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From the president

The Keys to the Kingdom



James Shankwiler, MD | Medical Staff

The road to being a doctor is a long and winding one. We have run the gamut of higher education, examinations, documentation, references and licensing to achieve our current niche in the medical world. Yet, with more legislation and monitoring to maintain one's "ticket" or board certification, the question remains: who should really decide if someone is competent to practice or remain practicing in a given field of medicine?

Classically, after completing training in different areas of expertise, physicians would gain their certification of competency from specialty board organizations that offered examinations to determine clinical capability. Thus, board certification was born in the United States in 1917 with the establishment of the American Board of Ophthalmology. Subsequently, in 1936, the American Board of Medical Specialties was incorporated, with now 24 distinct member boards being defined. The member organizations are tasked with determining the core competencies that are inherent to their various specialties and determining through testing and appropriate documentation the initial and ongoing competency of physicians who practice in these varied areas (Cassel). The role of board certification has recently come under fire as a result

"Our test is crisis and observation."

- Frank Herbert, *Dune*

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Board meeting. As provided by the Bylaws of the Governing Body and as the designated sub-committee of the Governing Board the following items were presented and approved by the Medical Executive Committee of June 6, 2016.



Medical staff appointments



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Medical staff resignations

Campbell, Ronald, MD
effective 07/31/2016

DoDoo, Garland, MD
effective 08/31/2016

Ma, Austin, J., MD
effective 09/01/2016

Posen, Robert, MD
effective 07/31/2016

Woo, Karen, MD
effective 02/23/2016



Administrative reports

Please go to SharePoint → Medical Staff Services → Board Approved Items → 2016 and select June 2016.



Philanthropic support brings Integrated Table Motion to Huntington Hospital

Generous philanthropy is helping ensure the latest technologies are available here to support physician excellence! Our new Integrated Table Motion gives surgical teams the real-time ability to reposition the operating table, which helps maximize access, exposure and reach during robotic-assisted surgical procedures. **David Martin, MD** (pictured here) first used this technology last month!

President Message CONTINUED

of its increasing expense and rigors for maintenance, as well as its relevance to a physician's actual ongoing practice and capabilities. As a result, there are now competing board organizations and increasing fragmentation within the specialties themselves to address the more highly complex, subspecialized and compartmentalized medical world in which physicians work today.

The court of public opinion has also gained significant impact on determining a doctor's efficacy. Patients have become increasingly savvy about reviewing on-line data sites and/or reporting their experience and perception of a physician's competency on a number of web based forums. On a favorable note, in a recent study, most patients actually tend to compliment their physicians when documenting their thoughts on line (Kadry). Additionally, large consumer based organizations have also gained increasing prominence in their ability to rate and score individual physicians and hospitals with regard to their performance. Their criteria for grading physicians and hospitals however, are often highly variable with difficulty drawing significant collaborative data between these sites.

Finally, government agencies have also stepped up to help determine our ongoing performance and proficiency, not just with licensing and state boards but also with ongoing monitoring and quality performance metrics that will directly tie into a physician's grade and subsequent remuneration for services provided. The insurance companies will of course follow this lead. In addition, legislation regarding mandatory retirement criteria for doctors is in the works (AMA).

We live in an era of increased scrutiny from a number of outside sources and institutions. Each of us best understands the demands of our particular medical practice and the requisite skill set required for a job done well. We are the best framers of our own destiny, and as such, need to remain engaged with our patients, board societies, consumer institutions, government agencies, and insurance providers in order to remain the gatekeepers and custodians of the knowledge and concept of competency that defines a quality doctor.

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From the
**Clinical
 Documentation
 Specialists**

**What you need to know about Hierarchical
 Condition Categories (HCC's)**

What is HCC?

HCC is a payment methodology used in Medicare Advantage Plans and California Care Plans to determine capitation payments for their patients. HCC's include 70 conditions categorized by similar clinical and financial patterns.

How is HCC/Risk factor determined?

HCC is determined by documentation of diagnoses by the physician in a face to face encounter. Risk factors are determined by the patient's age, demographic region, eligibility and diagnoses noted. Documentation in the previous year determines the capitation payment in the current calendar year. Chronic conditions

must be documented at least once a year by the physician. Treatment alone or symptomatology are not presumptive of a condition.

Documentation must demonstrate evidence that the condition is monitored, evaluated, assessed or treated during that encounter.

"History of" is not equivalent to a chronic condition.

