

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: http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Medical_Staff/MEC_Approval.aspx .

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

COVID-19 Staff Update

Torrance Memorial

Staff Update #129

June 23, 2021



COVID-19 Update



Vaccine Sticker Reminder

Torrance Memorial staff, physicians and volunteers who have received the COVID-19 vaccine will receive a permanent badge sticker (yellow daisy). Directors and managers are responsible for distributing stickers. If you have questions, please contact your manager or call Employee Health Services.

Expedited Entrance Screening:

Starting July 1, staff, physicians, volunteers with a COVID-19 vaccination sticker will be allowed to expedite the entrance screening process, no longer needing a daily sticker (required to show badge to screener). Those who have yet to become vaccinated, will still need to follow the current screening process and apply the daily screening sticker to your badge.

- Place sticker on the upper right corner of the badge, not on the plastic cover (sticker should not interfere with name or photo)
- **Remove** any remaining daily screening stickers and "I got my COVID-19 vaccine" stickers from badge

Vaccine Clinics for Staff, Physicians and Volunteers

- Weekly vaccination clinics available outside TCU
 - Every Thursday from 0930 to 1600
- To register for Thursday COVID-19 Clinics email IntCovVaxClinic@tmmc.com and provide your name and phone number. You will be sent an email to schedule your vaccination appointment.
- Option to schedule your second dose appointment in MyTurn at the same location.
- After your second dose, you will receive the COVID-19 vaccination verification sticker to be applied to your badge.

If you are unable to attend a Thursday vaccination clinic, we encourage you to find an alternate vaccination site. To find a clinic near you, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/> or MyTurn.ca.gov.

Contact IntCovVaxClinic@tmmc.com if you have any questions.

Visitor Guideline Reminders:

Surgical Services – One visitor will be allowed to accompany an adult or pediatric surgical patient.

- Due to seating capacity restrictions in waiting areas, visitors will need to leave the hospital during the patient's procedure. A member of the care team will notify the visitor of surgical updates and when the patient is ready for discharge.
- The only exceptions are for pediatric patients and/or special needs patients. One parent or guardian will be allowed in the surgical waiting room or main lobby and into the recovery area. Visitor must be the same individual for the entire day.

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Outpatient Areas:

- **Emergency Department** – One visitor allowed per patient at a time, if social distancing permits, unless patient is exhibiting respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms. Visitors and/or caregivers not accompanying a patient will be asked for contact information. Clinical staff will assess caregiver need if patient is under the age of 18 or if the patient requires special assistance.
- **Hunt Cancer Center** - Only patients with physician or nurse practitioner appointments are allowed one visitor. No visitors will be allowed for patients with infusion/treatment appointments, lab appointments or injection appointments unless patient requires special assistance.
- **All Other Outpatient Areas** – No visitors will be allowed unless patient is under the age of 18 or the patient requires special assistance in the following areas:
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Radiology and Imaging
 - Laboratory and Blood Draw
 - Rehabilitation, Infusion and Ambulatory Care
 - Endoscopy, GI Lab, and Nuclear Medicine

Lost Your COVID-19 Vaccination Card?

If you are unable to locate your vaccination card, you can request a new one from CDPH

Instructions:

1. Go to <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>
2. Enter your first/last name and birthdate
3. Select the preferred channel to receive vaccination verification: text or email
4. Create PIN
5. You will receive a text or email immediately
6. Enter PIN and press submit to receive your vaccination verification

If you were vaccinated at a Torrance Memorial COVID-19 vaccination clinic, you can also go to EHS to receive a replacement card.

COVID-19 Patients

We are sharing information about the numbers of hospitalized patients who are confirmed with COVID-19 or are suspected of having the virus on [TMI in the Employee FAQ resource center](#). With the decline in the number of hospitalizations we will update this report every Friday.

