



Upcoming ED Meetings

- **Staff meetings: 3rd Thursday 800 or 1700. Lead: Matt Talmadge**
- **Practice Committee: 3rd Thursday 900-1000. Lead: Brian McNally**
- **Violence in the Workplace: 3rd Tuesday 2-3. Lead Matt Talmadge**
- **EDACT: 1st Thursday 1-2. Leads: Rachel or Carolina Chief Resident**
- **AFED: 1st Monday 1-2. Lead: Rachel**
- **Disaster Committee: Last Monday 8-9a. Lead: Amber**

Check out The ED Web

The ED Web is the new and regularly updated ZSFG Emergency Department Website where we will host important information, such as: Things to Know Now, We Won Wednesdays, ED Newsletters, Clinical pathways, BCMA records, and much much more!



[Click Here!](#)



CPI Training

CPI training for the ED is here! We have our champions and now we have our training sessions. Please review the [Eventbrite link](#) in this newsletter for the current sessions being offered (more to come soon). For all future sessions, in schedule periods not yet finalized, please integrate CPI into your schedule request. Please enter a "j" during the schedule request period, and a comment/note of "CPI" after signing up on Eventbrite.

<https://ZSFGEDCPI.eventbrite.com>

Available dates and times are listed in the Eventbrite.



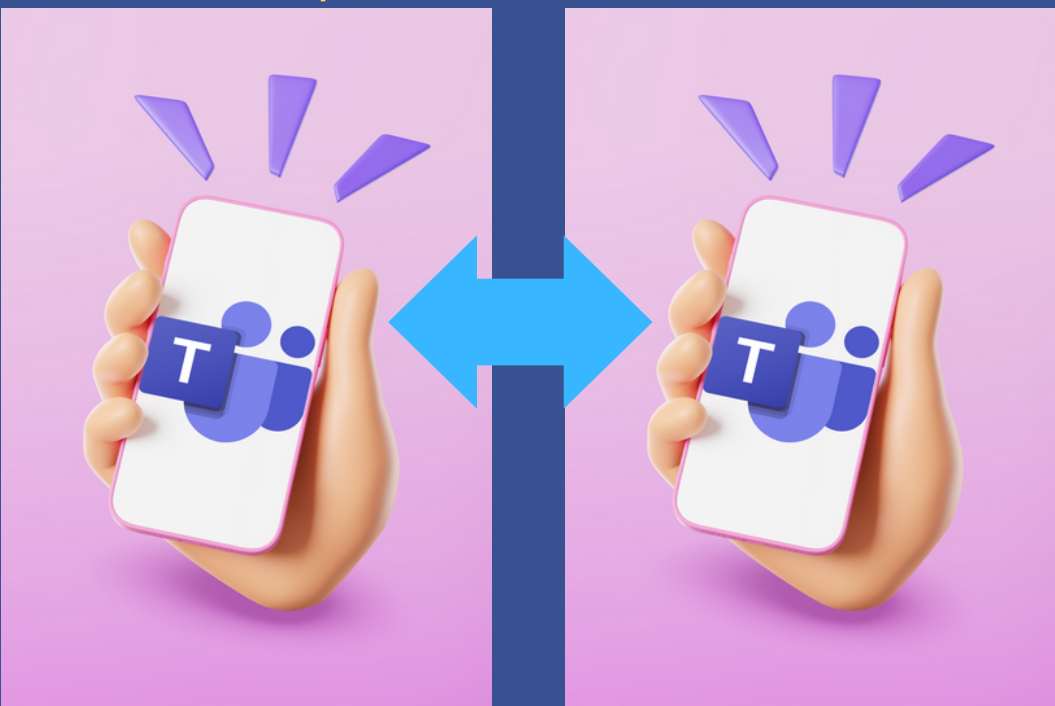
Level 2 Geriatric Emergency Department



ZSFG Emergency Department has been officially awarded Level 2 stats by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)! Led by a remarkable team of interdisciplinary leaders, including Eric Isaacs, MD, FACEP; Rachel Perry, MS RN CNS CEN; Elizabeth Clevenger, RN; Cecilia Carvajal, RN; Donell Babino, DPT; Alicia Gray, MSW; Melina Shapiro; and Colleagues; Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital's accreditation signals to the public that your institution is focused on the highest standards of care for your communities' older adults.

It's Live

The emergency department be utilizing Microsoft Teams as a means to communicate about Shift Giveaway or Shift Swaps. By using teams, discussions regarding shift swapping can occur easier between staff when not at work, decrease inbox email fatigue, and through teams staff can submit their shift swap request directly – saving time. [Feel free to take a look at this video on how to set up teams.](#)



What would you like to see?

We would really like to make this newsletter something that his helpful, informative, and fun. Please let us know what you would like to see here and we would be happy to consider it. Thanks very much for reading and your feedback is much appreciated.