Why is HCC/Risk Score important to Physicians?

Physicians who do not provide detailed/specific documentation of a patient's chronic conditions will face decreased reimbursement for the patient's care and potential negative impact on CMS reporting of physician performance ratings.

Detailed documentation can result in revenue preservation, improved patient outcomes and potential improvement in Physician Star Ratings.

**Examples of HCC's include:
 CKD stage 3, COPD, Major
 Depressive Disorder, DM 2
 with nephropathy**

For a full list of HCC's check out www.hmhcdi.com and use your physician ID# to login. Click in the search box for HCC. Resources include a handy 2 page summary card.

And the winners are...

Congratulations to the raffle winners from the June 9, 2016 Medical Staff Mixer at Mijares Restaurant:

Ruths Chris Gift Certificate:

Amir Mostofi, MD

Burke Williams Gift Certificate:

Mitche Seruya, MD

Apple Watch:

Donald Norquist, MD

Fire HD 10 Tablet with accessories:

James Recabaren, MD

Tory Burch Sunglasses:

Kiandra Kang, MD

Bose Soundlink headphones:

Alexander Linna, MD

Montblanc Pen:

Andre Atoian, MD

Napa Valley Gift Basket:

Ian Ross, MD

Celebrating milestones

The following physicians hit a service milestone in the month of July. The medical staff would like to recognize the following physicians for their **service and dedication** to Huntington Hospital.

35 years (on staff 07/1981)

Barnhart, C. Rodney, MD

Orthopedic Surgery

Edmiston, W. Allan, MD

Cardiovascular Disease

25 years (on staff 07/1991)

Adamson, Gregory J., MD

Sports Medicine

20 years (on staff 07/1996)

Lew, Brandon L., DO

Emergency Medicine

15 years (on staff 07/2001)

McNamara, Mark V., MD

Hematology/Oncology

10 years (on staff 07/2006)

Giesler, Gregory M., MD

Interventional Cardiology

Curtis, Frederick L., MD

Anesthesiology

Durairaj, Azhil, MD

Interventional Cardiology

Lakshman, Shankar,

MD-Plastic Surgery

Lau, Clayton S., MD

Urology

Tiner, Christopher K., MD

Plastic Surgery

Wang, Linan, MD

Pathology

5 years (on staff 07/2011)

Fleischman, Fernando, MD

Thoracic Surgery

Hill, Jesse R., MD

Anesthesiology

Kirimis, Evangelia K., MD

Hematology/Oncology

Moreno, Heather, MD

Diagnostic Radiology

Munir, Reema, MD

Diagnostic Radiology

Nandi, Shylaja, MD

Family Medicine

Ochoa, Christian J., MD

Vascular Surgery

Parenti, Cynthia E., MD

Anesthesiology

Ram, Sonal K., MD

Pediatric Critical Care

Tirce, Christopher G., MD

Anesthesiology

Yuh, Bertram E., MD

Urology



We are first in the country to use neonatal monitoring device

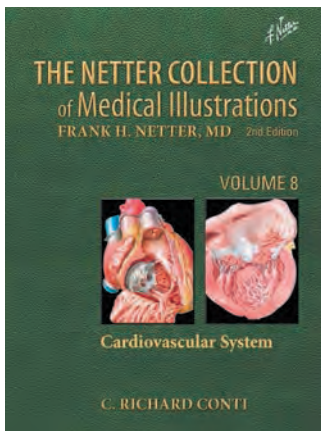
Recently, we successfully completed the first procedure in the country using a SonarMedAirWave™ device for neonatal and pediatric patients. The FDA-approved device provides real-time monitoring of the endotracheal tube, a tube inserted into the windpipe to aid in breathing. “Until now, neonatologists have not had a single tool to allow for the detection of blocked, mal-positioned or completely dislodged endotracheal tubes, all of which are known to significantly increase both long-term morbidity and mortality. The engineers of SonarMed have applied safe, proven technology to solve all these problems in our smallest, most critical patients through the use of a single unique device,” said Jamie W. Powers, MD, medical director, NICU, Huntington Hospital.

Thank you to the San Marino Guild for providing the funds to our hospital to purchase this innovative technology for our smallest patients!

From the

Health Sciences Library

Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations on ClinicalKey



The multi-volume *Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations* is available for institutional access both on and off-site through ClinicalKey. This set contains hundreds of stunning illustrations and radiologic images paired with precise and up-to-date scientific information. The collection can be found on the ClinicalKey website by selecting the Books link from the main page and then by selecting 'N' from the A to Z browse and scrolling down to 'Netter Collection.'