COVID-19 Staff Update

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June 23, 2021



Date: June 21, 2021
To: All Physicians

Re: **UPDATE: Pre-Procedural COVID-19 Screening Testing Changes for Vaccinated Patients**

What to Know:

Starting June 22, 2021 Torrance Memorial will no longer require vaccinated, asymptomatic patients get tested for COVID-19 prior to a procedure requiring moderate sedation, anesthesia or an aerosol generating procedures.

Staggered Implementation of New Guidelines:

- June 22: Cath Lab, Endoscopy Center, Sleep/Pulmonary
- June 29: Inpatient/Outpatient Surgery and Imaging

*Due to the reduction of pre-procedural COVID testing, Torrance Memorial's drive through testing site will reduce its hours of operation beginning July 5. **Monday – Friday 8:15am to 12:15pm***

Definition: Fully Vaccinated

≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series

OR

≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine

What to Do:

Scheduling physician must verify patient's vaccination status with one of the following:

- Verify vaccination status (must have completed the vaccination series)
- Must present one of the following proof of vaccinations:
 - o Vaccination card
 - o Photo of the vaccination card
 - o Digital record (i.e. Healthvana)

Surgeon/proceduralists will include patient vaccination status when scheduling surgery or procedure. If unvaccinated, physician will follow existing procedure and order COVID-19 test.

Notify patients to bring proof of vaccination with them the day of surgery/procedure.

Is the Patient Fully Vaccinated?	
Yes Verified Fully Vaccinated	No Unvaccinated or Vaccination Status Unknown
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO COVID-19 Screening Test Required • Prior to procedures patients will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms or close contact to COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If patient exhibit symptoms or have close contact exposure physician will be contacted to reschedule procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician orders COVID-19 screening test (SARS-CoV-2 RNA PCR) 3 days prior to procedure • Physician orders COVID-19 screening test via fax to Lab (Client Services) or places order in the EMR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Client Services will confirm if patient is unvaccinated. o If patient is vaccinated, Client Services will notify physician by documenting on the faxed lab order and return to physician, OR in the EMR. • Recommend patient self-quarantine after test collection until day of procedure.

COVID-19 Staff Update

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June 23, 2021



Date: June 21, 2021
 To: Emergency Department
 Re: COVID-19 Screening Testing Changes for Vaccinated Patients
Admitted to ED

What to Know:

Effective June 22, 2021 Torrance Memorial will no longer require COVID testing for vaccinated, asymptomatic patients admitted to through the Emergency Department.

Definition: Fully Vaccinated

≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, OR
 ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine

What to Do:

During patient intake verify patient's vaccination status with one of the following:

- Verify vaccination status (must have completed the vaccination series)
- Must present one of the following proof of vaccinations:
 - Vaccination card
 - Photo of the vaccination card
 - Digital record (i.e. Healthvana)

Is the Patient Fully Vaccinated?	
Yes Verified Fully Vaccinated	No Unvaccinated or Vaccination Status Unknown
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO COVID-19 Screening Test Required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission Clinically Warranted • NO clinical suspicion for COVID-19 • Physician orders COVID-19 Screening Test "Low Clinical Suspicion SARS-CoV-2 test" (Anterior Nares Specimen) • <u>Pending Results:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Admit to appropriate level of care to <u>non-COVID-19 designated bed in a private room</u> and with COVID-19 Isolation Precautions. ○ Bed assignment will NOT be delayed for results in the Emergency Department.

Electronic Prescribing Tips and Tricks

Hello all,

As your Executive Director of Medical Informatics, I am your physician liaison to all things Cerner Millennium. With an experienced team of informaticists and service specialists supporting me, we are available to assist you with questions or ideas regarding use of the electronic medical record across both the acute and ambulatory locations of the Torrance Memorial Health System.

Today, we are talking about all sorts of things related to Electronic Prescribing, or “ePrescribing.” ePrescribing is here and very soon will be required. There are many advantages to ePrescribing, including the ability to prescribe off campus and the inability for prescriptions to be forged, altered or stolen. Here are some vital tips for using ePrescribe within Cerner Millennium.

