

MEDICAL STAFF

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From The President



"May you live in interesting times" is a phrase sometimes referred to as "The Chinese curse," attributed to the English author Ernest Bramah (Smith). Bramah, a contemporary of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, attained commercial and critical success

with his creation of Kai Lung, the itinerant story-teller whose adventures are offered in a Mandarin style of English. The only similar Chinese proverb on record is, "It's better to be a dog in a peaceful time than be a man in a chaotic period" (寧為太平犬，不做亂世人; pinyin: níng wéi tàipíng quǎn, bù zuò luànshì rén).

I have had the great privilege of representing the medical staff of Huntington Hospital for the past two years. During those two years, Huntington Hospital has undergone many interesting changes, including the construction of the West Tower; the expansion of the Emergency Department; The Joint Commission surprise inspection of April, 2009; the settlement of the class action lawsuit against Huntington Hospital; three Directors of Medical Staff Services; and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. From a personal perspective, I was hospitalized three times for several maladies and got to experience life on the other side of the nurses' station. Interesting times, indeed!

Serving as your medical staff president has been a fascinating experience. I have learned how this great hospital copes within a hyper-regulated environment, subject to unpredictable fluctuations in census, reimbursement, and compliance requirements. I have gained immense respect for the hospital administration,

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Summary of the Minutes for MEC

Executive Committee Meeting

The following items were presented and approved by the Medical Executive Committee on November 1, 2010 and approved by a sub-committee of the Governing Board on November 8, 2010 (due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The October event report was presented.

MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

- Omar Ahmed, MD – Plastic Surgery – joining Premiere Plastic Surgery
- Emily E. Cook, DO – Ophthalmology – joining Southern California Glaucoma Specialists
- Dirk De Brito, MD – Psychiatry– De Brito Medical Corp
- Abilene Enriquez, MD – Family Medicine HH – Hospice and Palliative Care
- Jeff A. Hammoudeh, MD – Plastic Surgery – Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Peter Koettters, MD – Pediatrics – joining Descanso Pediatrics
- David L. Murphy, MD – Internal Medicine – joining Exodus Recovery
- Poornima Rao, MD – Surgical Oncology – joining South Pasadena Cancer Specialists
- Alex K. Wong, MD – Plastic Surgery – USC Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

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From The President

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the members of the board of directors and for your elected representatives, the members of the medical executive committee. Throughout my term, the medical staff services administration, Joni Berg, Gloria Gomez, Ann Greenstadt, Kate Larson, Lenore Pitigala, Diane Swisher and Mary Weiler have supported the MEC and the medical staff with exceptional effort. Steve Ralph, CEO; Jim Noble, CFO; and Paula Verrette, MD, director of quality, have been generous with their time and helpful with well-considered advice. Thanks to all for your support.

I can honestly say that I have had the privilege to have served on the medical executive committee with some of the finest and brightest physicians and surgeons anywhere to be found. I can also confidently affirm that the upcoming leadership is a talented and enthusiastic group that will serve the medical staff and the greater community served by Huntington Hospital with great devotion. Please join me in saluting the outgoing members of the MEC, including Jim Blitz, MD, Jim Buese, M., Bill Coburn, D., Tim Deakers, MD, Bryan Jick, MD, David Lourie, MD, George Matsuda, MD, Ed Tse, MD, in thanking them for their exceptionally hard efforts on your behalf. I ask that you give Jim Buese, MD your confidence and your support in the coming year as he assumes his position of medical staff president.

My advice to you, my colleagues, remains the same: practice your art, as your expertise and ethic enable you to do; attend your section and department meetings and let your voices be heard; support Huntington Hospital's mission to provide an environment of excellence for patients and physicians alike.

Thank you for permitting me to be your president for the past two years. Thank you for your many contributions to Huntington Hospital and to your patients. Best wishes for a lovely holiday season and for the New Year.

Charles F. Sharp, Jr., MD
President Medical Staff

Summary of the Minutes Executive Committee Meeting



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MEDICAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS

- Michael Barnes, PhD – Psychology
- David Mong, MD – Diagnostic Radiology
- David Tourgeman, MD – Obstetrics & Gynecology

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The go-live date for Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE), is scheduled for April 1, 2010, initially as a pilot in the OB/GYN Department.

DEPARTMENTAL AND SECTION RULES AND REGULATION REVISION

- Family Medicine Section Rules and Regulations – Revisions include clarifications that the Section Chair is eligible for re-election to subsequent terms.

PRIVILEGE CARD REVISION

- Psychiatry Privilege Sheet (Revisions include the addition of criteria and privileging for Addiction Medicine)
- Vascular Surgery Privilege Sheet (Revisions include the addition of Endoscopic vein harvesting privileges under Venous Surgery)

DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND ORDER SETS

For specifics go to Medical Staff Services on Shared Point (intranet)

Department of Surgery

1 item were approved

ORGANIZATION WIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

21 items were approved

ORDER SETS

4 items were approved

William Coburn, DO
Secretary / Treasurer Medical Staff

Huntington Women Physicians Group

Five years ago Dr. Syeda Ali formed the Huntington Women Physicians Group (HWPG) as a way of reaching out to her fellow female physicians for information sharing and lending support.