The *Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations* include the following titles:

- Musculoskeletal System - Biology and Systemic Diseases
- Brain
- Cardiovascular System
- Digestive System: Part III - Liver, etc.
- Digestive System: Part II - Lower Digestive Tract
- Digestive System: Part I - The Upper Digestive Tract
- Endocrine System
- Integumentary System
- Part I Upper Limb
- Reproductive System
- Respiratory System
- Spinal Cord and Peripheral Motor and Sensory Systems
- Spine and Lower Limb
- Urinary System

For information on how to access ClinicalKey and other library resources from off-site visit <http://huntingtonhospital.libguides.com/physicianoffsiteaccess> or contact the library (397-5161, library@huntingtonhospital.com) for individual username & password access.

CME corner

Grand Rounds and 2nd Monday will resume in September 2016.

Friday Medical Case Conference with Residents will start again on August 12th.

If you would like a copy of your CME credit report please contact Gladys Bonas via email at Gladys.Bonas@huntingtonhospital.com

Medical Staff Demographic Changes

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Save the date!

Huntington Hospital & Parkway Grill present



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016
6 TO 10 P.M. · VIP HOUR 5 TO 6 P.M.



We have received the Blue Distinction® Center+ Designation for Quality and Cost-Efficiency in Cardiac Care

Anthem Blue Cross has designated Huntington Hospital as a Blue Distinction® Center+ in the Blue Distinction Centers for Cardiac Care program, part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program.

“We are proud to have been honored by Anthem Blue Cross in this way,” said Azhil (Alex) Durairaj, MD, FACC, FSCAI, interventional cardiologist, Huntington Hospital. “Our dedicated physicians, nurses, technicians and therapists work hard to maintain exemplary patient safety and quality care, and we congratulate them for meeting the rigorous standards for this recognition.”

Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated health care facilities shown to deliver improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community. Congratulations to our cardiac care team!

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:

MICHAEL LUU, MD; R. FERNANDO ROTH, MD; STEVEN KATZ, MD; AZHIL (ALEX) DURAIRAJ, MD; GREGORY GIESLER, MD; MAYER RASHTIAN, MD, JOHN EASTHOPE, MD; VYSHALI RAO, MD; AND ROBBIN COHEN, MD

Announcement

Jora Senane was RNFA Cardiothoracic and will continue as RNFA Cardiothoracic or Clinical Coordinator.



Huntington Hospital receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: **Stroke Honor Roll Elite**

ARBI OHANIAN, MD | MEDICAL DIRECTOR
HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL PRIMARY STROKE CENTER

Huntington Hospital received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, Huntington Hospital receives research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement

indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality measures to receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

These quality measures are designed to help hospital teams follow the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.

"A stroke patient loses 1.9 million neurons each minute stroke treatment is delayed. This recognition further demonstrates our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely," said

Arbi Ohanian, MD, medical director, Huntington Hospital Primary Stroke Center. "Huntington Hospital continues to strive for excellence in the acute treatment of stroke patients. The recognition from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke further reinforces our team's hard work."

Congratulations to the entire team at the Huntington Hospital Primary Stroke Center for this award!

Medical Staff Newsletter *Submission*

If you would like to submit an article to be published in the Medical Staff Newsletter please contact Gladys Bonas, (626) 397-3770 or Gladys.bonas@huntingtonhospital.com.

Articles must be submitted no later than the first Friday of every month.



Practice Injection Safety



Why?



The investigation of several large outbreaks of Hepatitis B and C among patients in health care facilities in the United States identified a need to define and reinforce safe injection practices. Some of these outbreaks occurred in a private medical practice, a pain clinic, an endoscopy clinic, and a hematology/oncology clinic.

How?



Maintain aseptic technique during the preparation and administration of injected medications. Perform hand hygiene and disinfect the rubber stopper of vials even when it has just been opened (the seals have gaps and, therefore, the tops are not sterile).



Never administer medications from the same syringe to more than one patient, even if the needle is changed.



Never enter a vial with a used syringe or needle.



Do not use medications packaged as single-dose or single-use for more than one patient.



Do not use bags of intravenous solution as a common source of supply for more than one patient.



Limit the use of multi-dose vials and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.



Do not use a syringe of medication more than once on the same patient.



