

Bylaws, Rules & Regulations Revisions

Several Bylaws revisions were voted on by the Active Medical Staff and approved by both the Medical Executive Committee and Community Ministry Board. Most of the changes reflect updates to current practice and have no significant impact on the Medical Staff governance; however, the new staff category of Telemedicine was adopted. Telemedicine staff will consist of physicians who are not privileged to practice on the hospital premises, but who are privileged to provide patient care services from a distant site. Currently, this applies only to our teleradiologists.

If you would like a copy of the revised Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, please email Beth.Miller@stjoe.org and copies will be emailed to you.

New Providence Operating Structure

President and CEO of Providence Dr. Rod Hochman recently shared with caregivers and board members the external pressures affecting nonprofit healthcare systems such as ours. We face inflation, global supply chain disruptions and labor shortages, fueling historic highs in expenses for everything from medications and medical supplies to healthcare personnel. Insurance companies and CMS pay providers are not keeping pace. We need to find new ways to collaborate to better serve their communities. Therefore, a new operating structure will streamline operations by:

- Redesigning our regional structures. The seven regions will be organized into three divisions creating leaner executive teams, and reducing administrative staff by 25% to free up more resources for the front line physician and caregivers.
- Shared services optimization
- Consolidation/optimization of fragmented services to allow our local regions to be nimbler and benefit our front-line staff and operations.

Southern and Northern California are now the South division. Kevin Manemann leads the division and has one executive team. Erik Wexler will serve as COO of the Health System. Leadership for our physician enterprise, ambulatory care network and clinical institutes is being consolidated under one executive leadership team, led by David Kim, MD, who brings a strong clinical foundation and track record for thinking innovatively to drive quality, value and performance.

We expect in the coming weeks there will be additional information about the new operating model. Thank you for your understanding and grace during this challenging time.



Providence St. Joseph has achieved accreditation by Surgical Review Corporation (SRG) as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery. Accreditation distinguishes us for offering the highest quality of care to patients as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation. SRC also recognizes Drs. Janis D. Fee, Sami Hamamji and Abtin Khosravi as Surgeons of Excellence in Robotic Surgery in this initial accreditation.



Providence St. Joseph Designated as Robotic Center of Excellence

US News Ranks SJO among Top Hospitals in State

Providence St. Joseph Hospital was recognized as a High Performing Hospital for 2022-23 by *U.S. News & World Report*. Three Providence St. Joseph specialties—Orthopedic, Pulmonology & Lung Surgery and Geriatrics—earned “High Performing” ratings and 13 procedures and conditions were recognized, including Colon Cancer Surgery, Lung Cancer Surgery, Heart Attack, Aortic Valve Surgery, Heart Bypass Surgery, Heart Failure, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR), Kidney Failure, Back Surgery (Spinal Fusion), Stroke, Hip Fracture, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Pneumonia. Providence St. Joseph Hospital rated 21st in the state and 12th in the Los Angeles/Orange County region, ranking SJO among the top 5% of hospitals in California.



WHO: Monkeypox a Public Health Emergency

Due to the increase in worldwide cases, the World Health Organization has declared monkeypox a public health emergency (PHE). The risk of contracting monkeypox remains very low for the general public, and [case counts](#) in the United States and within the Providence also remain relatively low.

We continue to carefully monitor the situation and have protocols in place to respond to infectious disease and outbreaks in line with clinical best practice and state and federal guidelines. As with any infectious disease, the safety of patients, caregivers and communities is our top priority.

A screening tool is available in Epic to help with early identification and inform infection prevention measures. Patients who present for care will be asked a series of questions based on [CDC identification criteria](#). Proper [infection control protocol measures](#) and treatment, if necessary, will be implemented for any patient suspected of being infected with monkeypox.

Learn more about monkeypox by visiting the [CDC website](#).

Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) Corner

Rather than write “confusion” or “altered mental status” which is not codable for the hospital, please consider using the term “encephalopathy” along with any cause you may suspect. Examples include “hepatic encephalopathy,” “anoxic encephalopathy,” “toxic encephalopathy” or “metabolic encephalopathy.”

MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

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CELEBRATION

YOU MAKE IT Possible

Save Saturday evening, Oct. 15, for the highly anticipated Celebration event featuring entertainment, a gourmet dinner, premier auction and much more. Proceeds will support cancer services at The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment.

Questions? Please contact the Events team at 714-347-7900 or email sjofoundation@providence.org.

St. Joseph & St. Jude Heritage Medical Group

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Saturday, September 17, 2022 • 8 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

This will be a virtual conference via Microsoft® Teams - 5 CME/CEU for FREE



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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Christopher Celio,
President of OCMA

Health of our Community in a Pandemic: Impact and Resources

Caring for Patients, Physicians, Families & Children through a Health Trauma

- **Migraine Update**
Dr. Joey Gee, Neurology
Mission Heritage Medical Group
- **Palpitations and a Plan to Evaluate CV Rhythm Stability**
Dr. Danny Lee, Cardiology EP
St. Joseph & St. Jude Heritage Medical Group
- **Rashes, Lesions and Treatments – What to Do!**
Dr. Catherine Nguyen, Dermatology
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- **Menopausal Treatment – Natural or Un-Natural Treatments**
Dr. Janis Fee, Gynecology
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- **Unintentional Weight Loss**
Dr. Jane Curtis, Internal Medicine
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- **Anxiety & Insomnia – Counseling & Meds in a Virtual World**
Dr. Megan Chiarelli, Psychiatry
Facey Medical Group
- **GERD – A Surgeon's Perspective on PCP Management**
Dr. Nikolai Bildzukewicz, Foregut Surgery
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- **CP Information Overload – An Overview of What You May Have Missed in 2 Years**
Dr. Daniel "Dan" Kim, Family Medicine
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Medical Staff Scholarships Awarded



Melanie Martinez, MSN, RN, WHNP-BC, PHN



Kristina Macalalag Salacup, BSN, RN, CNOR



Summer Cortinas, BSN, RN, VA-BC

The Steve Moreau Mission Scholarship pays tribute to Steve Moreau for his dedication to St. Joseph Hospital and inspirational leadership in medical mission work. Recipient Melanie Martinez is a nurse practitioner at the Maternal Fetal Medicine, Maternal Diabetes & Wellness Center for high-risk pregnancies and manages SJO's perinatal diabetes management program. She will be working with an international medical charity to prevent cervical cancer.

The Larry K. Ainsworth Leadership Scholarship honors his 16 years of leadership, Medical Staff partnership and visionary work extending wellness to the underserved within the community. Two caregivers were chosen for exceptional leadership and mission commitment.

Kristina Macalalag Salacup serves as a Main Operating Room Surgical Services manager. She is working on her master's degree in Healthcare Administration at the University of Providence.

Summer Cortinas is a Vascular Access-Board Certified Registered Nurse Clinical III with the Vascular Access team, studying for her master's degree in Leadership and Education at Vanguard University.

TO REGISTER AND TO GET THE LINK OR FOR MORE DETAILS

Email: RSVP.Annual.CME.Conference@stjoe.org