“HWPG gets together to talk about everything from healthcare reform to practice management,” said Dr. Ali. “Sometimes we have a speaker from Huntington Hospital administration so we can keep up with what’s going on with the hospital. We need information to keep communication between the medical staff and the hospital flowing smoothly to help us provide high quality care to our patients and the community.”

The group of female physicians consists of both primary care doctors and specialists. They meet three to four times yearly – always off campus, usually at a local restaurant.

Recent speakers included Huntington Hospital President and CEO Steve Ralph (who led an open discussion on the future of healthcare and its impact on Huntington Hospital) and outgoing Chief of Staff Charles Sharp, MD. Rebecca Armato, executive director of physician interoperability, also spoke to the group, informing them about the Huntington Health-e- Connect.

For more information contact Dr Syeda Ali at 626-578-7131.



Pictured left to right:
Jane Haderlein, Steve Ralph,
Syeda Ali, and Lynn De Groot.



Pictured left to right:
Edna de Leon, Magdalena Arenas, MD, Syeda Ali, MD, Debra Tafoya,
Angela Hay, MD, Linda Shen MD, Yafa Minazad, DO, and Bernadette Merlino.

New Online Resource from the Medical Group Management Association is now available to you from off-site thanks to the Health Sciences Library.

It's the Web version of MGMA's 2010 PHYSICIAN COMPENSATION & PRODUCTION REPORT titled: **DATADIVE: 2010 PHYSICIAN COMPENSATION & PRODUCTION MODULE**

It includes:

- Data from more than 50,000 providers
- Ways to evaluate the compensation and productivity of physicians and non-physician providers across multiple indicators
- 3 years of MGMA data and the percentage change, to help understand how your industry is evolving
- Ability to create custom graphs and reports, including ranking reports, to compare your practice's data to that of your peers, helping you identify areas for improvement
- Ability to export tables to spreadsheet format for easier manipulation and reporting

Soon this resource will be available from the Library's SharePoint site. Until then, access it at <http://www6.mgma.com/> and enter:

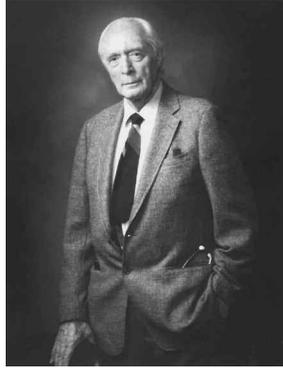
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The resource is limited to one user at a time, so if you get a message to that effect, just wait a while and try again.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the library at 626-397-5161 or library@huntingtonhospital.com.

Richard J. Bing, MD

Richard J. Bing, who worked with the aviator Charles Lindbergh and the Nobel Laureate Alexis Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute on an early version of the artificial heart and the perfusion of human organs, and whose musical compositions led to a friendship with the composer Carl Orff, died Monday, November 8, 2010. He had celebrated his 101st birthday only three weeks earlier with a performance at his home in La Canada, California of a Haydn Quartet by members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, who had played there on the occasion for many years. He had earlier composed music for the quartet.



Dr. Bing left his research laboratory at the age of 98, having published the last ones of his more than 500 journal articles and medical books in his nineties. Dr. Bing often complained to friends of his “early retirement.” His 100th birthday was chronicled in an award-winning documentary “Para Fuera” (loosely meaning “away with all that,” after one of his most recent fictional works), premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

His discoveries in cardiology, cardiac metabolism, cardiac catheterization, congenital heart disease, blood flow measurement in the heart, his later important work (completed in his eighties and nineties) on nitric oxide and its relation to restoring blood flow after a heart attack, and on the dangers of COX-2 inhibitors, gave him the reputation of a renaissance researcher among his colleagues. He was, however, a renaissance man in other ways as well. He had a lifelong love affair with music – he composed over 300 works that have been performed in the United States, Australia, Austria, and Germany. His musical manuscripts are now housed in the Bing collection at the Doney Library at the University of Southern California.

In the last decade of his life he also wrote and published five books of fiction.

Richard John Bing was born in Nuremberg, Germany on October 12, 1909. His father was a merchant of hops; his mother was known for her musical talent as a singer of Bach cantatas. At an early age he studied music, and then medicine. Leaving Germany in 1934 during the early period of Nazi rule, he was among the last survivors of a generation educated in Germany and forced to make a life elsewhere. He was educated as a medical doctor in Germany and in

Switzerland (he had medical degrees from both countries), and received training in research at the Carlsberg Institute in Copenhagen, where he met Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh, who were visiting the Institute and who subsequently offered him a job at the Rockefeller Institute. From there in 1937 he moved to Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he worked under Dr. Allen O. Whipple, who developed a procedure for removing a cancerous pancreas, called the Whipple operation; and where he married Whipple’s daughter, Mary. They were married for 52 years until Mary died in 1991. After working with the distinguished scientist and philosopher Homer W. Smith at the New York University Physiology Department, Bing moved to Johns Hopkins University. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was eventually promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Before ending his service, he was asked by the Surgeon General to report on the post-war state of German medicine.