Label multidose parenteral medication vials with a 28-day discard date (beyond-use date) as soon as it is opened.



Always use facemasks when injecting material or inserting a catheter into the epidural/subdural space (you may be inhaling Meningitis via the CSF!).

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the One and Only Campaign

Medical staff meetings

Calendar

JULY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<u>1</u> 7 a.m. Ortho Sect WT 5/6 Newsletter submission
<u>4</u> INDEPENDENCE DAY	<u>5</u> 8 a.m. QM Pre-Agenda CR C	<u>6</u> Noon CME Committee CR-8 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Peer WT 5/6	<u>7</u> Noon Medicine Committee N/S Noon Trauma Services WT 5/6	<u>8</u> 7:30 a.m. Neurosurgery Sect CR 11
<u>11</u> Noon Transfusion SubCommittee N/S 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Dept CR 5/6 12:30 p.m. Ophthalmology Sect WT 8 5:30 p.m. MEC Board Room	<u>12</u> Noon Critical Care Sect WT 5/6	<u>13</u> 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Committee WT 5/6	<u>14</u> 6:30 a.m. Anesthesia Peer Cr-7 Noon QM Committee East Room	<u>15</u> 7:30 a.m. Spine Committee CR 11
<u>18</u> 8 a.m. Emergency Medicine Section ED Conf. Room 9:30 a.m. SCAN Team WT 10 10:30 a.m. PMCC WT 10	<u>19</u> 5:30 p.m. Surgery Committee WT 5/6	<u>20</u> 7:30 a.m. Cardiology Section Cardio Conf. Room Noon Credentials Committee CR C	<u>21</u> 6:30 a.m. Anest Peer CR-7 Noon PT&D Committee CR 5/6 Noon G.I. Section WT 10 6 p.m. Bioethics CR 5/6	<u>22</u>
<u>25</u> Noon Psychiatry Sect CR10 12:15 p.m. Urology Sect CR 5/6	<u>26</u> 7:30 a.m. Interdisciplinary Committee CR C Noon Gen Surg Sect WT 5/6 5 p.m. Robotic Committee WT 5/6	<u>27</u> 12:15 p.m. Hem/Onc Sect WT 5/6	<u>28</u> Noon IM Peer Review WT 5/6 Noon Cancer Committee WT 5/6 12:15 p.m. Pediatric Committee East Room 5:30 p.m. Bariatric Committee WT 10	<u>29</u>

Calendar

JULY 2016

MONDAY	4	11	18	25	
	Independence Day	OB/GYN Dept. 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. CR 5&6			
TUESDAY	5	12	19	26	
	MKSAP 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Wingate Doctors' Lounge General MDisc Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 HMRI Lecture Series 4 - 5 p.m. RSH	MKSAP 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Wingate Doctors' Lounge General MDisc Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 HMRI Lecture Series 4 - 5 p.m. RSH	MKSAP 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Wingate Doctors' Lounge General MDisc Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 HMRI Lecture Series 4 - 5 p.m. RSH	MKSAP 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Wingate Doctors' Lounge General MDisc Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 HMRI Lecture Series 4 - 5 p.m. RSH	
WEDNESDAY	6	13	20	27	
	Genitourinary Cancer 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 Radiology Teaching Files 12 - 1 p.m. MRI Conf. Room	Radiology Teaching Files 12 - 1 p.m. MRI Conf. Room	Genitourinary Cancer 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11 Radiology Teaching Files 12 - 1 p.m. MRI Conf. Room	Cardiac Cath Conf., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cardiology Conference Room Radiology Teaching Files 12 - 1 p.m. MRI Conf. Room	
THURSDAY	7	14	21	28	
	Trauma Walk 7 - 8 a.m. Conf. Room B Trauma M&M 8 - 9 a.m. Conf. Room B Thoracic Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11	Surgery M&M 8 - 9 a.m. Conf. Room B	Trauma Walk 7 - 8 a.m. Conf. Room B Trauma M&M 8 - 9 a.m. Conf. Room B Thoracic Cancer Conf. 12 - 1 p.m. Conf. Room 11	Surgery M&M 8 - 9 a.m. Conf. Room B	
FRIDAY	1	8	15	22	29
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2015-2016 Best Hospitals Report



#7 Hospital in the
Los Angeles Metro Area

#18 Hospital in California

Recognized in 9 specialties:

- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- Geriatrics
- Gynecology
- Nephrology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology
- Urology

