

# medical staff NEWSLETTER

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## From the President

*“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”*

- George Bernard Shaw



We are living in a new time of technologic advancement and change, commonly coined The Information Age. The dawn of the Information Age, also known as the Computer Age, Digital Age, or New Media Age is considered the period in human history where our economy became based not on heavy industry or the making of things, but instead on the storage, retrieval, and sharing of data over an ever expanding global base. The premise that underlies this paradigm shift is that this inter-connectivity and rapid access to information helps create a knowledge-based technology that has a world-wide sphere of influence on creating greater efficiency on production in both the service and manufacturing sectors. As our capacity to become interconnected continually increases, we find ourselves now communicating and executing data bits and information through ever more sophisticated technological means. Yet, despite all this new found capability. I have noted that no one refers to this time as the “Communication Age.”

Humans have a distinct need for communication. Indeed, humans in isolation don't tend to fare well physically or mentally. Even pet ownership has been shown to be beneficial to one's overall health and well being. It is our ability to articulate our thoughts, needs, hopes, and desires to others that has formed the bases of our civilization and is the essence of our species. Our culture stands at

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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 February 2, 2015 and by the Governing Board on February 26, 2015.

## Announcements

### Meeting Attendance Rewards

The following raffle tickets were selected for the February 2015 meeting attendance awards:

- Bengt Pehrsson, MD
- James Recabaren, MD

### Administrative Reports

Please go to SharePoint → Medical Staff Services → Board Approved Items → 2015 and select February 2015 to see:

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**General Medical  
Staff Meeting is  
March 11, 2015!**

Huntington Hospital

## Medical Staff Appointments



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## Allied Health Appointments

- Del Rosario, Eugene, PA-C - Physician Assistant
- Ogle, Ayesha, RNFA - Registered Nurse First Assistant
- Parulan, Ethel, RN - RN Research Coordinator
- Thompson, Susan, NP - Nurse Practitioner
- Vargas, Dana, RN - RN Research Coordinator
- Yong, Justin - Perfusion Assistant

## Medical Staff Resignations

- Amorn, Allen, MD - effective 2/26/2015
- Banskota, Nirmal, MD - effective 3/3/2015
- Broukhim, Mahnaz, MD - effective 2/26/2015
- Churukian, Talene, MD - effective 2/26/2015
- Fernandez, Marisa, MD - effective 4/30/2015
- Hagen, Jeffrey, MD - effective 4/30/2015
- Khatibi, Azadeh, MD - effective 2/26/2015

## Medical Staff Resignations *continued*

- Knauss, Jamie, MD - effective 3/31/2015
- Lee, Han, MD - effective 2/28/2015
- Presant, Cary, MD - effective 4/30/2015
- Shakhnovits, Marianna, MD - effective 2/28/2015
- Sotiropoulos, Georgia, MD - effective 2/26/2015
- Su, Brian, MD - effective 4/30/2015
- Yoshida, Emmy, MD - effective 3/31/2015
- Young, Douglas, PhD - effective 2/26/2015

## Allied Health Resignations

- Bransby, Priscilla, NP - effective 3/31/2015
- Dovarro, Dulce - effective 2/28/2015
- Estudillo, Patricia - effective 2/28/2015
- Hops, Jacquelyn - effective 3/31/2015
- Lemert, Sara - effective 12/29/2014
- Melander, Sheila - effective 12/29/2014
- Samson, Roselle - effective 2/28/2015
- Taylor, Steve - effective 1/31/2015
- Traeger, Karen - effective 1/22/2015

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a strange dichotomy of being truly connected but individually isolated. Some recent national health care statistics show that both young and old in our society, despite the impact of social media, feel increasingly lonely and isolated (1). This statistic is felt to be due to, in large part, from the loss of actual face to face interaction. The need for communication, and having a sense of empathy with another individual is the basic cornerstone of a physician-patient relationship. In this time, when our efforts are being increasingly torn between monitor, keyboard, and patient; I worry that the human element may become increasingly lost in the mix.

Thus, in the “Information Age”, the quality of our interactions with our patients is also coming under increasing scrutiny. The new government standards contain an increased focus upon patient satisfaction, a large portion of which are centered around the concept of how well the physician communicates with the patient. This quality measure actually makes sense, since it is the one basic tenet to which we all agree allows for, at the end of the day, a rewarding experience for both the physician and the patient. As the

technologic demands of our profession increase, and our time constraints multiply due to documentation requirements, it’s important that we still take time to remember to shift our focus back to the patient.

