

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer



July/August 2023

## Call for Medical Staff Leader Nominees

The Staff Officer Nominating Committee is seeking names of potential candidates for the positions of 2024-25 Secretary-Treasurer and Members-at-Large. If you are a member of the Active Medical Staff and interested, please submit a brief statement about your interest and past leadership experience to the Medical Staff Office at [Beth.Miller@stjoe.org](mailto:Beth.Miller@stjoe.org) no later than Aug. 17. To learn more about qualifications and duties for these positions, please reach out to Brian Boyd, MD, Nominating Committee Chair.

Nominees for 2024-25 Section and Department Chairs are also sought. To learn more about these positions, please reach out to your Section/Department Chair or the Medical Staff Office.

## Upcoming Events

**CHAPEL OPEN HOUSE:** The Chapel has undergone a major renovation. All are welcome to attend the Chapel Open House between Monday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Aug. 26.

**CULTURE OF CARING:** This year's Culture of Caring will be held the week of Oct. 2 in the Mother Louis Room. Attendees will receive a PSJH vest. Registration for sessions will open after Aug. 14.



## SJO Earns AHA Awards

Providence St. Joseph Hospital received the American Heart Association **2023 Get with the Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus award** for the second year in a row, ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment using nationally recognized, research-based guidelines. SJO also received the **Association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus award**. Qualified hospitals meet measures to reduce time between the patient's hospital arrival and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator to treat ischemic stroke.

In addition, SJO received the **Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award** for a second year in a row. Hospitals must meet quality measures developed with more than 90% compliance for 12 consecutive months for the "Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score."

## Added Parking Ahead

The parking lot by Building 2 will soon be converted to physician-only parking with gate control to provide extra parking for physicians, especially those coming in for emergencies or surgeries.

## Welcome New Medical Staff



**Mohammad Abbasian, MD**  
Allied Anesthesia MG  
Anesthesiology



**Allan Chan, MD**  
St. Joseph Heritage  
Family Practice



**Sinan Denny-Brown, MD**  
Pacific Cardiovasc Assoc.  
Peds Cardiology



**Guilia Faison, MD**  
Neonatology  
CHOC CS



**Talayah Khatibi, MD**  
Pediatric & Adult  
Medicine  
Pediatrics



**Lalitha Vakkalanka, MD**  
Sunny Hills Med Ctr  
Internal Medicine



**Justin Yeh, MD**  
CHOC CS Crit. Care  
Peds Critical Care  
Medicine

## Medical Staff Rules Revision

The Medical Executive Committee voted to add the following section to Rule 9 Call Panel:

**9.2.3** If the panelist on call cannot provide a specific service that is part of their specialty, he or she will be responsible for participating in obtaining consultation from a specialist who can provide the service.

**Section 9.2.2** already states a panelist is responsible for arranging for coverage if they are unable to provide coverage during their scheduled time; however, it was agreed this specific language helps to further clarify call coverage requirements. Other minor revisions to Rule 9 include deletion of outdated references and duplicate language, and language to further clarify the call panel is established for the purpose of referring emergency patients who have no assigned physician of the needed specialty. If you have questions or concerns, please submit them in writing to the Medical Staff Office at [Beth.Miller@stjoe.org](mailto:Beth.Miller@stjoe.org) within the next 30 days.

## Planned Power Outage Affecting St. Joseph Hospital Imminent

From 9 pm Saturday, July 29, to 8 am Sunday, July 30, Southern California Edison is connecting new construction to their underground power grid. The outage will impact the FSB power plant, Building 2, main parking structure, Providence Building and Main Street retail buildings.

Most of our systems will rely on backup generators and will be operable, including HVAC, elevators, medical gases, telecom, main entrance doors, lighting and equipment, ORs, overhead paging and tube stations.

Patient rooms, corridors and main parking structure will have limited lighting. Security will be available as escorts and to provide transportation. All parking lot gates will be open so caregivers and visitors/patients will have access in and out of the structure.

More information to come as we finalize testing our systems.

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## FREE CMA WEBINAR: Preparing for the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Transition

**August 10, 12:15 -1:15pm**

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reached an agreement with five commercial managed care plans to deliver Medi-Cal services in 21 counties across the state. About 1.2 million Medi-Cal patients will soon be required to transition to a new health plan. CMA is hosting a free webinar with DHCS to help physicians understand and prepare for the transition.

For information visit [cmadocs.org/  
event-info/sessionaltcd/CMA23\\_0810\\_](http://cmadocs.org/event-info/sessionaltcd/CMA23_0810_MEDICAL)  
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## Launching Quiet Time for Patients

**Shhhhhh! Quiet Time at St. Joseph Hospital starts July 31**

Our goal is to provide the best possible hospital experience to patients, their family members and other visitors. Research has shown that a quiet environment enhances healing. On July 31, we'll launch Quiet Time, which will take place daily from 2 pm-4 pm and 10 pm-6 am.

**Why is Quiet Time important?** A quiet environment is a healing environment. Disrupted sleep can affect a patient's ability to heal. During Quiet Time, all clinical and hospital operations will continue. You'll hear an overhead announcement stating the beginning of Quiet Time. Lights will be dimmed on nursing units. Conversations in patient care areas should be conducted in lowered, hushed tones. Phone volumes should be turned down and blue-bird/cell phones should be placed on vibrate. Overhead paging will be limited. Please remind patients that they have ear plugs and eye masks in their Care Kit. Visitors are also encouraged to participate. Please ask if they would like to step out to let their loved one rest. If they would like to stay, please encourage them to stay in the room and limit going in/out.

You can help us provide a quieter healing experience by:

- Turning your cell phone to vibrate mode.
- Speaking softly.
- Refraining from loud conversations in patient areas.

Thank you for your help in making St. Joseph Hospital a healing environment for our patients.



## IN MEMORIAM Ivan Turpin, MD

With great sadness we share the passing of Ivan Turpin, MD. Dr. Turpin was a member of the St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff for 43 years as a plastic surgeon. Dr. Turpin joined our staff in 1980 immediately following his Plastic Surgery residency at UC Irvine. The chief of Plastic Surgery at UCI, Dr. David Furnas, wrote in his recommendation letter, "Ivan is one of the finest residents I have had the pleasure to train. He is an outstanding physician and surgeon, and he will be a credit to the staff of St. Joseph Hospital." This was certainly proven to be true. Throughout his time at SJO, Dr. Turpin was a leader in his field, serving as the Plastic Surgery Section chair, Surgery Department chair, and member of the Foundation Board of Directors. He was beloved by many and will be missed greatly.

Dr. Turpin's memorial and visitation service will be held at the Chapel of Orange, located at 215 N. Grand St, Orange, on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 10 am to 12 pm, to honor his memory and celebrate the extraordinary life he led. The subsequent graveside service will be held on the same day, Saturday, July 29, at 1 pm at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, located at 7845 E. Santiago Canyon Rd., Orange. The family welcomes all to attend.

Dr. Turpin's obituary, summarizing an extraordinary life, can be found at [shannonfamilymortuary.com/obituary/Ivan-Turpin](http://shannonfamilymortuary.com/obituary/Ivan-Turpin).