[Feedback Link](#)



This Day in History

On August 29th in 2005 Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast. This category 4 storm destroyed the levee system surrounding New Orleans resulting significant damage (up to 200 billion) and loss of life (1,800 lives).

Suicide Prevention Awareness



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – This month is dedicated to recognizing the warning signs for suicide, encouraging open conversations about mental health, and connecting people to proven treatment and resources.

Crisis Support is Always Available

- Call or Text the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org
- Call [SFHSS Employee Assistance Program](#) at (628) 652-4600

To learn more about your mental health benefits through your health plan, visit [SFHSS' Employee Mental Health Benefits webpage](#).



PEM Pearls

This week's PEM Pearl is a bit different from usual. We're not talking about something emergent, procedural, unique to peds, or even taking place in the ED, and yet, this is something that can be life-saving-- Covid vaccines.

The American Academy of Pediatrics just released its guidelines for 25-26 Covid vaccination in kids:

- Infants 6-23 months: vaccination recommended
- Children 2-18 years old with any of the below risk factors: vaccination recommended
 - o High risk of severe Covid-19
- § Includes chronic illnesses such as asthma, epilepsy, and diabetes, as well as elevated BMI
- o Resident of long term care facility or other congregate setting
- o Never vaccinated against Covid-19
- o Household contact at high risk for severe Covid-19
- Children 2-18 years old without risk factors: if parent or guardian wants the child vaccinated, vaccine should be offered

We are currently in a time where science is being actively disparaged and dismissed, and we run the risk of our children paying the price for our ignorance. Vaccination prevents severe complications of Covid-19 infection in most children-- we can't let political squabbling lead to dying children. Children are also cesspools of germs, and we can protect our most vulnerable adults by decreasing kids' contagion.

If families in the ED ask your thoughts about vaccination for their child, or your own families ask for support in navigating a very challenging health information landscape, now you're prepared to have a discussion grounded in evidence and experts' decades of cumulative experience.

- Dina Wallin, MD

Staff Shout Outs!

"Very courteous and warm people"

"Everything was fine: the treatment, the service, the communication, the care, and the help I received. For me, it was an excellent service provided by the doctors and everyone involved in my care."

"The nurses spoke my language, and that made me feel very comfortable. And especially NR, whose last name is Ghandi, explained my language very well and was very kind. I also want to thank the volunteer that day who helped me a lot. I was cold, and she gave me a warm blanket. Thank you so much for your help that day. Thank you for your help."

"I'm very happy to have a fast and reliable care team "

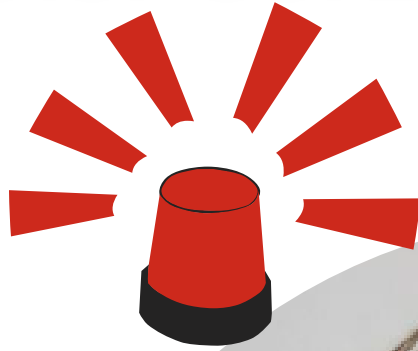
"My nurses were awesome. Kept me informed. When I got nauseated, they were right on it. Kept me updated about my lab test results and where we were kind of heading as far as care. They just rocked it. They should all get DAISY awards."

-Patient Compliments



Disaster Corner

The ED Disaster Coordinator and Hospital Disaster Liaison has entered the building! I want to celebrate and congratulate Amber Quelvog for her promotion to this role and we look forward to working with her in the coming months and years on disaster trainings for the ED and the Hospital. Amber brings a tremendous amount of experience and passion to this position and we are looking forward to her contributions to the development of robust disaster preparedness!



Contact Information
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Upcoming trainings that are encouraged:

**Kaiser SSF: Pediatric Disaster Response and Preparedness
Nov 20-21**

**Anniston, Alabama (CDP) Healthcare Leadership for MCI
Oct 5-11
Nov 2-8**

**San Leandro (BATEP): ICS 300 Incident Command for an Expanding Incident (Great for Charge Nurses)
Sept 9-11**



Events



Retirement
— PARTY —

SHARING THE LOVE

FOR
Sam Jones

**September 19th
2025**

ASIENTO
2730 21st St
5:30pm til closing

(A photograph of Sam Jones, a man with glasses and a white lab coat, smiling with his arms crossed, is overlaid on the right side of the poster.)



Fun and Games

Guess Who?



Check out this adorable picture! Can you guess who it is? You'll find the answer [here](#) by clicking on the link



Nurse Joke

Nurse 1: "I'll be right back, I'm going to get a med."

Nurse 2: "What medication are you getting?"

Nurse 1: "Metronidazole"

Nurse 2: "Oh... be careful"

Nurse 1: "Why?"

Nurse 2: "Well, it's *Flagyl*"



What does it Cost?



Have you ever wondered what something in the ED costs? We use a lot of equipment, medications, and products to keep our patients healthy and comfortable. One of the ZSFG's true north goals is Financial Stewardship. Part of being good stewards is awareness. What might you think the item pictured costs? Answer is below.

