

# ProgressNotes

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## 2023 Medical Staff Officers and Department Chiefs



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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.



## IDDSI Implementation



# UPDATING DIET NAMES

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### The IDDSI Framework

Providing a common terminology for describing food textures and drink thicknesses to improve safety for individuals with swallowing difficulties.



### IDDSI

The International Dysphagia Diet Standard Initiative (IDDSI) is the Gold Standard for labeling texture-modified foods and thickened liquids across the nation, making it the top diet for the safety of our patients.



Diet Orders in Cerner Power Chart will be updated using the new IDDSI Guidelines. Table to the right gives crosswalk between current diet names to new modified textured diet names.



For details on diets see TMMC Diet Manual located on [TMI](#) webpage --> Nutrition Care Manuals as a resource!

Current Terminology		New Terminology
<b>Diets</b>		
Dysphagia Regular; Regular, Soft, Easy to Chew	→	Diet Regular, Diet Regular Easy to Chew <span style="float: right;">7</span>
Dysphagia Bite Size; Bite Size	→	Diet Soft & Bite Sized <span style="float: right;">6</span>
Dysphagia Finely Chopped; Mechanical Soft, Chopped	→	Diet Minced & Moist <span style="float: right;">5</span>
Dysphagia Puree; Puree	→	Diet Pureed <span style="float: right;">4</span>
Dysphagia Liquid; Full Liquids	→	Diet Liquidised <span style="float: right;">3</span>
<b>Liquids</b>		
Honey Thick Liquids	→	Moderately Thick Liquids <span style="float: right;">3</span>
Nectar Thick Liquids	→	Mildly Thick Liquids <span style="float: right;">2</span>
Thin Liquids	→	Thin Liquids <span style="float: right;">0</span>

## QUESTIONS?

Contact: Nutrition Office Ext. 22235  
Ask: Speech Therapist or Clinical Dietitian assigned to Unit  
Director of Clinical Nutrition, Dani Rodriguez, MS, RDN, Ext. 27540

Visit Patient Meals & Room Service on the Torrance Memorial Website.

# New Evidence-Based Practice and Research Council

## New Evidence-Based Practice and Research Council!

Members of the Nursing Research Committee (NRC) and the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Council formed a sub-committee and met weekly to create this new council and charter. It was important that this new council embody elements of both NRC and APN Council, as well as incorporate a love of nursing, a respect for scholarship and evidence-based practice, and a passion for teaching and inspiring professional growth in others and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The EBP&R Council will plan Nursing Grand Rounds, Nurses' Week and Poster Fair, review doctoral students' dissertations/slides before presenting to the council or Institutional Review Board, while also disseminating EB Quality Improvement projects, white papers and research findings.

The Council will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month where members will engage in scholarly discourse on relevant organizational topics and in a professional exchange of ideas. Members will be PhDs, DNPs, NPs, CNSs, and Nurse Educators. Membership will also include direct care RNs and interdisciplinary practitioners from inpatient, outpatient and ambulatory settings. We are excited to have this council be a part of this organization and look forward to the discussion, participation and innovation. For more information, please contact Mary Hersh, PhD, RN (chair) or Juan Caluya, DNP, RN (co-chair).



From Left: Giselle Gerada, Maricarmen Luhrsen, Golda Mielat, Mary Hersh, Jun Caluya, Maki Jerden

Not pictured: Vickie Aberbook, Cara Chlebicki, Joanne Mulvaney, Ed Nazareth, Julie Semper, Miriam Steven, Jolene Smeltzer

## Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference	<b>5</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a Gen Tumor Board	<b>6</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
<b>9</b> 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery 12:30p Cardiology 12:30p Credentials	<b>10</b> 8:00a TCU 11:30a HIM Committee 12:30p Infection P&T Committee	<b>11</b> 7:00a Anesthesia Department 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:00a Oncology CME 12:00p Medicine Dept	<b>12</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiothoracic PI 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Pediatrics PI	<b>13</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
<b>16</b> 7:30a IRB 12:30p Oncology PI	<b>17</b> 7:00a Practitioner Well Being 12:00p Bioethics Committee 12:30p C-Section 12:30p EDIE Patient Care	<b>18</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference	<b>19</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board. 7:45a CNS Tumor Board 8:00a Hunt Cancer Steering 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department 12:30p Stroke Committee	<b>20</b> 7:00a Robotic Surgery 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
<b>23</b> 12:00 ECMO Case Review 5:30p Physician Resiliency	<b>24</b> 7:00a Cancer Committee 12:30p OB/GYN Department 12:30p Utilization Management	<b>25</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference	<b>26</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:30a Family Medicine 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials 12:30p MSIT 5:00p Bariatric Surgery	<b>27</b> 7:00a General Surg 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## 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](http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx)

**January 4, 2023**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**January 11, 2023**  
 “Melanoma”  
 David Peng, M.D.  
 Keck School of Medicine of USC  
 Commercial Support: None

**January 18, 2023**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**January 25, 2023**  
 “Management of Patients with Specific Medical Beliefs”  
 Clinton Coil, M.D., MPH, FACEP  
 LA County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
 Commercial Support: None

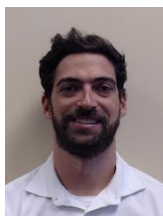
**February 1, 2023**  
 “Social Determinants in Health”  
 Dora Hughes, M.D., MPH  
 The George Washington University  
 Commercial Support: None

**February 8, 2023**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**February 15, 2023**  
 “Wellness with Diabetes Integrative Perspective”  
 Nicole Alexander-Spencer, M.D.  
 Torrance Memorial Medical Center  
 Commercial Support: None

**February 22, 2023**  
 NO CONFERENCE

## Welcome New Practitioners



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