Eprescribing

Per AB 2789, beginning January 1, 2022, all prescriptions must be submitted electronically, with a few exceptions. Here is the link to the bill:

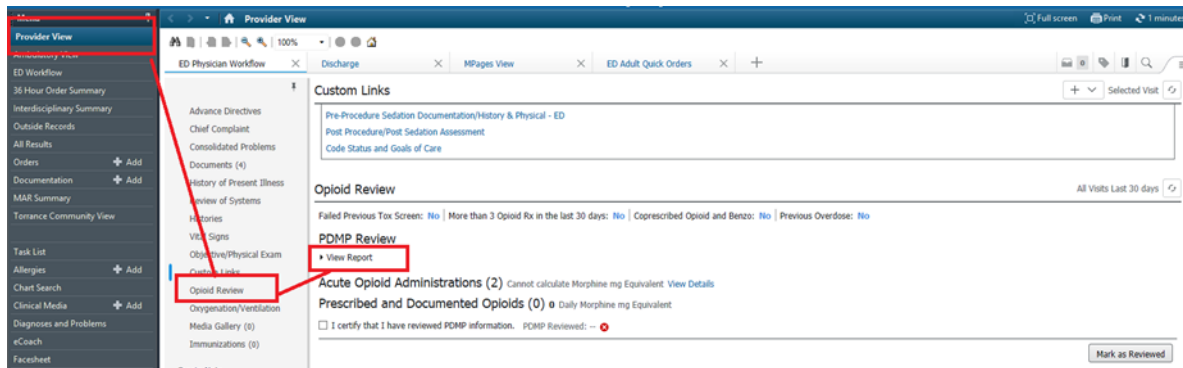
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2789

Prior to this date, be sure and go to Medical Staff Office to sign up for ePrescribing at TMMC. You will receive instruction on how to electronically prescribe using PowerChart. You will also receive instruction and authorization on how to install the Google Authenticator App on your personal phone. This is the two-factor identification system that will allow you to prescribe controlled substance via PowerChart. If you need additional training, please contact me and we can set up a visit to the Informatics department or I can meet you in your office or the hospital to help you get started.

Opioid Review

On the Acute Provider View Page within PowerChart, you will see a section called Opioid Review. Opening this provides the same information as CURES and documents that you have reviewed the patient’s controlled substance record. No need to go to an outside website.

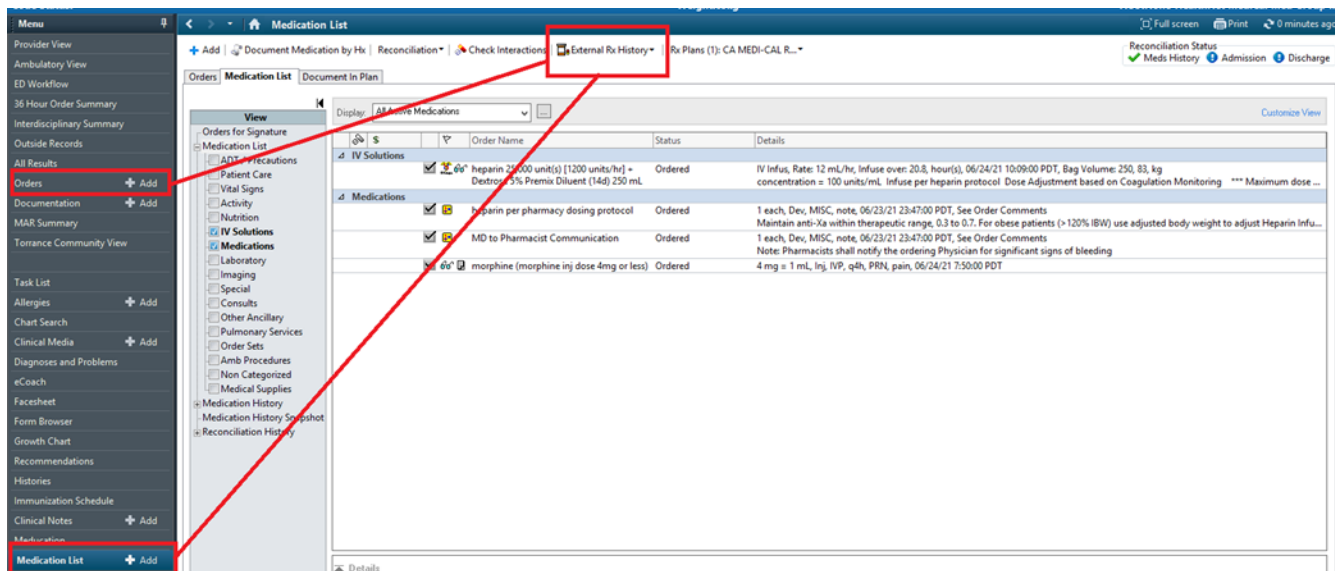
From your *Provider View Page*, find *Opioid Review* and click *View Report*. This may version may look slightly different than your view but will function the same.



