



City and County of San Francisco  
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## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 17, 2015

*A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco*  
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

### **Department of Public Health Patient Information involved in Security Breach**

On February 13, 2015, the Department of Public Health was informed by the University of California, San Francisco that a former UCSF physician wrongfully removed copies of patient records from San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. The former UCSF physician worked at SFGH from 2005 to 2013.

UCSF is cooperating with DPH to secure the return of the records and identities of the affected patients as quickly as possible. DPH notified the appropriate regulatory authorities which include the California Department of Public Health, the California Attorney General, the California Medical Board, and the Office of Civil Rights. DPH will also provide written notification to all affected patients.

### **Bay Area nurses invited to join a great team in a beautiful new hospital San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center**

San Francisco's Department of Public Health and Department of Human Resources are partnering to hire registered nurses in preparation for the opening of the new San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center acute care and trauma building in December 2015. More than 100 registered nurses will be hired in many specialty areas, with top priorities in *emergency care, medical-surgical, critical care and peri-operative services*. The hospital provides inpatient care to more than 100,000 patients annually, so nurses with acute care experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Also desired are bilingual nurses who speak *Spanish, Cantonese* and other languages to provide compassionate care to a diverse patient population.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will host a *job fair* for registered nurses with acute care hospital experience on **March 28, 2015** at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, located at 375 Laguna Honda Blvd. in San Francisco. Applicants are invited to attend one of two sessions at the Simon Auditorium in the historic building of the Laguna Honda campus. The first session is from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and the second is from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

The City and County of San Francisco is an equal opportunity employer and offers competitive salaries and comprehensive employee benefits such as paid leave and holidays, health care, employee development funds, and a defined benefit pension.

### **San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center the first in California to pilot new genetic Tuberculosis (TB) test for real-time decision making**

In recognition of World TB Day (March 24), San Francisco General Hospital will be showcasing its innovative work to diagnosis and treat TB faster, improving patient care and the efficiency of hospital decision making. SFGH is the site of the pilot for a new TB diagnostic test that speeds the results from days to hours for patients who are being tested for TB. The pilot, which is the first of its kind in California, started in the beginning of February 2015.

Faster and more accurate results have many benefits. Now patients can learn in hours if they have TB or not and the test reads the patient's genetic material. Because of its prevalence, all San Francisco hospitals routinely screen patients for TB – and the method requires several days in the hospital, with the patient held in an isolation room. Results of the pilot project have the potential to speed care and preserve precious hospital resources city wide.

This pilot is supported by the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation and the UCSF Caring Wisely Initiative. It demonstrates the strong connection between the Department of Health's care delivery system and public health functions, and the partnership between San Francisco General Hospital and UCSF School of Medicine.

### **Clusters of ocular syphilis on West Coast prompt alert**

Clusters of syphilis that cause blindness have been reported on the West Coast. At least two cases of ocular syphilis are under investigation in Los Angeles County. But there already are 14 cases of the sexually transmitted disease in California and elsewhere — eight in San Francisco and six in Washington state. Most all occurred in men who have sex with men. A majority of them were HIV positive and the cases began to be confirmed in December.

Ocular syphilis is often a complication of early syphilis and symptoms can be subtle at first, such as seeing floating spots, flashing lights, blurred vision or even eye pain, health officials said. Early treatment can stop vision loss, but if left untreated, usually with penicillin, the symptoms can progress to blindness.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health issued a health alert to clinicians on February 20. The LA Daily News covered this story and quoted Dr. Stephanie Cohen of San Francisco City Clinic stating that ocular syphilis is seen year-round, but currently there is a large number of cases in a short period of time.

### **Publication on Pediatric Tuberculosis (TB) Screening**

Jennifer Grinsdale, MPH and Julie Higashi, MD, PhD recently published the SFDPH experience using the QuantiFERON®-TB Gold (QFT) test for pediatric TB screening in the Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society. The San Francisco TB program's experience represents the largest longitudinal retrospective pediatric cohort study on the use of QFT in a low TB-prevalence setting to date. More than 900 children at varying risk for TB infection were passively followed over 4–7 years and no children who tested negative for TB infection with QFT developed active TB at a later date.

