

# 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/>



## 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](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!**



## Announcements

*It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of*

***William Davies, M.D.***  
***Founder of the Burn Unit***

**Funeral Service were held on  
Saturday, December 2, 2023 11am service at:**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach  
(301 Avenue D and Pacific Coast Highway)**

**No flowers please.**

**Gifts may be made to His Nesting Place (Home for  
women in crisis pregnancy) 350 E. Market St. Long  
Beach, CA 90805**

**Or**

**Torrance Pregnancy Help Center 1311 Crenshaw Blvd  
Ste A Torrance, CA 90501**

A collage of French food items including bread, jam, coffee, and fruit. The background features a rustic wooden surface with various French dishes: a cup of coffee, a loaf of bread, a plate of green grapes, a slice of bread with jam, a bowl of butter, and a plate of croissants. The text "FRENCH CUISINE" is overlaid in large, bold, blue letters.

# FRENCH CUISINE

## PHYSICIAN LUNCHEON

Please join us for our upcoming hosted\*

**Physician Dining Room Luncheon**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**from 11am to 2pm**

**\*NO OUT OF POCKET COST**



# HOLIDAY FEAST

## PHYSICIAN LUNCHEON

Please join us for our upcoming hosted\*

**Physician Dining Room Luncheon**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**from 11am to 2pm**

**\*NO OUT OF POCKET COST**

## Announcements

### 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
November 30	7:30am to 3:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Central Tower
December 14	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>



# Announcements

## 2023-2024 Medical Staff Vice Chief of Staff

Dr. Houman Solomon resigned from the Vice Chief of Staff position. The Medical Staff Bylaws section 10.1-7 states, “vacancies in offices, other than Chief of Staff, shall be filled by the Medical Executive Committee.” The Medical Executive Committee appointed Dr. Victoria Shin to the Vice Chief of Staff position for the remainder of 2023 and 2024.

### 2023 MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS AND CHAIRS



Oren Zaidel, M.D.  
Chief of Staff



Victoria Shin, M.D.  
Vice Chief of Staff



Rashaan Ali-Jones, M.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer



Zachary Gray, M.D.  
Past Chief of Staff



Benjamin Carroll, M.D.  
Chief of Anesthesia



Brett Lorber, M.D.  
Chief of Emergency



Daniel Harvey, M.D.  
Chief of Family Practice



Tracy Bercu, M.D.  
Chief of Medicine



Cheryl Sanders, M.D.  
Chief of OB/GYN



Greg Baetge, M.D.  
Chief of Pathology



Steven Jensen, M.D.  
Chief of Pediatrics



Rachel Knopoff, M.D.  
Chief of Radiology



Kenneth Park, M.D.  
Chief of Surgery



Khalid Eltawil, M.D.  
Member-At-Large



Thyra Endicott, M.D.  
Member-At-Large



Scott Swenson, M.D.  
Member-At-Large

## Announcements

### 7,000 Patients Treated with Da Vinci

We have reached a significant milestone of treating 7,000 patients with our Da Vinci robot. To celebrate, there will be an open house in support of the team who made this happen.

Please rsvp to [erin.fiorito@tmmc.com](mailto:erin.fiorito@tmmc.com) if you are able to join. .

The flyer features a central image of the Intuitive Surgical robot. The text is arranged as follows:

- Top blue bar: **INTUITIVE**
- Below bar: **SAVE THE DATE!**
- Text: Join Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Intuitive Surgical in celebrating...
- Large text: **7000 PATIENTS TREATED with da VINCI**
- Event details: Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00 PM Hoffman Health Conference Center
- Bottom left: Photo of the Torrance Memorial Medical Center building.
- Bottom right: Logo for TORRANCE MEMORIAL A CEDARS-SINAI AFFILIATE.



## Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	28	29	30	1 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Surgery Department
4	5 12:00p AdHoc Radiology Department	6 7:00a CV Review Conference	7 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a General Tumor Board 12:30p MSPI	8 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 
11 12:30p Credentials	12 6:00p Medical Executive Committee	13 7:00a CV Review Conference	14 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a CNS Tumor Board	15 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
18	19	20 7:00a CV Review Conference	21 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a GI Tumor Board	22 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
25 	26	27 7:00a CV Review Conference	28 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a General Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials	29 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*<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)

**December 2023**  
 NO CONFERENCES

**January 4, 2024**  
 TO BE DETERMINED

**January 11, 2024**  
 TO BE DETERMINED

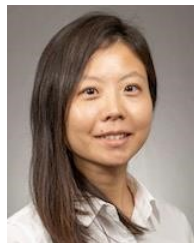
**January 19, 2024**  
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**January 26, 2024**  
 TO BE DETERMINED

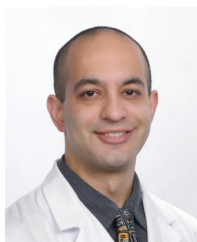
## Welcome New Practitioners



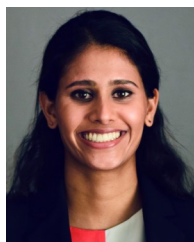
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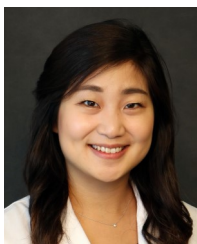
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# Physician/AHP Roster Updates

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## Resignations

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**Dong W. Chang, MD**  
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## Retirements

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