Electronic Prescribing Tips and Tricks

External Rx History

External Rx History gives you the ability to review pharmacy records on your patient. This function does not require the pharmacy to report it into our system, but all major pharmacies participate. You can see whether or not the patient is filling their medications, additional prescribers, identify a medication prescribed in an emergency department or urgent care, and get an idea of a new patient's history. This section has two options, View, to see the list, and Import, to bring the list in to the system. Currently we are recommending against Import as the medication details have not been verified yet. You can locate the link to External Rx History on either the Orders page or the Medication List page. Click the down arrow on the button and choose "View."



Cancel/Reorder Rx

Occasionally, after you complete Med Rec and send off that prescription, the nurse will come to you and say the patient requested a different pharmacy or the pharmacy calls and said they didn't get the prescription, and can you send again? You do not have to complete Med Rec again, it can be done quickly from the Orders screen using the Cancel/Reorder function. I've attached a short PowerPoint explaining how to do it. It takes only a few seconds!



Cancel-Reorder
Rx.pptx

Electronic Prescribing Tips and Tricks

Real Time Prescription Benefits

Real Time Prescription Benefits is a new function on the Med Reconciliation screen at discharge that gives you information on cost comparisons and savings for your patient while you are prescribing. It will allow you to quickly change to a different medication that may be beneficial for your patient. Check out the PowerPoint here if you want to see how it works!



RTPB Tutorial.pptx

If you would like additional information on these tools or any other part of Cerner Millennium, please contact me at ginal.sulmeyer@tmmc.com. I am also on Mobile Heartbeat 24/7 for questions. As always, here to help!

Burn, Wound Care and Amputation Prevention Center



Torrance Memorial Burn, Wound Care & Amputation Prevention Center

Patient Champion: Oscar Gallardo

"I found the confidence I needed and received life-saving care."



Center Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, call:
**Torrance Memorial's
Burn, Wound Care &
Amputation Prevention
Center**

310.517.4736

3325 Medical Center Dr.
West Tower, 5th Floor
Torrance, CA 90505



What started as a superficial scratch 51-year-old Oscar Gallardo made on his left toe last June while swimming in a pool turned out to be so much more. After several days of self-care, he noticed discoloration at the scratch site had spread throughout his forefoot. Having underlying diabetes since childhood, he became concerned and made an appointment to see his physician. He was told not to worry, was treated with creams and told not to wear shoes to give his foot a chance to heal. After nearly five months of treatment, an infection developed. He feared he would lose his entire foot. At this point, he sought help at Torrance Memorial's Burn, Wound Healing and Amputation Prevention Center - where he found life and limb-saving care. "From the moment I met Dr. Karen Shum, I told her I would do anything to save my foot," said Gallardo.