Communication should be our touchstone for quality as a profession, and I would say as a culture. We are both blessed and burdened with new ways of accessing, consuming, dispersing, collating, analyzing, surfing, and sifting data in our increasingly computerized and connected world. Despite this, we are often adrift, trying to find common ground with our peers and our patients with the simplest of tasks, reaching out and taking time to make personal contact. As physicians, we need to stay grounded and remember that it is the quality of how we interact with each other as human beings that forgoes the basis of a patient-physician relationship.

**James Shankwiler, MD**

*President of the Medical Staff*

1. The Guardian, Health and Well Being, Loneliness; a silent plague that is hurting young people the most. 7/20/2014

## Outpatient Blood Transfusion Service is Moving!

**Outpatient Blood Transfusion service** will be moving from the Blood Donor Center to Huntington Hospital Ambulatory Care Center (HACC) on April 1, 2015.

This move to HACC will enable the service to expand from two beds to four or five beds. HACC is located on the ground floor, Wingate building. The transfusion clinic will be across the hall, behind the Blood Donor Center. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More communication about the service will be announced in March. If you have any questions, you may contact Rayla Nolen, RN at 626-397-3366.

# Huntington Memorial Hospital *Announces* New Board Members

Huntington Memorial Hospital recently announced the election of two new and two returning members to its board of directors, effective January 1, 2015. The new members are Lolita Lopez and Elizabeth Olson, and returning to the board are Kathleen Podley and John Siciliano.

“We are thrilled to welcome Lolita and Elizabeth to our board and Kathy and John back to the board,” said Stephen A. Ralph, Huntington Hospital’s president and CEO. “They each bring unique perspectives and expertise that will serve us well as we continue our work to meet our community’s current and future healthcare needs.”

## LOLITA LOPEZ

Lolita Lopez is a general assignment editor for NBC4 in Los Angeles. Diagnosed in April 2013 with breast cancer, Lopez has been very public about her experience with cancer and the care she received at Huntington Hospital. During the summer of 2013, she posted a five-part series on NBC4’s website chronicling her experience. In addition to supporting breast cancer causes, Lopez has been involved in a variety of charitable events, including ones benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Network for a Healthy California. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University.



## ELIZABETH OLSON

Elizabeth Olson is a graduate of University of Michigan Law School. Olson worked as an associate at Tuttle & Taylor in Los Angeles before leaving to clerk for the Honorable Gary A. Feess in the Central District. Following that, she worked for two years at Caltech in the Office of Technology. She previously served for many years on the board of Friends of Children’s Hospital and is currently active in several community organizations in Pasadena, including Polytechnic School where her three sons are students. In addition to her juris doctor degree, she holds degrees in political science and psychology from the University of California, San Diego.



## JOHN SICILIANO

John Siciliano previously served on Huntington Hospital’s board of directors for 12 years, including serving as chairman of the board’s investment committee. He returns after a three-year absence. Siciliano has over 30 years of experience in the financial services industry as a senior executive at several prominent global financial institutions. Currently, Siciliano is a managing director in asset management advisory at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Throughout his career he has served on many boards, including the California Community Foundation, and in 2008 was honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the New York City Catholic Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pomona College and a Masters of Business Administration from Stanford University.



## KATHY PODLEY

Returning to the Huntington Hospital board where she previously served for five years is Kathy Podley. A graduate of Stanford University and a longtime friend of Huntington Hospital, Podley is a homemaker and community philanthropist. A resident of the San Gabriel Valley since early childhood, Podley serves on the board of trustees for the Good Family Foundation, which, over the years, has made gifts to the hospital’s pediatric art therapy program and the trauma center. The Podley Family previously established an endowment for spiritual care at the hospital. In addition to many years as a volunteer at Huntington Hospital, Mrs. Podley has served on the quality, strategy and governance committees and presently serves as a community member on Huntington Hospital’s Patient Education Council, assisting in the reviewing and editing of educational materials that are given to patients and their families.



From the **Health Science Library**

**Resources for Diagnosis, Treatment & Control of Measles**

The CDC reports that as of January 1, 2015, there have been 102 cases of measles reported. A majority of those were in California due to the Disneyland outbreak in late December. The number of measles cases in 2014 rose to 644, the greatest number documented since its elimination in 2000. According to the CDC, a majority of the cases were unvaccinated individuals.

