, he supported the nurses with the care of COVID patient in Pre-op, Intra-op and PACU area. He displays a strong work ethic, team spirit and overall service to the hospital.



Art in the Garden - To celebrate 100 years of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange's service, they are sponsoring Art in the Garden on their Motherhouse grounds from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. This gathering will be filled with fun, friendship, a silent auction and food in support of their many ministries, and resident artist Sister Madeleva will be honored. Visit csjorange.org for more details.