

Emergency Department Update

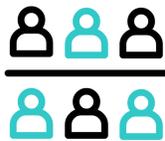
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Welcome to the updated and refreshed ED Newsletter

Check out the new and improved ED newsletter. We are hoping you will enjoy this new format and make it easier to review the content included. No more PDF! Easy to read on your phone or computer and much more interactive. Let us know how you feel about the newsletter here.

[Submit your feedback here!](#)

Upcoming Meetings and The ED Web



Staff meetings: 3rd Thursday 800 or 1700.
Lead: Matt Talmadge

Practice Committee: 3rd Thursday 900-1000. Lead: Brian McNally

Workplace Violence: 3rd Tuesday 2-3. Lead: Matt Talmadge

AFED: 1st Monday 1-2. Lead: Rachel

Disaster Committee: Last Monday 8-9a.
Lead: Amber



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!

The ED Web is best accessed on campus via EPIC or web browser. [Click here to access.](#)

[Click here for The ED Web](#)

CPI Training



[Link to Eventbrite](#)

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. New sessions for 2026 have been posted!

Shout Outs!

"Big shout out to **Spencer Lake** for an excellent job documenting on a recent mission protocol patient! Spencer did an excellent job articulating important elements in the EHR as well as providing optimal care. Thank you Spencer!" - *The Neuroscience Team*



"I want to emphasize and thank the hospital's emergency staff, who provide an excellent service. They treat you with such great dignity and kindness. I am very grateful. I believe we are fortunate and privileged to have such a wonderful hospital and staff. Thank you so much to everyone who makes these much needed services possible." - *Patient compliment*

"I had a good experience. They treatment me very well, explained all of situation and everything that was happening to me, and yes, I recommend it. That care was excellent, both from the nurses and doctors, and with all the medications they gave me. Yes, excellent care, thank you very much. - *Patient compliment*

PEM Pearls



This week's PEM Pearl covers something very interesting and important for us-- signs and symptoms associated with **sepsis and mortality in young infants** (0-59 days old). A recent [systematic review](#) studied 24 clinical factors and found that several were significantly associated with sepsis and/or mortality. The top 5 factors for each were ... [Click here for more!](#)

Safety and Security

As you may know, red badge buddies are being distributed to multiple services in the ED. These badges will help identify staff that work in the ED and carry out clinical functions. **These badge buddies are not meant to circumvent mandatory weapons screening - they are meant to facilitate easy access through the ED main entrance while completing patient care, such as transferring patients to UCC.** Please be sure to go through weapon screening at the beginning of your shift and for any other non-clinical reasons.



Also, please be kind to our colleagues in safety and security as they are carrying out their responsibilities of screening bags for items.

Hero and Heart 2026

If you didn't already know, our beloved **Melissa Pitts** was recognized last night by the SF General Hospital Foundation **Hearts in SF** event. She was awarded the **2026 Hero and Heart award**, and amazing achievement and for those of you know know Melissa, a well deserved honor. Congrats Pitts!



Ward 86 Love



A super big thank you to everyone who contributed to the poster and food purchase for our colleagues at Ward 86! Today the colorful poster, with supportive pictures and comments and comfort food, was delivered to the staff currently working at Ward 86 letting them know we continue to support them and thank them for excellent community work.

New and Interesting

New Scanners

New medication barcode scanners have been added throughout the department, including POD, A, B, C, and the CT control room. Please continue to do the best that you can to scan medications



Peds Vitals

Pediatric vital signs are important. Please continue to get a full set of vitals as soon as possible on all pediatric patients including (but not limited too) - BP, HR, RR, SPo2, temp with source, and weight. Obtaining this as soon as possible in a pediatric patient stay is *vital* to good care.

New Extension

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We have a new extension that pages overhead in all areas of the ED - POD A, B, C, Resus, and Triage. Feel free to use this to page internal communications such as trauma activations, code 50, etc. We are working to get this on speed dial for every phone in the department. Stay tuned.