The library has a number of authoritative online resources to assist with the diagnosis, differential diagnosis, treatment and control of measles. Simply search on the key word “measles” on any of the following resources to find clinical information, images and patient education. For quick access to all the resources below, visit the library home page at: <http://huntingtonhospital.libguides.com>. Off-site access to all of the resources is also available via Citrix/Cerner (physicians only) or contact the library to set up username/ password access for off-site.

**UpToDate** (<http://www.uptodate.com/contents/search>)

Provides clinical topic summaries and patient information topics.

- Clinical presentation and diagnosis of measles – includes images
- Prevention and Treatment of Measles – includes Outbreak control measures and Post-exposure prophylaxis information
- A Graphics search for “Measles” within UpToDate also provides additional images and data charts. Select “Graphics” from the pull down menu next to the search box (default is “All Topics”)
- UpToDate Patient Information Topics:
  - o Measles (The Basics)
  - o Vaccines for Babies and children 0 to 6 years (The Basics)
  - o Vaccines and Pregnancy (The Basics)

**AAP Red Book Online** (<http://redbook.solutions.aap.org/>)

Provides chapters on measles and special clinical circumstances as well as many images.

- Summary on Measles – provides clinical manifestations, epidemiology, diagnostic tests, treatment, isolation of hospitalized patients, control measures, Recommendations for Measles Immunization
- Immunization in Special Clinical Circumstances – Pregnancy
- Immunization in Special Clinical Circumstances – Health Care Personnel
- Visual Library search on measles provides many images
- Video Library: Developing the Measles Vaccine in commemoration of the 50 year anniversary of the measles vaccine (requires flash plug-in)

**ClinicalKey** (<http://www.clinicalkey.com>)

Provides medical textbooks, point of care resources and patient education for differential diagnosis and treatment.

- First Consult – includes differential diagnosis point of care information
- Ferri’s Clinical Advisor – includes differential diagnosis information

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- Conn's Current Therapy – short overview of topic
- Goldman's Cecil Medicine – also gives a good overview of complications due to measles

### **AccessMedicine** (<http://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/>)

**Provides medical textbooks with overviews and treatment of measles:**

- Harrison's Online Internal Medicine
- Color Atlas of Family Medicine
- Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine – Chapter 134. Rashes in Infants and Children – Measles
- Atlas of Emergency Medicine
- Current Diagnosis & Treatment, 22 ed (2012)

References:

CDC, Measles Cases and Outbreaks, <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>, retrieved February 3, 2015.

***Need more information? Contact the library by email [library@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:library@huntingtonhospital.com) or phone 626-397-5161.***

## From **Physician Informatics**

### **Recent Cerner Changes**

**While there have been a number of changes made recently, some of recent changes are:**

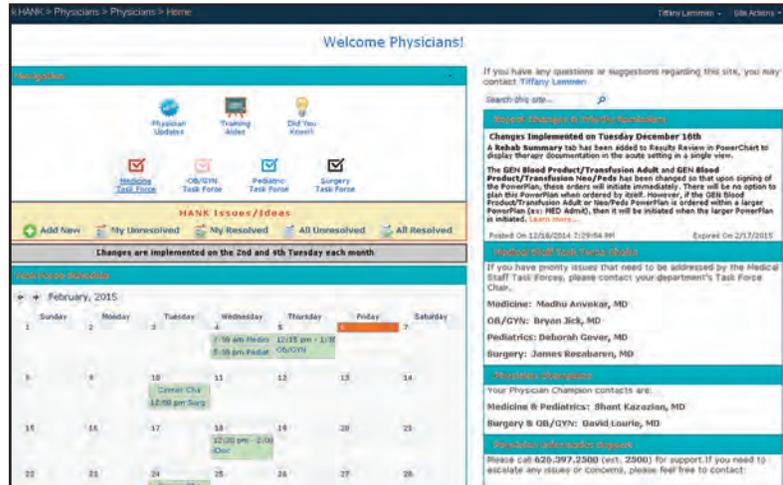
- ✓ The 'Type and Screen' PowerPlan was changed to automatically initiate upon signing.
- ✓ We have modified the 'Change Attending' order. It is now called 'Change Attending or Primary Care'.
- ✓ There is a new order 'Patient to Self Administer Medications', which allows them to administer their own home medication or a medication provided by the Pharmacy.
- ✓ Message Center has been further refined for several specialties.
- ✓ The Reason for Admit field has been expanded on the 'Admit to Inpatient' order.
- ✓ The SURG Generic Post Op PowerPlan was updated to include a 'continuous phase'.
- ✓ Recently Added PowerPlans: OB Cervical Cerclage Pre Op, OB Cervical Cerclage Post Op, OB Dilatation and Curettage Pre Op, OB Dilatation and Curettage Post Op, OB Bilateral Tubal Ligation Pre Op, and OB External Cephalic Version, Laser Eye Surgery, ED Adult Constipation, ED Hyperkalemia, and CRIT Hypothermia.
- ✓ Tucks Hemorrhoidal 1%-12.5% topical Ointment is no longer available and has been removed from the OB C Section PowerPlan.
- ✓ The frequencies of QID, TID, q8 and q6 were modified so that the first dose will be scheduled for the next standard hospital administration time. The physician as appropriate can adjust this first dose.
- ✓ The Results Review Tabs were renamed to be more descriptive of the clinical range.
- ✓ The Neonate Results Review Tab has expanded information available.
- ✓ The restraint PowerPlan has been removed and replaced with single orders 'Restraint Non-Violent' and 'Restraint Violent/Self-Destructive' orders.

