



Petersburg
MEDICAL CENTER

Medical Staff Report May 2025

Workforce Wellness

The medical staff continues to have the new on-call block schedule of 4 days in a row (M-Th) and 3 days in a row (F-Su). This scheduling allows the providers to better focus on the hospital and the ER when they are on call. This has improved provider satisfaction and has led to a better work-life balance. Summer is challenging in that med staff are in and out for vacations; this affects the new on-call schedule some but we plan to continue following the new routine as much as possible.

Community Engagement

We have been successful in improving our communications with Home Health regarding planned discharges and in updating HH about shared patients. Dr. Hulebak traveled to Seattle in March to the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine faculty meeting; she updated us on changes to student grading. Dr. Hulebak and Angela Menish, FNP continue to lead Walk with the Doc programs in Petersburg. Dr. Burt has agreed to work with Home Health in developing a home hospice program.

Patient Centered Care

We are gearing up to launch a new telestroke program working with the University of Washington; this will enable us to consult with their neurologists and neurosurgeons in a more timely manner, potentially saving lives (and brains). We have been challenged with a high inpatient and skilled census over the past 2 months. In addition to providing acute medical care, we have had many patients using our skilled nursing program (also called “swingbed”). We have also managed care for “outpatients in a bed”, community members who are unsafe to live alone but do not meet criteria for long term care. The number of older individuals in our community is increasing and Petersburg (and PMC) would benefit from more long term care beds and assisted living apartments.

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