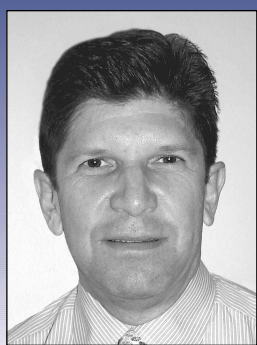


Welcome to *Sinai DoLink*, the newsletter designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest goings-on at Mount Sinai Hospital, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Sinai Medical Group. Each issue will be packed with quick-read items about programs, services and policies that help you and your patients. There also will be news about your colleagues' achievements. And if you need more detail, many items include [links that take you](#) to the original article, report or policy.

We hope *DoLink* gets you the information you need in the most efficient way possible. Let us know what you think. Now, the news...



Larry Volkmar

Larry Volkmar named president/hospitals division. Most recently COO at Tenet's MetroWest Medical Center in Massachusetts, Volkmar previously was a senior manager at Arthur Andersen, and VP/Hospital Operations at University of Chicago Hospitals. He held other top administrative and nursing posts – he has an MBA and a BSN – at UofC Hospitals, Elmhurst Memorial, and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He starts at Sinai June 16.

Phase II of SMG/Access transition set for July 1. Select primary-care clinics in Kling move to Access Community Health Network then, following the April 1 transfer of most off-campus Sinai Medical Group sites to Access. Sinai CMO **Robert Parker, MD**, says that once the shift is complete, it will preserve primary-care options for thousands of patients, while saving Sinai \$4 million-\$6 million a year, due to Access' more favorable FQHC reimbursement.

Cardiovascular services expand as open-heart/thoracic surgeon **Charles Campbell, MD**, and vascular surgeon **Dominic Tolitano, MD**, join Sinai. Dr. Campbell's arrival enables Mount Sinai to offer bypass and valve procedures that weren't being done here, and increases pulmonary and esophageal surgical options. Dr. Tolitano broadens Sinai's vascular team, bringing a particular interest in carotid artery repair. He is available for elective consults.

State-of-the-art endoscopy suite opens in Mount Sinai's OR area, greatly expanding diagnostic and treatment options for adult and pediatric patients. Gastroenterology Chief **Manuel Alva, MD**, says two rooms are equipped for a wide array of GI-related assessments, including colorectal cancer exams. A third is ready for minor surgery and bronchoscopy. While the facility offers Sinai physicians far greater resources, it also is available to community physicians needing access to advanced equipment. Referrals are made to and through the GI clinic, 773/257-6730, or Dr. Alva, 773/522-8030, email malva@att.net.

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Adult Acute Medical Detox Unit, run by Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, opens at Mount Sinai. Admissions and referrals accepted 24/7 through the ED. Upon discharge, patients are referred back to their referring agency for aftercare, or get help contacting community providers and support groups. For medical criteria and other admission info, call 773/257-5885 7 a.m.-3 p.m., or 773/257-6685 other hours.

Patient Care Services ends use of outside agency nurses – and their \$350,000/month cost – by developing the in-house registry and reintroducing LPNs to med/surg and maternal/child units. In addition to cost savings, **Jackie Conrad**, RN, VP/Patient Care, says the shift creates a pool of experienced nurses who know Sinai procedures and unit routines, boosting efficiency and patient/staff satisfaction.

Schwab and Chicago Park District create C.A.M.P. Schwab for mobility-impaired kids. Aug. 18-22 sports program for 8- to 13-year-olds uses therapists, coaches and wheelchair athletes to teach activities from baseball to rock climbing. Sessions at Douglas, Homan Square and McFetridge parks. Fee: \$25. Signup deadline: June 15. To refer a child, call 773/522-2010, Ext. 2562, or email **Lisa Thornton**, MD, at tholis@sinai.org.

Mount Sinai Medical Staff quarterly meeting features **Sandeep Khosla**, MD, cardiology, presenting “Advances in Management of Cardiovascular Disease: Keeping Up!” 5:30 p.m. reception, followed by dinner/meeting. Monday, June 16, Glasser Auditorium.

IRB policies, procedures now on Sinai.org Web site. Principal investigators, research coordinators and others conducting human research gain easy access to regulations, forms, meeting schedules and more by clicking the “Sinai Research Institute” tab. For information, email IRB coordinator **Clemencia Isaza-Quintero**, quic@sinai.org.

Famed heachache researcher Dr. Vincenzo Guidetti, University of Rome, presents “The Caterpillar and the Butterfly: Is Headache in Children and Adolescents Different From Adults?” Noon Monday, June 23, Room 2.710 Health Sciences Building, Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School, 3333 Green Bay, North Chicago.

Kudos, etc...

- **Suzan Rayner**, MD, Schwab executive VP/medical affairs, is the new president of the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine National Alumni Association.
- **David Ebert**, MD, internal medicine, presented “[Ethical and Clinical Issues in Establishing Etiologies of Deafness](#)” at the annual meeting and exposition of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia.
- “[7 Ways to Help Your Hospital Stay in Business](#),” by **Kathryn Stewart**, MD, medical director/care management, appeared in May’s issue of *Family Practice Management*.
- **Leslie Zun**, MD, chairman, emergency medicine, presented three research posters on medical clearance of psychiatric patients at the May 17-22 American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in San Francisco.

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