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**Dedicated SharePoint Site for Physicians**

A new site called “Ask HANK for Physicians” has been developed. This site is dedicated to providing resources and communication that affect Physicians and is available both on-site and remote. It contains information such as: Medical Staff Task Force Priority Updates, Training Aides, a ‘Did you know?’ section for quick tips, summary of recent changes, key contacts, and more. This site will be updated weekly. If you have any suggestions on changes to the site, please let contact either Tiffany or Chuck.



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*If you would like one-on-one assistance on any of the HANK workflows or functionality, please contact Physician Support Services at 626-397-2500.*

### Celebrating Milestones

The following physicians hit a service milestone in the month of March. The Medical Staff would like to recognize the following physicians for their service and dedication to Huntington Hospital.

- 30 Years (on staff 03/1985)**  
Ashok Raj, MD – Nephrology
- 20 Years (on staff 03/1995)**  
Glenn Schlundt, MD – Pediatrics
- 15 Years (on staff 03/2000)**  
Michael Avakian, MD – Podiatry  
Naguib Khan, MD – Anesthesiology
- 10 Years (on staff 03/2005)**  
Shital Arya, MD – Pediatrics  
Gregory Northrop, MD – Orthopedic Surgery

### Save the Date

#### General Medical Staff Meeting

**Topic**  
Electronic Health Record (EHR/EMR):  
Professional Liability Trends and  
Risk Reduction Strategies

**Date**  
March 11, 2015

**Time**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location**  
Braun Auditorium

Please RSVP by February 20 to  
Maricela Alvarez at 626-397-3770 or  
[maricela.alvarez@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:maricela.alvarez@huntingtonhospital.com)

*Dinner will be served*

## From the **Clinical Documentation Specialists**

### Functional Quadriplegia

**Definition:** “Complete immobility due to severe physical disability or frailty” without spinal cord injury. This is not true paresis, but an inability to complete activities of daily living.

**Possible Causes:** Dementia, hypoxic injury, ALS, Huntington’s disease, Terminal Multiple Sclerosis, progressive Arthritis, multiple debilitating strokes

**Possible Manifestations:** Flexion contractures, pressure ulcers, persistent aspiration, incontinence

**Consider Documentation when patient requires:** Total care or maximum assistance with nutrition, hygiene, or elimination. Consider patients with debilitating medical conditions, bedbound patients unable to turn themselves.

This is considered a **“Major Comorbid Condition.”**

These patients are resource intensive and the diagnosis has significant impact on Severity of Illness (SOI) and Risk of Mortality (ROM).

