President of the Professional/Medical Staff
REPORT
Thomas E. Lowe, M.D.

Bargaining

Physicians continue to try to understand the changing landscape of healthcare. Hospitals and healthcare systems are already beinged based on inpatient quality measures. This will soon carry over to the outpatient practice as the final rules for MACRA were recently released on Oct 14th, 2016. The impact of all these changes on our individual practices is difficult to predict but one can be confident that substantial resources will need to be invested to be successful.

I long for the days when I could spend more time with each patient, write whatever was meaningful in their note, and be done with the chart when I shook their hand goodbye. Nowadays I spend countless time making sure that I click on endless boxes trying to prove that I am giving quality care. The irony is that the effort of proving quality care actually takes away the face time that actually gives great care.

I have moved on from the denial and anger stage of this loss and have advanced to the bargaining stage. Healthcare systems, hospitals and physicians all find themselves struggling with the new laws and regulations. Systems and hospitals are dependent on physicians to provide high quality care.

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I am confident that we, as physicians will continue to do our best but our best will only be great if we have the structure in place that is conducive to efficient patient care.

Physicians are under increasing time constraints and patient care will suffer if we put undue burden on our practitioners. I ask that you give constructive feedback to your physician and hospital leaders on ways that we can work efficiently together in order to provide the best care for our patients.

After intensive review, Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance was unanimously conferred with Magnet recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Our ministry joins 30 other Magnet-recognized organizations in the State of California and is the second Transitional Care Unit to receive Magnet program recognition in the State. This achievement demonstrates our commitment to nursing excellence, collaborative interdisciplinary teamwork and exemplary, compassionate care of our patients and their families.

The Leapfrog Group’s Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigned PLCMMCT an “A” letter grade for patient safety in its Fall 2016 report. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses national performance measures from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Hospital Association’s Annual Survey, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Leapfrog Hospital Survey to produce a single letter grade representing a hospital’s overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors. The bi-annual grade reports are shared publically, helping patients make informed decisions regarding their health care options.

Thank you to PLCMMCT caregivers for their continuous efforts to promote a culture of safety.
PLCMMCT recognized the 10-year anniversary of the da Vinci robotic surgery system, honoring the physicians and operating room staff who work with the system on a regular basis. First used at Providence in 2006, the da Vinci system offers patients a less invasive alternative to traditional surgical procedures, resulting in shorter recovery times and less blood loss. Gerald Carven, one of the first patients to undergo a procedure using the Providence da Vinci system, shared his surgical success story with the celebration’s attendees. Dr. Garrett Matsunaga, Gerald’s surgeon, was a main proponent of the hospital acquiring the da Vinci, and spoke about the Robotics Program’s many benefits.

Robotic technology serves a wide range of other functions at Providence. The MAKO systems are used to assist physicians performing partial knee replacement and hip replacement surgeries. The telemedicine program allows physicians to virtually meet with patients via robots. There are even germ-killing robots that help us sanitize patient rooms by emitting UV rays. These advances continuously enable us to better serve our patients, and we look forward to seeing what new capabilities robotic technology may provide in the future.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ANESTHESIA P&Ps
Malignant Hyperthermia

CRITICAL CARE P&Ps
Code Blue (revised)
Crash Cart (revised)
BiPAP Policy/Protocol (revised)

GENERAL P&Ps
Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
Massive Transfusion Policy
Readmission

INFECTION & BLOOD P&Ps
Antiseptic/Disinfectant/General Use Product Registry (revised)
High Level Disinfection Using Cidex OPA (new)
Ice Machine Care & Maintenance (revised)
Clean and HLD Disinfection Endoscopes and Bronchoscopes (revised)
High Level Disinfection for Reusable Instruments RECERT (regional – new)
CAUTI Prevention Bundle – Annual Review (regional)
Aerosol Transmitted Diseases – Annual Review (regional)
MRSA Active Surveillance Screening (regional)
Surveillance and Reporting of Communicable Diseases and Healthcare Associated Infections (regional)
Standard Precautions (regional)
Patient Hygiene and Bathing (new)

