

ProgressNotes

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Medical Executive Committee Approvals

Items approved at the last Medical Executive Committee meeting can be viewed by using this website link and selecting the particular month:

<https://www.torrancememorial.org/for-providers/medical-executive-committee/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Medical Staff Services Department at (310) 517-4616.



Announcements

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Torrance Memorial will hold two more clinics on the 3rd floor of Central Tower.

Date	Time	Location
January 18	7:30am to 3:00pm	3 rd Floor Central Tower

Details:

- The clinics are only available to Torrance Memorial employees, physicians and volunteers (not open to family or the public) *
- Only the Pfizer vaccine is currently available**
- Registration required (see link below)
- Upon vaccination, a verification sticker will be added to our badge

**Those who have received the previous bivalent COVID-19 vaccine within the last two months will not be eligible to receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine at this time. Once the two-month period has passed, those employees will be required to comply with the Health Order and either receive the 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine or sign declination form.*

***Mix and match of COVID-19 vaccines is safe*

Registration

Save time and schedule your appointment through MyTurn.

<https://myturn.ca.gov/scheduling?config=dc5a57ba-d261-4bf7-be0c-e8af1a50725b>



Announcements



MEDICAL STAFF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Torrance Memorial Medical Staff provides members of the Medical Staff with professional and confidential assistance through a Medical Staff Assistance Program (MSAP) at no cost to members for ten (10) crisis and intervention visits per calendar year. This service provides members with a constructive way to deal with personal problems which may be affecting behavior and clinical performance. It is the belief that dealing with these problems preemptively may alleviate issues related to clinical performance, clinical privileges and/or membership. However, member involvement in this or any other rehabilitation program does not excuse or limit the obligation of members to meet Torrance Memorial Medical Staff's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and policies/procedures or standards.

Eligible Medical Staff members may self-refer to the Program by calling Gelbart and Associates at (310) 257-5751. Inquiries will be held in strictest confidence.

Self-referrals are limited to up to ten (10) visits to program counselors. The program counselor may immediately refer clients to a qualified professional in the community for continued care after an initial assessment, if the counselor determines that more than ten (10) visits are necessary.

SUPPORT OUR STAFF

Need to talk through a difficult situation you have encountered? A case that is bothering you? Or perhaps a personal issue that has been difficult to process?

The S.O.S. team is comprised of volunteers trained in critical incident stress management who will provide you with a "safe zone" to express thoughts and reactions to enhance coping. You've care for our patients and community, now let us care for you! S.O.S. is confidential, FREE, and available 24/7.

Simply **call or text 310-997-7444 or extension 79100**. Alternatively, you may contact **Dr. Zachary Gray** zachary.gray@tmmc.com at 310-869-3713; or **Layne Kelley** at layne.kelley@tmmc.com or 310-517-4719 to request S.O.S.

Help is only a call away!





MONGOLIAN CUISINE

Please join us for our upcoming hosted

Physician Luncheon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

from 11am to 2pm

NO
OUT OF POCKET
COST

SWEDISH CUISINE

Please join us for our upcoming hosted

Physician Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

from 11am to 2pm

NO
OUT OF POCKET
COST

Announcements



Dec 21st, 2023

To: Medical staff, Physicians and Pharmacy staff
From: Torrance Memorial Clinical Laboratory, Coagulation dept.
Re: New Test – HIT_(PF4-H) Assay

Dear Medical Staff, Physicians, and Pharmacy Staff,
We are delighted to inform you of the inclusion of the HIT(PF4-H) Assay in our coagulation menu. Commencing January 9th, 2024, this screening test will be conducted on our existing WERFEN ACL TOP 550 analyzer. For presumed positive results, a reflex to the Mayo confirmatory send-out test SRAU (Serotonin Release Assay) will be initiated for confirmation.

The HIT assay will be accessible 24/7. It's important to note that this test cannot be added to previously processed coagulation samples. Additionally, a red top tube must be drawn simultaneously for potential confirmation.

