Welcome to the latest edition of Physician Pipeline from PeaceHealth Oregon West Network. Send feedback and suggestions for future issues to Rebecca Taylor or call (541) 686-6899.

Top Stories

Access PeaceHealth Transfer Center: One-call solution for referring providers
New 24/7 transfer center makes connections and handles the details for referring physicians and facilities to ensure patients are efficiently managed from admission through successful re-entry into the local community. More...

Health care associated infection rates improving
PeaceHealth Sacred Heart posted some of the best outcomes in preventing health care associated infections in 2013 among comparable hospitals. More...

Spine Center provides seamless care for neck, back patients
The Center features a multi-specialty team including neurosurgeons, physiatrists, physical therapists and other providers. More...

New surgical robot at RiverBend
The fourth-generation da Vinci® Xi is the only one of its kind in the region, and one of only two on the West Coast. More...

Stroke Center earns Gold-Plus quality achievement award
For the third consecutive year, PeaceHealth Sacred Heart met specific quality achievement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. More...

Physician Pipeline is produced by PeaceHealth for physicians in southern Oregon. To submit article ideas, news items, questions or comments, email Rebecca Taylor or call (541) 686-6899.
CME Opportunities

New! CME Dinner Series

PeaceHealth’s CME Dinner Series is designed to bring together area primary care physicians and surgical specialists for socializing and education in a convenient and friendly setting. Each free hour-long event includes a social mixer, followed by a dinner presentation and question-and-answer session.

The topic for the Oct. 14 dinner is the Back on Track Joint Replacement Program, featuring Brian Jewett, MD, Steve Shah, MD, and Nicholas Strasser, MD, all with Slocum Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine.

Click here for a calendar of upcoming events and online registration links.

Myocardial Injury After Non-Cardiac Surgery and the MANAGE Trial
Emmanuelle Duceppe, MD, FRCPC
General Internal Medicine, Perioperative Medicine Fellow, Population Health Research Institute, Hamilton Health Sciences/McMaster University
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Surgery Conference Room
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Conference Room 200All (Lunch Buffet)
PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend

Find more CME opportunities at peacehealth.org/cme.

People

New Specialists
Help us welcome these new specialists to PeaceHealth practices.

Misty Carlson, MD, Pediatric Cardiology
Dr. Carlson joined the comprehensive pediatric program at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center in 2014 after completing her fellowship training at Oregon Health & Science University. Her goal is to improve access to pediatric cardiology services so families can receive answers about their child's heart condition quickly and close to home. Dr. Carlson's clinical interests include the full range of pediatric cardiology conditions, as well as pulmonary hypertension, fetal echocardiography, and exercise physiology and testing.

Hongsheng Mark Guo, MD, Electrophysiology
Dr. Guo joined Oregon Cardiology in 2014 after nine years of practice at Park Nicollet Health Services Heart and Vascular Center in Minneapolis, Minn. An active researcher, he has published many peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters during his time at Harvard University, Northwestern University, Loyola University and the University of Iowa. His clinical interests include all types of arrhythmia, all heart rhythm management devices and all types of catheter ablation.

Joshua Pfeiffer, MD, Bariatric and General Surgery
Dr. Pfeiffer joined Oregon Bariatric Center in 2014 after completing a fellowship in Advanced GI Minimally Invasive/Bariatric Surgery at Gundersen Health System in La
Crosse, WI. In addition to bariatric and general surgery, his clinical interests include minimally invasive and foregut, antireflex and hernia repair surgery.

**Susan Sanderson, MD, Endocrinology**
Dr. Sanderson joined PeaceHealth Medical Group in 2014 from the Corvallis Clinic. Her clinical interests include adult and pediatric endocrinology, including interpretation of hormone assays, stimulation and suppression tests; diabetes evaluation and management in partnership with primary care providers and diabetes educators; growth disorders in children; and thyroid cancer.

**Kurt Slater, DO, Neurology**
Dr. Slater joined PeaceHealth Medical Group in 2014 from Sky Lakes Neurology in Klamath Falls. He brings more than 20 years of experience with all phases of inpatient and outpatient neurology.

**Nandakumar Srinivasan, MD, Gastroenterology**
Dr. Srinivasan joined PeaceHealth in 2014 after completing a fellowship in advanced endoscopy at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. His clinical interests include gastrointestinal and pancreatic malignancies, hepatobiliary disorders, Barrett's esophagus, inflammatory bowel disease, endoscopic ultrasound, double balloon enteroscopy and advanced therapeutic endoscopy.

**John West, MD, Orthopedic Surgery**
Dr. West joined PeaceHealth Medical Group in 2014 following fellowship training at Cincinnati Sports Medicine and The Noyes Knee Institute. Dr. West has over 20 years of experience as a research scientist in orthopedics. His clinical interests include sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery, ligament repair and replacement, knee replacement surgery, and treatment of complex knee deformity.

**New Providers**
Please welcome these providers to the following practices. For more information on these doctors, [click here](#).