Following the war, Richard returned to Johns Hopkins, then moving to the University of Alabama, Washington University in St. Louis, Wayne State University in Detroit, and his last appointments at the University of Southern California and the Huntington Memorial Research Institutes. He was a key figure in the establishing of the International Society for Heart Research where the Richard J. Bing Award for Young Investigators is given at each World Congress meeting.

At Johns Hopkins School of Medicine from 1941 to 1951, later characterized as Hopkins’ golden age of cardiology and cardiac surgery, he worked with Alfred Blalock and Helen Taussig, two pioneers in diagnosis and surgery of congenital heart disease. At Hopkins, Bing organized the first diagnostic cardiac catheterization laboratory. His pioneering catheterization protocols led to the first analyses of the oxygen content of blood in the heart, and the resulting formulae are still used in cardiac laboratories around the world. He was the first to define the physiology of congenital heart disease. Bing’s work at Hopkins resulted in the characterization of 20 different forms of cardiac malformations, including the “Taussig-Bing” anomaly, a rare congenital deformation of the heart, and provided a precise diagnosis for surgeons to operate on these infants. It was also at Hopkins where, in the course of a cardiac catheterization, Bing entered accidentally the coronary sinus. This “accident” in turn was the beginning of a new era in cardiac physiology, the study

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Physician Informatics Corner

Alternate Electronic Signer Reminder:

- Please contact our office to request for any changes to those who can electronically sign for your telephone orders.

Citrix Receiver App for Android OS:

If you have been waiting for the Citrix App for your Android phone, it is now available! Please contact our office to be enabled and for instructions for set-up.

Physician Desktop

- Where can I **add/remove** patients from My List without placing an order?
- Where can I go to see the documentation for my patient in the ED?
- Where can I review my patient's Order History with 1 click?
- Where can I see my patients' most recent Outpatient lab results?

With a 5-10 minute in-service you can be using this new functionality.

Physician Rounding Tool

Physicians will now be able to access their patient lists and patient charts on a view that is configured to their phone/mobile device starting December. No more expanding or minimizing the electronic medical record to see the patient's chart!

Problem List

Would you like to be able to easily enter a Problem List with corresponding ICD-9 codes for your patients? We can show you how!

New Discharge Instructions

Please be aware that new Discharge Instructions will be in effect starting in November. These new Meditech-generated single-page paper forms will replace the current triplicate forms. They can be found in the physician section of the paper chart. Please update the discharge information at anytime. After the nursing staff has entered this data into the EMR, the patient will receive a copy. The discharge instructions will be available to view in the EMR after discharge.

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of cardiac metabolism. His honorary degree citation from Johns Hopkins (conferred in 2000, one of three honorary degrees he received during his lifetime) called him "one of the great cardiologists of our time."

After running the Catheterization Laboratory at the School of Medicine at the University of Alabama and becoming professor of medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, he accepted a post as chairman of the Department of Medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, becoming the first foreign-born head of an American Department of Medicine.

There in 1964, with his wife's cousin, George Clark, Professor of Physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he developed the use of positron emitters to determine coronary blood flow in man, aided by computers from nearby Ford Motor Company. This laid the foundation for modern PET scanning.

In 1969 he accepted an invitation to move his laboratory to Pasadena, California, at the Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI), with additional appointments to the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, the California Institute of Technology, and as Director of Medical Education at Huntington Memorial Hospital. At HMRI he continued his work in cardiac physiology and, in cooperation with colleagues at the California Institute of Technology, devised methods of visualizing coronary and cerebral microcirculation.

Bing was an internationalist. The scientists on his many research teams came from all over the world, from Japan to Europe to Russia. He will be missed on many continents for the encouragement he gave to his junior scientists and for his focus and iron dedication to scientific discovery – and to music.

Dr. Bing is survived by three children, John W. Bing of Ewing, New Jersey; Judy Tasker of Thousand Oaks, California, and William W. Bing of Altadena, California, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His daughter Barbara died in 1999 and his sister Elizabeth Sondheimer died, also at 101 years, in 2009.



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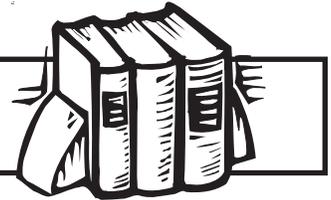
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CME Corner



UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR THE FIRST THURSDAY MEDICAL WORKSHOPS:

2010

12/2/10 – Update from the XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna Austria

FIRST THURSDAY MEDICAL WORKSHOPS:

Topic: Update from the XVIII International AIDS Conference,
Vienna Austria

Date: December 2, 2010

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: Research Conference Hall

Gap Analysis: Update primary MD's on the results of new therapies for HIV, Diagnostic Techniques and opportunistic complicating infections

Objectives: At the end of the conference, the participants should be able to:

1. Integrate new treatment options for HIV, Diagnostic Techniques and opportunistic complicating infections

UPCOMING MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS:

12/3/10 – Nothing has been scheduled for this date