HIT (Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia) is an immune complex-mediated disorder that poses risks of morbidity and mortality in patients undergoing heparin therapy. Despite anticoagulants being administered to prevent thrombosis, HIT's major clinical event is an elevated risk of venous and/or arterial thrombosis. Suspicions arise when patients on unfractionated heparin (UHF) or low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) exhibit a platelet count decrease exceeding 50% from baseline, typically between day 5 and 10 of anticoagulant initiation. Early-onset and delayed-onset HIT cases have also been reported. A timely diagnosis is crucial, as heparin treatment must be halted, and alternative anticoagulants employed upon confirmed HIT.

Anti-PF4/H antibody testing, coupled with a thorough clinical assessment, proves invaluable in managing suspected HIT patients. A negative result for the anti-PF4/H antibody test supports the clinical decision to rule out HIT, allowing the continuation of heparin treatment.

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Kunesh (Pathology) or the laboratory.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hughes

Lisa Hughes
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Announcements

Important Reminder



Staff and Physicians must use the
TMMC-Guest wireless network
with any personal device



This includes:

- Personal iPhone & Android phones
- Personal laptop computers
- Personal Apple & Android tablets
- Any non-TMMC device

Benefits of using the TMMC-Guest wireless network:



- Uses the same reliable networking infrastructure as the production network
- Protects the organization by completely separating an individual's personal computing using unauthorized devices from our protected production network.
- Is encrypted the same way the TMMC production network is to provide data security
- Does not have bandwidth restrictions
- Requires re-authentication every 7 days to keep the network additionally secure

Mobile Heartbeat on Personal Cellular Devices:

If wireless connectivity is lost the device will use cellular to continue to receive notifications.

For security Mobile Heartbeat logs users out after 7 days of use.

User must log back into Mobile Heartbeat to continue receiving notifications.

Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:30a Cardiology PI	4 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a Gen Tumor Board	5 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
8 12:30p Cardiology 12:30p Credentials	9 8:00a TCU 12:00p Bioethics Committee 12:30p Infection P&T Committee	10 7:00a Anesthesia Department 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:00p Medicine Dept 12:30p C-Section	11 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiothoracic PI 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p MSIT Committee	12 7:00a General Surgery 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
15 7:30a IRB 12:30p Oncology PI	16 7:00a Practitioner Well Being 12:30p C-Section 12:30p EDIE Patient Care	17 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:00a Oncology CME	18 7:00a Interdisciplinary Practice 8:00a Hunt Cancer Steering 8:30a Endocrinology Subcommittee 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department	19 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Physician Resiliency
22 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery	23 7:00a Cancer Committee 12:30p OB/GYN Department 12:30p Utilization Management	24 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p Critical Care	25 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:30a Family Medicine 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials 12:30p Stroke Committee 5:00p Bariatric Surgery	26 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 12:00p Neurovascular Case Conf.
29	30	31	1	2



CME CONFERENCES

Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.
Hoffman Health Conference Center

Torrance Memorial Medical Center is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category I Credit*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

For up-to-the-minute conference information call (310) 784-8776 or visit: http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx

January 3, 2024

NO CONFERENCE

January 10, 2024

TO BE DETERMINED

January 17, 2024

TO BE DETERMINED

January 24, 2024

“Bronchiolitis”

Michele McDaniel, M.D.
 Rady’s Children’s Hospital
 Commercial Support: None

January 31, 2024

“New Guidelines for Treating C. Diff Infections”

Vinod Dhawan, M.D., FACP
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 Commercial Support: None

February 7, 2024

“Medical Negotiation”

Vinod Dhawan, MD, FACP, FRCP
 UCSD School of Medicine
 Commercial Support: None

February 14, 2024

“Emerging Infectious Diseases”

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 Commercial Support: None

February 21, 2024

TO BE DETERMINED

February 28, 2024

TO BE DETERMINED

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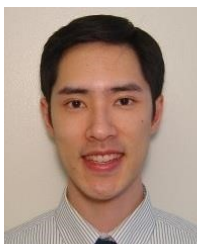
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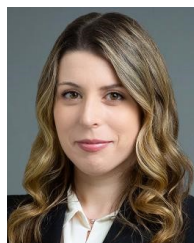
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