Their findings support greater use of QFT in children and more selective TB testing based on current epidemiology and risks assessments can prevent unnecessary radiographic imaging and treatment in many children and better utilize limited TB control resources.

### **SF Police to Carry Life-saving Antidote for Drug Overdoses**

The San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Department of Public Health have partnered to outfit police officers in selected neighborhoods with the overdose reversal agent, naloxone. Police officers in the Tenderloin, Southern, Northern, Central and Mission statements have been trained through the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project to carry and administer naloxone in the case of a suspected opioid overdose. This is part of our citywide efforts to ensure that naloxone is readily available at all episodes of opioid overdose.

### **Patient Safety Awareness Week**

March 8 to March 13, 2015 is Patient Safety Awareness Week. The week is an annual education and awareness campaign for health care safety led by the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). Each year, health care organizations around the globe take part promoting patient safety within their organizations.

The theme for 2015 is “United in Safety.” Everyone in the health care process plays a role in the delivery of safe care and by uniting together and sharing that common goal, we can make a difference in patient safety. From patients to care providers, from the front lines to the executive suite, from the patient and family advocate to the chief medical officer — we are all united in the goal of keeping patients and those who care for them free from harm.

SFGH and Trauma Center has much to celebrate this year as we continue to recognize many units and individuals patient safety hero awards for going that extra mile for patient safety. In celebration of patient safety awareness week, team awards went to 4B Nursing, 5C Nursing, 5D Nursing, 6A Nursing and an individual award went to Michael Beaudreau. Great job and congratulations!

### **Honoring Daniel Wlodarczyk**

The Homeless Prenatal Program’s (HPP) Annual gala will honor program’s past and future – as well as the City’s past and future– with the theme: *Our House, Our Mission*. This year’s event is slated to be particularly meaningful, as it will bring together the rich history of the neighborhood with contemporary cultural mainstays – artists, performers and local cuisine – for a neighborhood party that celebrates the Mission’s distinctive character, while underscoring HPP’s mission to break the cycle of childhood poverty.

HPP is pleased to be honoring long-time supporter and community advocate, SFGH’s Dr. Daniel Wlodarczyk, for his immense contributions to HPP and San Francisco's most vulnerable populations.

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The Whistleblower Program, operated by the Controller’s Office, receives complaints regarding the misuse of City funds, improper activities by City officers and employees, deficiencies in the quality and delivery of government services, and wasteful and inefficient City government practices. There are a number of ways to file a complaint. Go to [www.sfcontroller.org](http://www.sfcontroller.org) and click on the Frequently Requested tab to access the Whistleblower complaint instructions in the drop down menu.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK  
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

**MARCH 2015**  
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(2/19/15 BUSINESS-MEC)

	<b>3/2015</b>	<b>07/2014 to 06/2015</b>
<b>New Appointments</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>163</b>
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>387</b>
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	<b>11</b>	<b>88</b>
Additions	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>
Proctorship Completed	<b>9</b>	<b>171</b>

<b>Current Statistics – as of 2/2/15</b>		
Active Staff	<b>529</b>	
Courtesy Staff	<b>522</b>	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>257</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,308</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2015</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 4/2015 to 6/2015</b>	<b>136</b>

# LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

## MARCH 2015

### Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(March 5, 2015 Medical Exec Committee)

	March	(FY 2014-2015) Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	3	15
Reinstatements	0	1
<b>Reappointments</b>	5	35
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	0	7
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	5
Proctorship Extension	0	0

<b>Current Statistics – as of 3/3/2015</b>	
Active Medical Staff	35
As-Needed Medical Staff	14
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Professionals	9
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>106</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2015</b>	<b>1</b>