



**SAN ANTONIO**  
REGIONAL HOSPITAL

*Medical Staff*

# SARH MEDICAL STAFF NEWSLETTER

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**Dear San Antonio Regional Hospital Medical Staff Member**

Welcome to the first Medical Staff Newsletter of 2021. I hope you find the information included here to be useful. Please reach out to me or Linda Jacobo, Director of Medical Staff Services, if you would like other valuable information to be included in future newsletters.

I would like to highlight a few recent achievements:

- Medicare: SARH achieved a 4-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services hospital rating system (online rating to be available in April). This is a big jump from the previous 2-star rating.
- Leapfrog Group: SARH achieved a grade B, up from a previous grade C. We are applying further processes to achieve a grade A rating.
- Obstetric Service: Labor & Delivery has been placed on the California Maternity Honor Roll by the California Health and Human Services Agency for maintaining a low C-section rate for first-time mothers with low risk pregnancies.

Thank you to all those who have worked hard to make these improvements possible.

We have formed teams to address our weak spots in the HCAHPS inpatient survey. Communication with doctors is one category where we would like to see improvement. Please see the attached newsletter from Today's Hospitalist for techniques that one may find useful for patient communication. Please also take a look at "Ask Me 3" for the 3 important questions we recommend patients ask their healthcare staff. This encourages patients to take a more active role in their health and treatment. "Ask Me 3" has been promoted for use in the clinic setting as well.

We are resuming our Thursday CME lectures which are expected to be available by Zoom; link will be sent via email. Please make sure the Medical Staff Office has your correct email address.

We are aiming to hold the first quarter General Medical Staff meeting on the evening of March 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held via Zoom and if you would like to raise your glass in good cheer, please join us with wine in hand. We will hopefully have speakers on the topic of telehealth, with an emphasis on strategies, workflow and the future of telehealth.

Sincerely,  
*David Dang, MD*  
Medical Staff President



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**MPEC EXEMPLARY RECOGNITION**

- Michael Chai, M.D.
- Elbert Chang, M.D.
- Richard Chang, M.D.
- Joanna Du, M.D.
- Karen Guiang, D.O.
- Ghassan Hadi, M.D.
- Annette Hollingsworth-Moore, M.D.
- Alexander Kassar, M.D.
- Sara Khan, M.D.
- T.W. Lee, M.D.
- Kevin Parkes, M.D.
- Kuldeep Singh, M.D.
- Rick Siriratsivawong, M.D.
- Brenna Sommer, D.O.
- Devin Tang, M.D.
- Monica Valenzuela-Gamm, D.O.
- Toni Vu, D.O.
- Michael Yeh, PA-C

**Provider Quality Performance**

Operative Reports must be completed within 24 hours after surgery. If an Operative Report is not done immediately after surgery, please record an Immediate Post-Operative Note.

A completed H&P must be recorded within 24 hours after admission.

A Discharge Summary must be completed within 14 days after discharge.

**MEDICAL RECORDS SUSPENSIONS**

The MEC in 2018 approved a policy whereby any physician who accumulates >60 days of suspension within a rolling 12 month period of time will be deemed a voluntary termination. It has come to the attention of the MEC that many members of the medical staff may be unaware of all their outstanding items due to the manner in which Cerner loads your unsigned items (Cerner only loads the last 90 days).

In order to view all outstanding items Log into Powerchart. In your Inbox is a default Display setting of "Last 30 Days"; Change Display to "Load All" and documents will populate.

## The IMPact on Revascularization Outcomes of intraVascular ultrasound-guided treatment of complex lesions and Economic impact (IMPROVE) trial.

Principal Investigator: Suraj Rasania, M.D.

Research Coordinator: Lory Palmarin, R.N.

Purpose of Study: To assess the impact of intravascular ultrasound on treatment of complex coronary lesions.

Study Design: Prospective single-blind clinical investigation randomizing 2500-3100 subjects to intravascular ultrasound-guided vs angiography-guided coronary stent implantation, conducted at 120 centers in US, Canada and Europe.

This will be a national level study conducted at select 120 cardiovascular centers across the nation. It'll be the first research trial the cardiovascular catheterization lab here at San Antonio Regional Hospital will participate in. Dr. Suraj Rasania, the Principal Investigator for our center, received the invitation to participate in the trial in collaboration with his Northeast training background and ties with centers there. The trial will be done in collaboration with the MedStar Cardiovascular Research Network, which is a part of MedStar Health, a nationally renowned medical center based in the DC area. The study will lead to research data telling us about outcomes when we do coronary stents utilizing an Intracoronary Ultrasound (IVUS) technology versus doing stents without IVUS guidance, and the trial results will help Cardiologists throughout the world in helping patients to achieve the best outcomes with coronary stents. This will hopefully be a major move forward to establish San Antonio Regional Hospital as a true referral base Cardiovascular institute in the region and hopefully will open up more doors for future research trials.