Questions? Please contact: Karen Beal, RN, BSN, CCDS, ext. 2024; Theresa Cardona, RN, CCDS, ext. 3787; Maria Gilda Villanueva, RN, CCDS, ext. 3665; Gabriella Pearlman, MD, Physician Advisor & ICD-10 Champion, ext. 5183.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the ICD-10 physician engagement survey! Survey drawing winners are:

Lance Gravely, MD  
James Tribe, MD  
Milton Smith, MD

## Cerner Upgrade Training

**On April 20, 2015 Cerner upgrades** will be going into effect. In order to help physicians with these changes training sessions will be March 23 through April 19. In keeping with your input and designed with input from the Cerner Physician Champions, David Lourie, MD and Shant Kazazian, MD, the brief, one-hour training session will you to familiarize yourself with the upgrades to Cerner. Topics covered will include aspects of Cerner use that physicians have cited as challenges, including admissions workflow and medication reconciliation. More information regarding specific dates and how to enroll in a training session will be available soon.

To further support the physicians, the hospital has created a dedicated, in-house physician support services team. Physicians will have access to an expanded physician support services staff, should you need additional technical support. A significantly expanded physician informatics staff will also help address any Cerner-related challenges that are brought to the IT Department’s attention. In addition, the IT Department will roll out additional learning tools regarding Cerner utilization, for on-the-spot reference.

Thank you for your continued engagement as the hospital navigates the required EMR changes. Should you have any questions please contact Chuck Sudvary, Director, Physician & Interoperability Services at 626-397-5090.

## Physicians Inspiring Donors: Dr. Todd Dietrick

Grateful patients make generous donors and, according to nationwide data, **physicians are overwhelmingly influential to a donor’s decision to make a gift to the hospital.**

Each year, charitable support for Huntington Memorial Hospital fills the ever-widening gap between revenue and expenses, helping to pay for the critical programs, facilities and services that today’s informed patients demand. The Office of Philanthropy at Huntington Hospital is grateful for the exceptional physicians who help us engage potential donors.

Dr. Todd Dietrick, a Pasadena native and orthopedic surgeon with Congress Medical Associates, has assisted the office of philanthropy in several important ways. Recently, Dr. Dietrick attended and spoke at a reception for the hospital’s most generous donors about Huntington’s recertification as a Center of Excellence in orthopedic care, including recognition by the Joint Commission with a perfect score for our joint-replacement and pain management programs. He also spoke about the latest advancements in joint-replacement surgery, cutting-edge techniques being developed and how everyone – young and old – can take better care of their joints. Additionally, Dr. Dietrick has helped arrange meaningful introductions between



grateful patients and the office of philanthropy, which have resulted in charitable gifts to the hospital and are directly benefitting orthopedic care at Huntington Hospital.

The Office of Philanthropy is exceedingly grateful to all our physician-partners – like Dr. Todd Dietrick – who go above and beyond the call of duty to engage donors in a meaningful way and help us transform grateful patients into generous donors. We look forward sharing more stories about physicians inspiring donors in future issues of this newsletter.

*If you would like more information about working with potential donors, please contact Tracy Smith, Director, Office of Philanthropy at 626-397-3241 or [tracy.smith@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:tracy.smith@huntingtonhospital.com).*



### Doctors’ Day 2015

In honor of our physicians and their continued dedication to Huntington Hospital, please join us for our Doctor’s Day celebrations!

<p><b>Luncheon</b>                      Wednesday, March 25, 2015                      Noon – 2 p.m.                      West Tower, North Patio</p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b>                      Thursday, March 26, 2015                      7 – 9 a.m.                      West Tower, North Patio</p>
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*At both events there will be raffle drawings and gifts for those in attendance.*

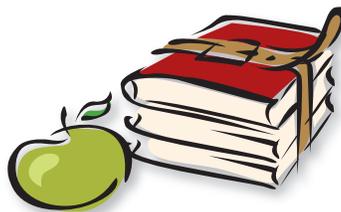
## CME Corner

### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

- Topic:** Triggers of Cardiovascular Events  
**Speaker:** Robert Kloner, MD  
**Date:** March 6, 2015  
**Time:** Noon - 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Research Conference Hall  
**Objectives:**
1. Describe natural and manmade triggers of acute cardiovascular events.
  2. Understand some of the basic mechanisms that cause these triggers.
  3. Recognize the types of patients who might experience these triggers.
  4. Implement basic approaches to management of triggers.
- Audience:** Cardiology, Internal Medicine, & Primary Care Physicians  
**Methods:** Lecture  
**Credits:** 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

