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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.

## New Testing Process for COVID-19 Positive Medical Staff

Effective **Tuesday, June 14** Employee Health Services (EHS) implemented new testing protocols for employees, physicians and volunteers who test positive for COVID-19. Those who test positive for COVID-19 will receive a supply of home antigen testing kits with new guidelines for returning to work.

### Home Antigen Testing Kit Supplies

- If the initial COVID-19 test is performed at Torrance Memorial, four test kits and Instructions will be provided prior to leaving the testing site (please do not leave without receiving your test kits).
- **If the COVID-19 test is performed outside of Torrance Memorial, please notify Medical Staff Services (310-517-4616)** of your positive test and four kits will immediately be mailed to the physician's home.

### New Process:

- Day 6 (morning) of quarantine the physician will perform the home antigen test. Medical Staff Services will call to assess symptoms and receive test results. *Note: Day 1 starts the day the physician experiences symptoms or for asymptomatic physician's day 1 would be the day they test positive.*
  - ◇ If the physician is asymptomatic or has mild symptoms and has a **negative** test result, they will be cleared to return to work immediately.
  - ◇ If the physician tests positive on day 6, they will be instructed to test each day thereafter until they have a negative test result or until they have quarantined for 10 days.
- Days 6-9 physician must test daily. If they have a negative test result and are asymptomatic, they are to contact Medical Staff Services to be cleared to return to work. Medical Staff Services will also contact physician to record testing status.
- Day 10 – no testing required. If the physician is asymptomatic on day 10, the physician will be cleared to return to work beginning on day 11.

Just a reminder, masks are **required in all healthcare settings**. All staff, physicians, volunteers and visitors entering any Torrance Memorial facility must wear a mask

Please remind visitors they must wear a mask at all times, including in patient rooms.

# CDC Health Update on Monkeypox



CDC Health Update:  
Updated Case-finding Guidance: Monkeypox  
Outbreak-United States, 2022  
June 14, 2022

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued an update on the monkeypox outbreak. In the United States, evidence of person-to-person disease transmission in multiple states and reports of clinical cases with some uncharacteristic features have raised concern that some cases are not being recognized and tested.

In LA County, providers should reference the LAC DPH [healthcare provider monkeypox webpage](#) for most the current clinical information including case definitions, specimen collection, and risk assessment for healthcare workers. For the most current case counts and situation updates visit the [monkeypox webpage for the general public](#).

Providers should report suspect monkeypox cases immediately:

*Los Angeles County DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control:*

Weekdays 8:30am–5pm: call 213-240-7941.

After-hours: call 213-974-1234 and ask for the physician on call.

*Long Beach Health and Human Services:*

Weekdays 8am-5pm: call 562-570-4302.

After hours: call the Duty Officer at 562-500-5537.

*Pasadena Public Health Department:*

Weekdays 8am-5pm: call 626-744-6089.

After hours: call 626-744-6043.

Read the full CDC Health Update [online](#) or as a [PDF](#).

To view this and other communications or to sign-up to receive LAHANs, please visit

[LA County Department of Public Health](#)

## “Compliance Status” for Home Medication List

Dear Doctors,

Updates have been made to the “compliance status” verbiage to communicate better to the admitting physicians the status of a medication on the home medication list:

<u>Compliance Status</u>	Definition
Still taking, as prescribed	Patient still taking as intended by the physician
On Hold by Physician- READ comment	Medication on hold as instructed by the physician (please note in comments: surgery, procedure, side effects, etc)
Taking NOT as prescribed- READ comment	Taking, but not as prescribed (please note in comments: reason why)
Unable to ascertain history	After exhausting all avenues, unable to get the history
Still investigating	Still working on getting history (med history incomplete) within the admitting shift
Still Taking, Last dose unknown	Unknown when last dose was taken (often PRN’s)
Not taking – READ comment	Patient is not taking but not DC’d by physician (please note reason why)
DO NOT ORDER FOR INPATIENT- see scroll	Pill bottle medication remains, but re-entered scroll medication for clean ordering to inpatient

Please take the time to read the compliance comments before resuming a home medication, and please wait until the home medication list has been completed by the nurse or pharmacist.

