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MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS



A PUBLICATION FROM THE ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF OFFICE

## Town Hall Meeting for Active Medical Staff

*Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m. in the  
St. Joseph Motherhouse Auditorium, 480 South Batavia Street*

There has been quite a bit of dialogue and concern regarding the proposed revisions to the bylaws. Information regarding the bylaws was distributed to all Active Staff members in late July.

There are a number of inaccuracies that the Medical Staff leaders wish to address. The Town Hall Meeting will be an open forum to dialogue on the bylaws and the proposed revisions.

The meeting will be held in executive session and will not include anyone from outside the Active Staff. No administrators, non-active staff, attorneys or guests will be in attendance. It would be helpful for you to review the proposed revisions to the bylaws mailed to you in order to have a constructive discussion. A vote on the revised Medical Staff Bylaws has been postponed until after the Town Hall meeting.

If you are planning to attend the meeting, please RSVP the Medical Staff Office at (714) 744-8056. If you have concerns or questions that you would like the Staff Officers to receive prior to the meeting to better discuss and address these items, please fax them to (714) 744-8695.

## Standing Up to Cancer

On Friday, September 5 from 8 to 9 p.m., all three major television networks (KABC, KCBS and KNBC) will air a national program entitled, "Stand Up to Cancer." St. Joseph Hospital will be the exclusive healthcare sponsor in our region for this special, with 30-second commercials before and after the commercial-free show. Our commercial showcases the hospital's "Leaders of the Cancer Revolution" at the new Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment.

This commercial began running on September 1, appearing during the morning, evening and nightly news as well as the Oprah show. KABC also produced a 15-second promotional spot featuring the SJO cancer center, airing this week.

Thanks to all of the physicians who took time from their busy schedules to help film the commercial, including: **Lawrence Wagman, M.D., James Padova, M.D., Brian Palafox, M.D., Robert Ash, M.D., Michele Carpenter, M.D., Kim James Charney, M.D., Winston Ho, M.D., Theodore Coutsoftides, M.D., Birbal Bhaskar, M.D., Martin Weissman, M.D., Daniel Weissberg, M.D., Jay Harness, M.D., Kimberly Ray, M.D., David Margileth, M.D., Judith Harrison-Monge, M.D., Aaron Sassoon, M.D., Glenn Allison, M.D., Mahmood Razavi, M.D., Afshin Forouzannia, M.D.,** and **Ray Casciari, M.D.**



## Mourning our losses

*Our condolences go out to the families, with sincere thanks for service to the community of Orange County.*

**Sanford Hepps, M.D.**, a respected General Surgery/Vascular Surgery member of the St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff for 43 years, died at his home on August 16, 2008.

He is a past Chairman of the Department of Surgery and was a Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. He was a Fellow in the ACOS and ACOP Executives.

Dr. Hepps is survived by his wife Kassy Hepps, his children, Kathleen Evans and Steven Hepps, as well as their mother Joan Rohr Hepps and three grandchildren.

Family and friends are making donations to their charity of choice or the USO.

**John M Salyer, M.D.**, 96, a pioneering heart surgeon in Orange County, died July 25, 2008, at his home in Coronado. Dr. Salyer was a long-time member of St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt Medical Center, and performed the first two direct open heart surgeries at Walter Reed Army Hospital using the deep hypothermia technique. He performed the first open heart surgery in Orange County in 1961, when he repaired the heart of a 5-year-old boy at St. Joseph Hospital. He performed the first cardiac pacemaker implant in 1963 at St. Joseph Hospital.

While on our staff he rose to Chairman of the Department of Surgery. He served 20 years in the Army, obtaining the rank of Colonel.

## New on Library's Website

You can now access several new databases on the Burlew Library site <<http://www.burlewmecallibrary.org> id=library password=web>.

**Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection** - This database provides nearly 575 full text publications that cover topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods.

**Health Business Fulltext Elite** - This database provides full text from more than 480 journals detailing all aspects of healthcare administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management.

**DynaMed** is a clinical reference tool created by physicians for physicians and other healthcare professionals for use primarily at the point-of-care. With clinically-organized summaries for nearly 3,000 topics, DynaMed is the only evidence-based reference shown to answer most clinical questions during practice.

Contact the medical library at 771-8291 for more information.

## Welcome new Medical Staff

**Abhinandan Bharne, MD**, Internal Medicine

**Richard Cho, MD**, Radiology

**Bao-Thy Grant, DDS**, Oral Surgery

**Chris Feier, MD**, Emergency Medicine

**Patricia Liao, MD**, Pediatric Critical Care

**Thanh Nguyen, MD**, Pediatrics

**Edmund Nichter, MD**, Emergency Medicine

**Faustino Ramos, MD**, Pediatric Cardiology

**Elyssa Rubin, MD**, Pediatric Oncology

**Linda Warner, DO**, Family Practice

## Ethical answers are a phone call away

The Ethics Resource Team (ERT) can help you when a family is in conflict and it is interfering with your caring for the patient; when there are no family members available to make end-of-life decisions; when there is a question about a pregnancy; when a patient's wishes are not being honored by others, or other ethical dilemmas exist. You can call for an ethics consult and get the help you need to provide the care that is in the best interest of the patient without all the stress in trying to work out this dilemma by yourself. The ERT uses an Ethical Resource Grid that states the policies and procedures, the state and federal guidelines and the ERD (Ethical and Religious Directives that guide this Hospital's standards).


This help is only a phone call away. Dial "O" and ask for the on call Ethics Committee member or call the Spiritual Care department at x18137, during normal working hours (8am - 5pm).

## Coding clues for coding blues

St. Joseph Hospital is hosting documentation and coding education for physicians and their billing coordinators on September 8, 9, 10 and 11 from 7-9 am, 9-11 am, 12-2 pm, 2-4 pm and 4-6 pm. An expert will work with you on ways to code and document for appropriateness, both for hospital and office patients. To RSVP for one of these sessions please call (714) 771-8075.

## 2nd Annual Cardiac & Vascular Series: Advances in Arrhythmia Management

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-8 pm at the OCMA Turnip Rose, featuring SJO Cardiologist **Kelly Tucker, MD**. To RSVP please call (714) 714-1777.



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