**Eugene Foot and Ankle Health Center:** Sarah Rincker, DPM, Podiatry.

**Eugene Pediatric Associates:** Peter Sidor, MD, Pediatrics.

**Northwest Anesthesia Associates:** Alexander Shune, MD, Anesthesia.

**Northwest Intensivists:** Diana Hansen, MD, Critical Care.

**Oregon Medical Group:** William Brus, MD, Family Medicine; Richard Cunliffe, PA-C, Orthopedic Surgery; Warren Griffith, DO, Family Medicine; Luke O’Rourke, DO, OB/GYN.

**Oregon Neurology Associates:** Jeffrey Frank, MD, Neurology.

**Oregon Neurosurgery Specialists:** Neil Roundy, MD, Neurosurgery.

**Oregon Urology Institute PC:** Kevin Brandt, PA-C, Urology.
PeaceHealth Hospital Medicine: Joanna Aquino-Laban, MD, Hospitalist; Samson Barasa, MD, Hospitalist; Tian Davis, DO, Hospitalist; Preetivi Ellis, MD, Hospitalist; Julius Laban, MD, Hospitalist; Amandeep Singh, MD, Hospitalist; Mollie Skov-Ortega, MD, Hospitalist; David Witkin, MD, Hospitalist.

PeaceHealth Medical Group: James Akins, NP, Behavioral Health; Rechelle Asirot, MD, Family Medicine; Rensie De Vera, MD, Family Medicine; Stephen Hallas, DO, Family Medicine; Russell Henderson, FNP, Family Medicine; Amy Howard, PA-C, Orthopedic Surgery; Matthew Kaiser, MD, Family Medicine; Myung Kim, MD, Internal Medicine; Kathryn Maxwell, DO, Internal Medicine; Sushanth Nayak, MD, Family Medicine; Hang Pham, MD, Family Medicine; Jeanne Rasmussen, PA-C, Orthopedic Surgery; Anne Richards, CNM, Obstetrics; Heather Schlessman, PNP, Pediatrics; Vincent Siy, MD, Family Medicine; Sandra Smith, ARNP, Family Medicine; Kenna Wood, DO, Internal Medicine.

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center: Erika Backstrom, NP, Enterostomal Therapy; Alan Garcin, NP, Neurology; Erin McPeak, PA-C, Neurosurgery.


Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and Research Center: Wayne Ormsby, MD, Medical Oncology; Christopher Yasenchak, MD, Medical Oncology.

Physicians in the News

Richard Marcus, MD, physician at the Sleep Center at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, wrote a column for The Register-Guard about the importance of children getting enough sleep.

PeaceHealth Medical Group internal medicine physician Kathryn Maxwell, DO, wrote a column for The Register-Guard about symptoms and treatment of summer rashes and bug bites.

Emergency physicians Hans Notenboom, MD, and Margaret Pattison, MD, spoke with the Salem Statesmen Journal about the benefits of medical scribes in the ED.

PeaceHealth pediatric cardiologist Misty Carlson, MD, discussed the importance of youth sports physicals in The Register-Guard.

PHMG internal medicine physician Geoffrey Simmons, MD, answered questions for KEZI-TV about homeopathic oils.

Neurosurgeons Daniel Hutton, DO, and Neil Roundy, MD, spoke to The Register-Guard about the Sacred Heart Spine Center.

The PeaceHealth Behavioral Health Services team's Early Assessment and Support Alliance program was featured on the front-page of the Washington Post, as well as The Register-Guard.

Neurologist Miguel Estevez, MD, of Oregon Neurology Associates wrote a column for The Register-Guard about
the causes, varieties and prevention of headaches.

PHMG pediatrician Kevin Marks, MD, wrote an article for the August 2014 edition of AAP News, the official newsmagazine of the American Academy of Pediatrics, about the need to strengthen the early detection and intervention system for children who might experience developmental/behavioral problems.

KLCC radio spoke with Charles Anderson, MD, of Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and Research Center about PeaceHealth Sacred Heart’s new da Vinci Xi surgical robot.

PHMG family medicine physician Lorne Bigley, MD, discussed group medical appointments with KLCC radio.

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart pediatric surgeon Garret Zallen, MD, spoke with KEZI-TV for a story about a mother’s quest to get treatment for her daughter.

Neurologist Miguel Estevez, MD, of Oregon Neurology Associates spoke with KVAL-TV about the potential health risks of cell phone towers.

Neurohospitalist Elaine Skalabrin, MD, co-director of PeaceHealth Sacred Heart’s Stroke Center, wrote a column in The Register-Guard about ways to reduce stroke. (link not available)

Cristin Babcock, MD, of Women’s Care and Medical Director of Obstetrics at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart spoke with KEZI-TV about a report showing high rates nationally of C-section births.

PeaceHealth infectious disease specialist Jason Cronin, MD, wrote a column for The Register-Guard about the threat of drug-resistant bacteria. (link not available)

PHMG’s Dr. Geoffrey Simmons spoke with KEZI-TV about the dangers of e-cigarettes.