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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:

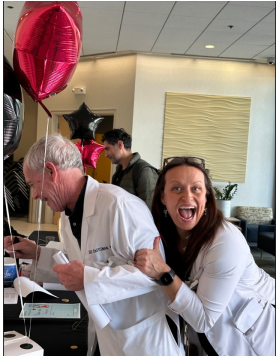
<https://www.torrancememorial.org/for-providers/medical-executive-committee/>

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



## THANK YOU TO OUR DOCTORS

On this National Doctor's Day, we pause to express our gratitude to our esteemed physicians. Your steadfast dedication and unwavering commitment to the South Bay Community do not go unnoticed. We are deeply thankful for the outstanding care you provide, and today, we celebrate you and all that you do.



# Doctor's Day Celebration - March 27, 2024

Shoutout to our  
Catering Staff  
for providing a delectable  
spread to our Medical Staff  
for Doctor's Day  
March 27, 2024!!



## Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

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

Date	Time	Location
April 18	7:30am to 3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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>



# MSAP and SOS Programs

## MEDICAL STAFF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PAP)



Physicians who are experiencing personal struggles and/or problems are eligible to receive up to ten free counseling visits per calendar year (Physician Assistance Program.)

PAP has been directed and coordinated by Dr. Moe Gelbart and provided by a team of therapists located at Torrance Memorial McMillen Medical Building and other locations throughout the South Bay, as well as telehealth visits.

- PAP provides short term counseling, assessment, and referral for:
  - personal, family, and work issues
  - chemical dependency
  - financial and legal issues
- All information is held in strictest confidence

#### NO REFERRAL NECESSARY

Call Dr. Moe Gelbart at x44935 (310-784-4935) or x75751 (310-257-5751) for an appointment

*Please identify yourself as a Torrance Memorial employee or family member.*



#### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

McMillen Medical Building  
3333 Skypark Drive, Suite 200, Torrance, CA 90505  
Extension 44935 (310-784-4935) or x75751 (310-257-5751)

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.

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 proves 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.

# SUPPORT OUR STAFF



## 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? **Help is only a call away!**
- 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.

Common reactions to a stressful life event include:

Physical Symptoms	Psychological Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sleep disturbance</li><li>• Difficulty concentrating</li><li>• Fatigue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fear</li><li>• Grief</li><li>• Depression</li><li>• Self-doubt</li><li>• Extreme sadness</li></ul>

- You’ve cared for our patients and community, now let us care for you! S.O.S. is confidential, FREE, and available 24/7.

Simply call 310-997-7444 or x79100 and leave a message (you will be called back within 24 hours)



Alternatively, you may contact:

**DR. ZACHARY GRAY** [zachary.gray@tmmc.com](mailto:zachary.gray@tmmc.com) at 310-869-3713 or

**LAYNE KELLEY** at [layne.kelley@tmmc.com](mailto:layne.kelley@tmmc.com) or 310-517-4719

to request S.O.S.



**HELP IS ONLY A CALL AWAY!**

## 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.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SIGNATURE EVENTS

## Relay For Life

### Relay for Life of Torrance

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Sartori Ave and El Prado Ave – Downtown Torrance

*Ceremonies, Entertainment, Teams, Vendors, Kids Zone, Luminaries, and much more!*

[Relay For Life of Torrance | \(acsevents.org\)](http://acsevents.org)

The **world's largest grassroots cancer fundraising event** and the embodiment of our determination! Relay participants celebrate victories, remember those lost, and take action raising \$279 million per year through 4,500 events in 27 countries!





# MOROCCAN CUISINE

Please join us for our upcoming hosted

## Physician Luncheon

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

**from 11am to 2pm**

NO  
OUT OF POCKET  
COST



# THAI CUISINE

Please join us for our upcoming hosted

## Physician Luncheon

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

from 11am to 2pm

NO  
OUT OF POCKET  
COST

# Medical Staff Calendar

## April 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> 12:30p Cardiology Subcommittee	<b>2</b> 8:00a TCU Committee 12:30p Infection P&T Committee	<b>3</b> 12:30p Critical Care Committee	<b>4</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a Gen Tumor Board 12:30p MSPi	<b>5</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Surgery Department
<b>8</b> 12:30p Credentials	<b>9</b> 12:30p Donor/Transfusion Comm 6:00p Medical Executive Comm	<b>10</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p C-Section Committee	<b>11</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiac PI/M&M 7:45a GI Tumor Board	<b>12</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
<b>15</b> 7:30a IRB	<b>16</b> 7:00a Practitioner Well Being 12:30p EDIE Patient Care	<b>17</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference	<b>18</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a CNS Tumor Board 8:00a Hunt Cancer Steering Com 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department	<b>19</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Physician Resiliency
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00a Breast Program Leadership 12:30p OB/GYN Department 12:30p Utilization Management	<b>24</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference	<b>25</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a GI Tumor Board 8:00a Family Practice 12:30p Credentials 12:30p Stroke Committee 1:30p Medical Staff IT 5:00p Bariatrics Committee	<b>26</b> 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 12:00p Neurovascular Case Conf
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

 **CME CONFERENCES**  
**Date:** Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 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 1 Credit*<sup>™</sup>. 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)**

**April 3, 2024**  
 “Antiviral Treatment Update”  
 Thomas C. Cesario, MD  
 UCI School of Medicine  
 Commercial Support: None

**April 10, 2024**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**April 17, 2024**  
 “Sepsis”  
 Russell B. Kerbel, MD  
 UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine  
 Commercial Support: None

**April 24, 2024**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**May 1, 2024**  
 To be determined

**May 8, 2024**  
 To be determined

**May 15, 2024**  
 To be determined

**May 22, 2024**  
 To be determined

**May 29, 2024**  
 To be determined

# Welcome New Practitioners



**Helen Rosibel Dear, NP**  
**Nurse Practitioner Cardiology**  
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**Emma cristina Stapleton, PA-C**  
**Physician Assistant Cardiology**  
COR Healthcare Medical Associates  
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**Anish Garg, DO**  
**Anesthesiology**  
Torrance Anesthesia Medical Group  
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**Evan Sanath Walgama, MD**  
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# Physicians/AHP Roster Updates

## Address Changes

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**Breast Surgery, General Surgery**

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## Resignations

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**Nicholas S. Ameln, MD**  
Anesthesiology

**Gary S. Chuang, MD**  
Dermatology

**Desiree A. Covey, NP**  
Nurse Practitioner Heart Failure

**Audrey J. Davis, MD**  
Neonatology

**John N. Donlou, MD**  
Psychiatry

**Dominick E. Figueroa, MD**  
Pediatrics

**Richard D. Findlay, MD**  
Neonatology

**Murray J. Grissom, MD**  
Teleradiology

**Kevin C. Kin, DO**  
Nephrology

## Retirements

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**Stephen C. Dinsmore, MD**  
Ophthalmology

**Ronald D. Farran, MD**  
Neurology

**Peter C. Tseng, MD**  
Hospice

## Leave of Absence

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**Shaun E. Chandran, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgery

**Michael P. Del Rosario, MD**  
Internal Medicine, Oncology Hematology

**Venu Divi, MD**  
Otolaryngology

**James W. Dougher, MD**  
Family Medicine

**Sevini S. Hallaian, MD**  
Neonatology

**Steffan T. Havas, MD**  
Endocrinology

**Grace T. Kiet, MD**  
Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine

**Kwesi St. Louis, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgery

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# Progress Notes



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