### CME PROGRAMS/WEBINARS/LOCAL MEETINGS:

*SARH CME Schedule:* (Via Emailed Zoom Link)

- March 25, 2021 @12:15p.m.  
Sohan Bassi, M.D., COVID-19 Update

*San Bernardino County Medical Society:* Visit [sbcms.org/events](http://sbcms.org/events)

- February 23, 2021 @12:15pm  
Telehealth Annual Wellness Visits
- February 25, 2021 @6:00pm  
Annual High Desert Meeting  
Speakers: Christopher Tsai, M.D. & Peter Bretan (CMA President)
- March 5, 2021 @12:15p.m.  
COVID-19 Updates and Vaccine Distribution in the I.E.  
Speakers will include County Supervisors
- March 18, 2021 @12:15p.m.  
Community Resources at your Fingertips; Connecting Your Patients to Needed Resources

*CMA:* Visit [cmadocs.org/events](http://cmadocs.org/events)

- February 24, 2021 @12:15p.m.  
Medicare 2021 in Review.
- March 4, 2021 @12:15p.m.  
Telehealth Series for Small and Medium Sized Practices: Telehealth Strategy

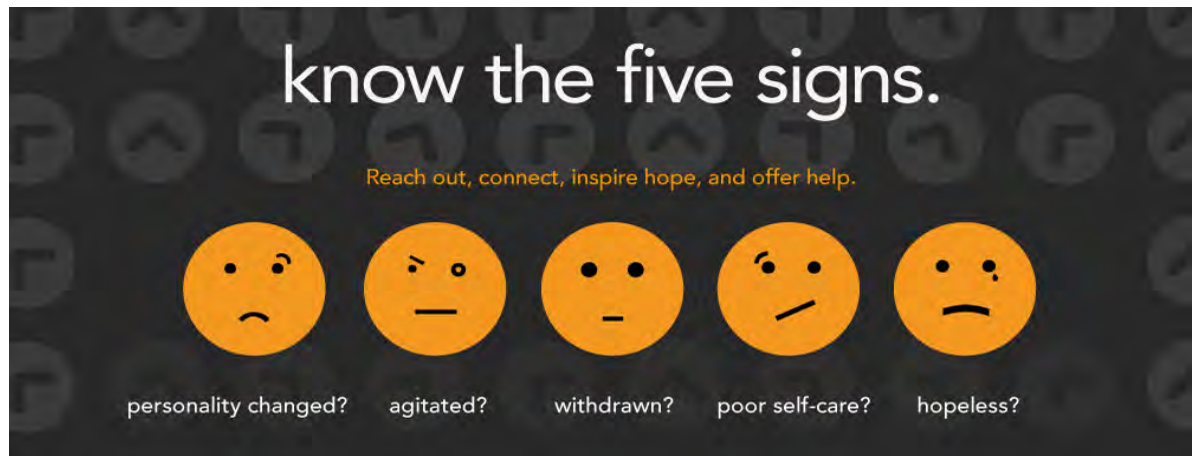
CMA: Visit [cmadocs.org/events](http://cmadocs.org/events)

- March 9, 2021: 12:00p.m.  
COVID-19 Vaccines and Variants
- Mar 23, 2021 @7:00p.m.  
Legislative Advocacy Day Training

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

Listed below are various options to help support your Mental Well Being

- Support your mental well-being by “checking in” with yourself each day; also make a point to check in with your colleagues. This daily practice helps create a healthy support system and makes us aware when someone is in need of help. Take Time for Yourself to reflect and connect; there are three meditation rooms which are always open:
  - Vineyard Tower Meditation Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - ICU/CCU Waiting Room area in the Citrus Tower
  - Main hallway near Latimer
- Chaplain Linda Richardson is available for anyone who may wish to ‘just talk’ or need help accessing resources: Mon – Wed, 9 am – 2 pm, (909) 920-6326 or [lrichardson@sarh.org](mailto:lrichardson@sarh.org)
- Wise@Work app
- Care 4 Caregivers Now: Visit [cmadocs.org/wellness](http://cmadocs.org/wellness)
- Hospital Heroes Program: Visit [giveanhour.org/hospitalheroes](http://giveanhour.org/hospitalheroes)



BIRTHDAYS!

Happiest of birthday wishes to the following January and February celebrants:

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Abdelkarim, Basim Z., M.D.	Tawansy, Khaled A., M.D.
Al-Darsani, Hussain, M.D.	To, Sean S., M.D.
Alesh, Issa G., M.D.	Tummala, Padmini P., M.D.
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Alpiner, Donald M., D.O.	Valdovinos, Vanessa V., FNP-C
Arias, Alexandria I., PA-C	Wang, Nan, M.D.

Bansal, Ramesh C., M.D.	Wu, Yu-Sheng(Tony), M.D.
Bhoot, Heeten V., D.O.	Young, Richard M., M.D.
Bosserman, Linda D., M.D.	
Buenviaje-Smith, Sarah, M.D.	<b><i>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!</i></b>
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### In Memory Of...

We honor the memory and contributions of the following past members of the SARH Medical Staff who have passed on:

- Alfredo Dativas, M.D.
- Stanley Yang, M.D.

### General Industry Updates

- Covid-19 Resources: Visit [cmadocs.org/covid-19](http://cmadocs.org/covid-19)
- CMA PPE Supply: Due to the PPE Relief Program's overwhelming success, CMA is extending support to practices and physicians with direct shipment of PPE supplies. As supplies become available, CMA will contact past program participants. If you have questions or would like to register your practice, please email [memberservice@cmadocs.org](mailto:memberservice@cmadocs.org).
- CMA Telehealth Resource Center: Visit [cmadocs.org/telehealth/resources](http://cmadocs.org/telehealth/resources). The resources listed can be sorted by category, topic, type and source to address the specific issues. New resources will be added to this center regularly.
- Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order on January 27, 2021 that will help expand the state's vaccination administration capacity by safeguarding physicians and other health care professionals who administer vaccinations.

### Welcome New SARH Medical & Allied Staff Members:



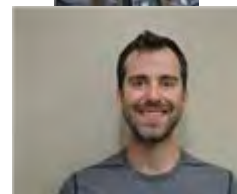
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