Thank you for all your help,

Medication Reconciliation Workgroup

# Training Opportunity



DISASTER MANAGEMENT &  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness (DMED) Course

Date(s): September 7, 2022, and November 9, 2022

Time: 07:50 – 17:00

Location: Virtual Course

The Cedars-Sinai Department of Surgery's Trauma Program is excited to offer DMED, which is a 1-day course that is both didactic and interactive. It addresses core competencies as outlined by Disaster and Mass Casualty Management (DMED®) of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT). Major topics that will be addressed include planning, triage, incident command, injury patterns and pathophysiology, and special populations considerations. Interactive group discussions will be based on illustrative scenarios. The course requires a pre-/post-test, which will be reviewed by Course Director.

### Course Objectives

- Understand the surgical problems, injury patterns, and issues that may result from disasters.
- Discuss the role that surgeons and other acute care providers can play in planning for and response to mass casualty incidents and disasters.
- Become familiar with the terms and concepts of incident command.
- Understand the principles and challenges of disaster triage.
- Know the civilian and military assets available for support.

Provider Course is ***free*** for Cedars-Sinai Employees

Provider Course Fee for Non- Cedars-Sinai Employees: *\$60 per student, to include all course materials*

# Pharmacy News

## Communication Failures Can Lead to Medication Errors

Medication errors are often the result of communication failures. A recent medication error occurred when a physician ordered both apixaban and enoxaparin to be given simultaneously, because the patient was a very high risk for developing clots. The initial dose of apixaban was delayed because the pharmacist was unclear on why both drugs were being ordered. The order was received late in the evening and the pharmacist delayed clarification to the morning shift, as the night pharmacist felt the patient on enoxaparin was adequately anticoagulated. In the delay of the order clarification the patient had to be returned to surgery to remove additional clots. The delay was caused by a lack of clear and timely communication between the physician to the pharmacist.

A second error occurred when the physician ordered Heparin drip per pharmacy via an “MD to RN” communication. “MD to RN” communication orders do not flow through to the pharmacist verification queue, so the order was never seen by the pharmacist. The start of treatment was delayed 10 hours because the order was not initially received by the pharmacist.

To reduce the risk of medication related communication failures, especially for unusual or complicated treatments, provide additional information to the pharmacist via:

1. An “MD to Pharmacist” Communication; these orders go directly to the pharmacist.
2. An order comment added directly to the medication order.
3. Direct communication with the pharmacist.

Help us to prevent future errors by communicating clear orders utilizing the tools listed above. If you have additional questions, contact the Pharmacy Department at extension 30010.

# LA County Medical Association Event



## *Installation of President & Officers*

HONORING

OMER DEEN, MD, FACG, AGAF

as the 151st President of the  
Los Angeles County Medical Association

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022  
6:30PM RECEPTION, 7:30PM DINNER

PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM  
6060 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

[RSVP HERE](#)

<https://www.lacmainteractive.com/event-details/151st-installation-of-president-and-officers>

## Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	28	29	30	1 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:30a IRB Committee 12:00p Neurovasc Conf 12:30p Medical Educ/Library
4 	5 12:00p Bioethics	6 7:00a CV Review Conference	7 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a GenTumor Board	8 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
11 12:30p Cardiology Subcomm 12:30p Credentials Committee	12 8:00a TCU Committee 11:30a HIM Committee 12:30p Infection Control/P&T 6:00p Medical Executive Committee	13 7:00a Anesthesia Department 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p Medicine Department	14 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiac PI 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Pediatrics PI	15 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 12:00p Neurovasc Conf 12:30p Medicine PI
18 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery 12:30p Oncology PI	19 7:00a Practitioner Well Being	20 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p Antibiotic Stewardship	21 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a CNS Tumor Board 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatrics Department 12:30p Stroke Committee 1:00p C-Section Committee	22 7:00a Robotic Surgery Committee 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
25 12:00p ECMO Case Review 5:30p Physician Resiliency	26 7:00a Oncology Committee 12:30p MSIT Committee 12:30p OB/GYN Department	27 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:00a Surgery Advisory Committee	28 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:30a Family Medicine 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials Committee 5:00p Bariatric Surgery	29 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 12:00p Neurovasc Conf

## 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*<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)

**July 6, 2022**

*Diabetes Update*  
 Marilyn Tan, M.D.  
 Stanford University School of Medicine  
 Commercial Support: None

**July 13, 2022**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**July 20, 2022**  
*Multiple Sclerosis*  
 Roger Behar, M.D.  
 Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
 Commercial Support: None

**July 27, 2022**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**August 3, 2022**

NO CONFERENCE

**August 10, 2022**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**August 17, 2022**  
 NO CONFERENCE

**August 24, 2022**  
 NO CONFERENCE



# Welcome New Practitioners



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Mindpath Health

## Resignation

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Medicine

## Leave of Absence

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