MEDICINE DEPARTMENT P&Ps
Acute Stroke Management
Code Stroke
Stroke Center Operations and Administration

OB/GYN DEPARTMENT P&Ps
Neonatologist to Be Available for a Delivery of Neonatal Consultation, Notification of (new)
Fetal Heart Rate Patterns, Management of (new)

PEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT P&Ps
Therapeutic Hypothermia in the Neonate (revised)

PHARMACY & THERAPEUTICS P&Ps
Brain Tumor Protocol for Pediatric Procedural Sedation (new)
Dress Code for Sterile Compounding (revised to reflect current regulatory components but will need to be amended again in January 2017)
Quality Control (revised to reflect current regulatory components but will need to be amended again in January 2017)

PHARMACY & THERAPEUTICS P&Ps (continued)
Intravenous Ketamine Dispensing Protocol for Pediatric Procedural Sedation (new)

PHYSICIAN EXCELLENCE COUNCIL P&Ps
Peer Review Process (revised) – includes:
General Case Review Form / Quality Review Committee

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT P&Ps
Serious Complaints Meeting MQSA Requirements

SURGERY DEPARTMENT P&Ps
Surgical Attire

FORMS

ANESTHESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT FORMS
Department of Anesthesiology Privilege Form (periodic review – no changes)

MEDICINE DEPARTMENT FORMS
Gastroenterology Privilege Form (revised/updated)
Moved: Argon Plasma Coagulator to “core”
Psychiatry Privilege Form (revised: removed wording “first” for proctoring of cases)

RN/MD INTERDISCIPLINARY PRACTICE FORMS
Categories of Allied Health Professionals (Addition of new AHP Category/Specialty)
Nurse Practitioner – Orthopedic Surgery
Nurse Practitioner – Orthopedic Surgery Privilege Form with standardized procedure (new)

SURGERY DEPARTMENT FORMS
Orthopedic Surgery Privilege Form (revised to add Total Hip Arthroplasty via MAKOpplasty and add case requirement for Total Knee Arthroplasty)

PERIODIC REVIEW
Contract Evaluation

PROFESSIONAL STAFF GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISION
Proposed Amendment
Article XI DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS
Section 11.1 General

PROFESSIONAL STAFF BYLAWS REVISION
The Professional Staff Bylaws Committee approved the following proposed Bylaws revisions on October 21, 2016. The following Bylaws Amendments are recommended for approval.

Section 3.3 Active Professional Staff
New “Category” – 3.xx Fellowship Staff
Section 10.7 Health Education Committee
A. Composition
B. Duties

Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance
Welcome Medical Staff...

Abdelkarim, Murad, M.D., Interventional Cardiology

Hankerson, Matthew J, M.D., Emergency Medicine

Abrams, Stephanie, M.D., Pediatric Gastroenterology

Hou, Samuel, M.D., Neuroradiology

Achrol, Achal, M.D., Neurosurgery

Jones, Maris, M.D., General Surgery

Arch, Allison, M.D., Neurology

Kashfian-Halimi, Sharline, M.D., Anesthesiology

Bakhchi, Frederic E, M.D., Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Kelly, Daniel F, M.D., Neurosurgery

Bakirhan, Kamila, M.D., Hematology/Oncology

Khoshsar, Rostam, M.D., Pain Medicine

Bandera, Bradley, M.D., General Surgery

Kitajima, Tina D, M.D., Internal Medicine

Barkhoudarian, Gami, M.D., Neurosurgery

Langevin, Jean-Philippe, M.D., Neurosurgery

Carbajal, Enrique, NP, Emergency Medicine

Lee, Evelyn G, M.D., Emergency Medicine

Chandran, Deepti, M.D., Internal Medicine

Li, Xin, M.D., Nephrology

Cheung, John R, M.D., Internal Medicine

Lieberman, Briana, Perfusionist

Chu, Jennifer C, M.D., Obstetrics-Gynecology

Lowenkopf, Theodore, M.D., Teleneurology

Denebeim, Evelyn, M.D., Obstetrics-Gynecology

Lozano, Juan D, M.D., Neuroradiology

Dhoot, Jashdeep S, M.D., Cardiology

Martinez, Jacqueline, Ortho Scrub Tech

Djapri, Christine, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology

Medeiros, Fabiola, M.D., Pathology

Fischer, Trevan, M.D., General Surgery

Moghaddam, Samer, M.D., Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

Gaitonde, Shrawan, M.D., General Surgery

Muang-In, Sataporn, M.D., Neonatology

Gonzales, Matthew, M.D., Palliative Care

Narvy, Steven, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery

Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance
Welcome Medical Staff...