### SECOND MONDAY

- Topic:** Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
**Speaker:** David J. Lourie, MD  
**Date:** March 9, 2015  
**Time:** Noon - 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Research Conference Hall  
**Objectives:**
1. Identify the surgical options for the successful treatment of morbid obesity.
  2. Understand the difference in results achieved with various surgical procedures.
  3. Identify the significant impact of surgery on improvement in metabolic comorbidities as well as weight loss.
- Audience:** Surgical Specialists, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, & Primary Care Physicians  
**Methods:** Lecture  
**Credits:** 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™



## H&P Note Update

Huntington Hospital recently completed its accreditation survey by The Joint Commission. The Hospital was cited on the CMS requirement that the H&P update note include documentation that the original H&P was reviewed and the patient was re-examined. This needs to be documented **anytime the H&P was completed prior to admission.** In addition, an H&P that was done more than 30 days prior to the admission cannot be accepted.

The required new language can be easily obtained in Cerner by using the **Pre-Operative/Procedure Progress Note or Informed Consent/Attestation.**

To access the new language in the update note, from PowerChart select:

- (1) Documentation +Add
- (2) Catalog tab (Huntington Hospital PowerNotes)
- (3) Surgery folder (scroll down and click the + to open folder)
- (4) Select either PreOp/Procedure Progress Note or Informed Consent/Attestation

*\*\*Hot Sheets have been distributed with more detailed instructions in the physician areas and lounges*

The January audit of the H&P resulted in compliance of 36%. We ask for your attention to this issue, so that we can achieve our stated goal of 90%. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Physician Support office at 626-397-2500. Thank you for your support.

## OB Laborist Program Launches

By: Jane van Dis, MD, FACOG

Huntington Hospital recently partnered with Ob Hospitalist Group (OBHG) to provide on-site, around-the-clock Board Certified OB/GYN obstetric hospitalist services by implementing a laborist program that launched on January 29, 2015. This program is informed by our goals for quality patient outcomes and offers specialized obstetric services to ensure the very best, most timely care for expectant mothers.

This program was a vision shared by Paula Verrette, MD, Huntington Hospital Senior Vice President, Quality and Physician Services and James Macer, MD, Board Certified OB/GYN. After many years of research and countless hours of evaluating potential providers, Huntington Hospital made the decision to create a laborist program in partnership with Ob Hospitalist Group. OBHG is a physician-founded and physician-run company, and leads the industry in developing and managing on-site OB/GYN hospitalist programs.

While many obstetricians divide their time between private practice, outpatient surgery centers and the hospital, the physicians in our laborist program will focus solely on providing care to patients in the labor and delivery unit, as well as those facing emergent situations. These physicians provide enhanced coverage and a critical safety net to private OB/GYNs and their patients.

Huntington has assembled six outstanding board certified OB/GYNs to serve in this role: James Barber, MD; Lisa Diaz, MD; Jamie Lopez, MD; George Matsuda, MD; Jane van Dis, MD; and John Wong, MD. For many of you, Drs. Matsuda and Wong will be familiar faces, as they have served the Pasadena community and been on Huntington's medical staff for many years. The team is lead by Dr. Jane van Dis, a local Altadena resident who also serves as OBHG's West Coast Medical Director of Operations.



*From left to right: Jaime Lopez, MD; Lisa Diaz, MD; James Barber, MD; Jane Van Dis, MD; George Matsuda, MD; and John Wong, MD.*

Patients presenting to Huntington Hospital will be evaluated by emergent-care experienced OB/GYNs rather than the traditional nurse-led phone triage found in many hospitals. Patients will also have immediate access to the best obstetric surgical care possible if necessary for emergency life-saving surgeries for mother and baby. Our laborist program will offer patients family member's peace of mind during one of the most important moments of their lives; when literally a matter of minutes can make a life-saving difference.

In addition to providing patient care, the physicians in our laborist program will also serve as in-house back up for patients wishing to attempt Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) under the supervision of their personal OB/GYN; and can serve as assistant surgeons for Huntington's private OB physicians. They will also lead the labor & delivery unit simulation training for obstetric emergencies - a practice that has proven to decrease morbidity and mortality in life-threatening situations.

The creation and launch of our laborist program is just one of the many reasons Huntington Hospital is a leader in patient safety, serving as a center of excellence for state of the art obstetric care.