Dr. Shum quickly diagnosed a vascular blockage previously missed, which prevented his healing. A vascular procedure was done to clear the vessel blockage. Dr. Shum told him a transmetatarsal amputation to remove the

infected toes, was necessary. She would try to preserve as much of his foot as possible to enable ambulation with a functional limb. From proper diagnosis and problem-solving to surgery, Gallardo found the care at Torrance Memorial to be very good and personal. "I found the confidence I needed and received life-saving care," said Gallardo. The team at Torrance Memorial gave him the reassurance that he was finally getting the right care. Dr. Shum even arranged for state-of-the-art hyperbaric oxygen therapy to prevent further infection and promote healing. Gallardo is now making a full recovery.

He was also inspired to make personal lifestyle changes by exercising routinely and improving his diet. Today, he has lost nearly 65 lbs. and feels like he has his life back - not to mention the preservation of his left foot. Gallardo has been able to return to work and credits the team at Torrance Memorial Wound Healing and Amputation Prevention Center for saving his foot and enabling him to walk again.

Reference Range Changes



June 18th, 2021

Attn: Torrance Memorial Medical Center and TMPN Medical Staff

From: Department of Pathology and Clinical Laboratory

Re: Reference Range Changes for Chemistry Assays

To all Medical Staff,

We are pleased to announce the go-live of our new Abbott Alinity-ci and Architect Chemistry Analyzers in the Chemistry Laboratory starting June 22nd!

Reference range changes will be updated in Powerchart. The most significant changes are listed here:

<i>Analyte</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Current</i>		<i>New</i>		
		<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>	
Amylase	M/F	25	115	25	160	U/L
C-Peptide	M/F	0.81	3.85	0.78	5.19	ng/mL
Lipase	M/F	73	393		≤60	U/L
Troponin	M/F	<0.015	0.045	<0.01	0.028	ng/mL
TSH	M/F	0.258	3,740	0.350	4,940	uIU/mL

Please also note that **Fentanyl** has been added to the Urine Drug Screen, and **Tricyclics** have been discontinued.

We thank everyone in advance for their patience during this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Clinical Laboratory. 310-257-5710

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kunesh".

John Kunesh MD, Pathologist

Torrance Memorial Medical Center

Dept of Pathology and Clinical Laboratory

Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	1 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a General Tumor Board 8:00a Endocrinology Subcommittee	2 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:30a IRB Committee
5 12:30p Cardiology Subcommittee	6 8:00a TCU Committee 12:30p Infection Control/P&T	7 7:00a Anesthesia Department 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:00p Bylaws Committee 12:30p Donor & Transfusion Comm	8 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiac PI 7:45a GI Tumor Board	9 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Robotic Surgery Committee
12 12:30p Credentials Committee 12:30p Integrative Medicine Steering Committee	13 6:00p Medical Executive Committee	14 7:00a CV Review Conference	15 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a CNS Tumor Board 8:00a Hunt Cancer Inst Steering 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department 1:00p C-Section Committee	16 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
19 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery	20 12:30p EDIE Pt Care Committee	21 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:30a Cardiac PI 12:00p Medicine Department	22 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:30a Family Practice Department 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Stroke Committee	23 7:00a General Surgery 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 8:30a Gastroenterology
26 4:00p Bariatric Surgery	27 7:00a Oncology Committee 12:30p MSIT Committee 12:30p OB/GYN Department	28 7:00a CV Review Conference	29 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a General Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials Committee	30 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board

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

July 7, 2021

“Diet and Cancer”
 Lawrence Cheskin, M.D., FACP, FTOS
 George Mason University
 Commercial Support: None

July 14, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

July 21, 2021

“Clinical Documentation”
 Jessica Sims, M.D.
 David Geffen School of Medicine
 Commercial Support: None

July 28, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

August 4, 2021

“Improving Patient Adherence to Reduce Readmissions”
 Efren Manjarrez, M.D., SFHM, FACP
 University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
 Commercial Support: None

August 11, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

August 18, 2021

TBD

August 25, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

Welcome New Practitioners



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Physician/AHP Roster Updates

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Resignation

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Parvin Peddi, M.D.
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