- Rodriguez, Armando, M.D., Emergency Medicine
- Rojas, Lorraine, PA-C, Surgical Assist
- Sampson, Tomoko R, M.D., Teleneurology
- Schroff, Christopher T, M.D., Anesthesiology
- Sela-Herman, Sarah, M.D., Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Shew, Stephen B, M.D., Pediatric Surgery
- Shun, John J, DPM, Podiatry
- Sikaria, Swati, M.D., Hematology/Oncology
- Sugerman, Noah, M.D., Emergency Medicine
- Tarpley, Jason W, M.D., Teleneurology
- Teitelbaum, George, M.D., Neuroradiology
- Tesfaye, Ruth, NP, Orthopedic Surgery
- Tse, James, D.O., Emergency Medicine
- Yeh, Eugene C, M.D., Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine
- Yip, Felix, M.D., Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Young, Patricia A, M.D., Hematology/Oncology

2nd Quarter 2016
KASEY LAI, MD
Hospitalist/Internal Medicine
Providence Medical Associates

3rd Quarter 2016
PATRICK LAM BUI, MD
Hospitalist/Internal Medicine
UCLA Health

4th Quarter 2016
RONAK B. GARG, MD
Hospitalist/Internal Medicine
Providence Medical Associates
PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES AFFILIATION WITH HOUSE CLINIC

Providence Health & Services, Southern California has finalized its affiliation with the renowned House Clinic, a leader in ear and skull-based surgery that is recognized for pioneering research and training programs.

House Clinic, founded 60 years ago, will enhance the neuroscience specialty throughout Providence, one of the nation’s largest Catholic not-for-profit health care systems. A new clinical program in neurotology, a subspecialty that includes surgery of the ear and skull base, as well as the medical treatment of hearing loss and ear disease, will be added. It will involve nationally-recognized clinicians, a fellowship program and innovative clinical research.

This new affiliation will enable Providence clinicians to access House Clinic’s clinical expertise, clinical trials and fellowship programs through collaboration and telehealth technology. The affiliation will help Providence meet the needs of the communities it serves across Southern California.

House Clinic will continue its historic relationship with St. Vincent Medical Center, part of the Verity Health System, and will maintain a location in downtown Los Angeles. Under the new agreement, plans call for one of the Providence Southern California medical centers to serve as the new hub, with satellite locations and hearing aid dispensary sites throughout the Greater Los Angeles Area, Orange County, Bakersfield, the West Coast and beyond. Providence and House Clinic will partner in clinical research, education and community outreach. House also operates outreach clinics in Hawaii, Palm Springs and Singapore.

House Clinic’s research has resulted in these milestones:
- Founder in microscopic ear and skull-based surgery
- First cochlear implant system
- First digital hearing aid
- First auditory brainstem implant
- First functional hearing test
- Human cell lines for auditory research

House Clinic has grown to include 10 physicians – seven neurotologists, including an otolaryngic allergist; two neurosurgeons; and an otolaryngologist who is a specialist in dizziness and balance – and 19 audiologists.

Providence sought the affiliation to support its Neuroscience Clinical Institute development, expanding the specialties available to patients throughout the region and beyond.

As part of the affiliation, Providence will partner with House to continue their work with UCLA Health to support House Clinic’s Neurotology fellowship and research program at UCLA and the newly renamed House Children’s Hearing Center of UCLA with Providence.
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FINAL: December 29, 2016 - please note that all meetings held in Center of Health Education. **Highlighted are the CME Category I approved meetings.**