## March 2015 Medical Staff Meetings

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
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- 12:15 p.m. Ob/Gyn Dept/CME - CR 5&6 - 5:30 p.m. Medical Executive - Board Room	- 8 a.m. QM Pre-Agenda - CR-C	- 7:30 a.m. Medicine Dept. Cerner Task Force - CR 5&6 - Noon Plastic Surgery Section - CR-10 - Noon CME Committee - CR-8 - 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Peer Review - CR 5&6 - 5:30 p.m. Pediatric Dept. Cerner Task Force	- Noon Medicine Committee - North/South - Noon Trauma Services - CR 5&6 - 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Dept. Cerner Task Force - CR-8	- 7 a.m. Orthopedic Section - CR 5&6  - Newsletter Submission -
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	- Noon Critical Care Section - CR 5&6 - 12:30 p.m. ENT Section - CR-10	- 10 a.m. PICU/Peds QI - CR-2 - 12:15 p.m. OB/GYN Committee - CR 5&6	- 6:30 a.m. Anesthesia Section - CR-7 - Noon QM Committee - East Room - 5:30 p.m. Neonatal/Pediatric Surgical Case Review - CR-10	
-16-	-17-	-18-	-19-	-20-
- 8 a.m. Emergency Medicine Section - ED Conf. Room	- 5:30 p.m. Surgery Committee - CR 5&6	- 5:30 p.m. Surgery Committee - CR 5&6	- 6:30 a.m. Anesthesia Peer Rev - CR-7 - Noon PT&D Committee - CR 5&6 - 3 p.m. Neonatal QI - CR-10 - 6 p.m. Bioethics - CR 5&6	- 7:30 a.m. Spine Committee - CR-11
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	- 7:30 a.m. Interdisciplinary Practice - CR "C" - Noon General Surgery Section - CR 5&6 - 5 p.m. Robotic Committee - CR 5&6	- Noon Doctors' Day Luncheon - WT North Patio	- 7 a.m. Doctors' Day Breakfast - W/T North Patio - Noon IM Peer Review - CR-6 - 12:15 p.m. Pediatric Committee - East Room	
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March 2015 CME Calendar

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-
	- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. MKSAP, Conf. Room A - Noon - 1 p.m. General MDisc Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11	- Noon - 1 p.m. Genitourinary Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11 - Noon - 1 p.m. Radiology Teaching Files, MRI Conf. Room	- 8 - 10 a.m. Trauma M&M, Conf. Room B - Noon - 1 p.m. Thoracic Cancer Conf, Conf. Room 11	- 7:30 - 9 a.m. Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, Conf. Room 11 - Noon - 1 p.m. <b>Medical Case Conference, RSH</b> Topic: Triggers of Cardiovascular Events - Noon - 1 p.m. MDisc Breast Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11
-9-	-10-	-11-	-12-	-13-
- Noon - 1 p.m. <b>Second Monday, RSH</b> Topic: Bariatric Surgery	- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. MKSAP, Conf. Room A - Noon - 1 p.m. General MDisc Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11	- Noon - 1 p.m. Radiology Teaching Files, MRI Conf. Room	- 8 - 9 a.m. Surgery M&M, Conf. Room	- 7:30 - 9 a.m. Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, Conf. Room 11 - Noon - 1 p.m. Medical Case Conference, RSH - Noon - 1 p.m. MDisc Breast Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11
-16-	-17-	-18-	-19-	-20-
	- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. MKSAP, Conf. Room A - Noon - 1 p.m. General MDisc Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11  <b>Happy  St. Patrick's Day</b>	- Noon - 1 p.m. Genitourinary Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11 - Noon - 1 p.m. Radiology Teaching Files, MRI Conf. Room	- 7 - 8 a.m. Trauma Walk Rounds, Conf. Room B - 8 - 9 a.m. Surgery M&M, Conf. Room B - Noon - 1 p.m. Thoracic Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11	- Noon - 1 p.m. Medical Case Conference, RSH - Noon - 1 p.m. MDisc Breast Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11
-23-	-24-	-25-	-26-	-27-
	- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. MKSAP, Conf. Room A - Noon - 1 p.m. General MDisc Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11	- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Cardiac Cath Conf., Cardiology Conf. Room - Noon - 1 p.m. Radiology Teaching Files, MRI Conf. Room	- 8 - 9 a.m. Surgery M&M, Conf. Room B	- 7:30 - 9 a.m. Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, Conf. Room 11 - Noon - 1 p.m. Medical Case Conference, RSH - Noon - 1 p.m. MDisc Breast Cancer Conf., Conf. Room 11
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