

Expanded ultrasound suite open on Kurtzon 3. Two new GE machines – including a 3D unit – and upgraded Acuson Sequoia boost image quality, portability and service, while suite’s central location, waiting room and receptionist reduce wait times, improve patient service. **Charles Lampley, MD, OB/Gyn**, says scheduling has been streamlined and reports now are available on Meditech. For appointments, call Central Scheduling, 773/542-2000, Ext. 4374.



Charles Lampley, MD

New procedures, decor make ED more kid friendly. Unit adds separate kids-and-families waiting area and designates three beds and two Fast Track rooms peds-only, limiting patient exposure to other activity and creating brighter environment. New furniture, toys and TVs coming soon. Nurses/PAs in triage now handle standing-order tests or simple procedures such as wound checks if there is a delay. Volunteer in waiting area assists families in the event of problems. Revamp spearheaded by department chairs **Leslie Zun, MD, ED**, and **Daniel Johnson, MD, Pediatrics**; and unit directors **Phyllis Grice, RN, ED**, and **Janet Sanders, RN, Peds**.

Therapeutic rooftop garden blooms at Schwab. Expansive new facility features flowers, trees and other plants, waterfall and stream, walkways, and sculpture by Milton Horn (donated by parents and family of Schwab’s **Michelle Gittler, MD, PMR**). Will be used for individual/group therapy and meetings with patients, as well as a relaxing getaway for patients, families and staff. Garden built with a grant from Chicago’s Department of Environment greenroof energy-conservation program, funded by ComEd.

Drug-eluting stents are here. Breakthrough device, **approved by FDA in April**, significantly reduces risk of restenosis following intravascular procedures. Cardiology chief **Sandeep Khosla, MD**, performed first sirolimus-eluting stent procedure at Mount Sinai in July, on a patient at prohibitive risk for cardiac surgery. For questions or referrals, contact a cardiology attending or call 773/257-5219.

Mount Sinai inpatient records to list two physician names. Greater use of hospitalists prompts Oct. 6 move to ID both inpatient attending and outpatient PCP. **Kathryn Stewart, MD**, medical director, Care Management, says change will help floor staff, billing, medical records and others know which physician entered orders, and who to contact when questions arise.

Perinatal grief support group in the works. Program designed for parents/staff dealing with miscarriage or loss of a child. **Ethel Barbee, RN, L&D**, and **Angelica Batres, RN**, prenatal educator, L&D, will lead. For info and location, call 773/257-6691 or -2279.

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Radiology/IS upgrade enhances tracking, access, workflow. Order entry remains the same, Radiology chairman **Alan Hecht**, MD, says, but new Meditech module helps locate films, monitor results and outcomes, produce patient/provider letters and manage department efficiency. For details, contact **Bob Doering**, 773/257-5619, or **Sircedrick Liggins**, 773/257-2130, in Radiology; or **Carol Stieve**, IS, 773/257-6796.

Medical record deadlines to be strictly enforced. Residents have been reminded that discharge summaries/operative reports must be dictated within 14 days, to assure attending/surgeon signoff within required 30 days. CMO **Robert Parker**, MD, says notice of outstanding files will go to residents biweekly. Failure to complete listed records by deadline could, ultimately, result in suspension.

Psych team helps oversee national exam. Psychiatry chairman **Yogi Ahluwalia**, MD; inpatient director **Pradeep Rattan**, MD; and outpatient clinic director **Ruth Rosenthal**, MD, served as examiners at the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Part II Oral Examination, Psychiatry, in Indianapolis Sept. 12-14.

Kudos, etc...

- **S. Vincent Miranti**, PhD, Schwab psychologist, is primary author of "Systematic Motivational Counseling in Rehabilitation Medicine," a chapter in the new "**Handbook of Motivational Counseling**," published this month by Wiley.
- **Louise Behles**, director, Physician Development, was elected president of the Illinois Staff Physician Recruiters.
- **Lisa Thornton**, MD, Schwab KidsRehab, will host "Walgreens Health Corner," a weekly half-hour show premiering in January on WGN-TV. She was chosen from among more than 300 health professionals.
- **Michael Lotke**, MD, Pediatrics, was interviewed by **American Medical News** about the challenges involved in adolescent medicine.
- Schwab OT **Kristi Preston** and speech/language pathologist **Pam Quinn** talked to *Advance for Providers of Post-Acute Care Magazine* about the New Focus vocational program for brain-injury patients.
- **Norell Rosado**, MD, Access Pediatrics, told *Psychiatric News* about the mental-health consequences of obesity in children and teens.
- **Paula Butler**, MD, chief, Endocrinology, spoke to *American Medical News* about obese children having increased risk for type 2 diabetes.
- **Michelle Gittler**, MD, Schwab Spinal-Cord Injury program, authored a **JUF News** article on Schwab's In My Shoes violence-prevention initiative.
- **Leslie Zun**, chairman, Emergency Medicine, spoke to WMAQ-TV Channel 5 about the ever-rising epidemic of gunshot violence; and told Univision TV about the impact new EMTALA regulations will have on uninsured patients seeking care in emergency rooms.

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