



Welcome from the Chief of Staff

I am pleased to welcome you to the Medical Staff of Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital. You have undergone, or are currently completing, a rigorous credentialing process and are now joining a team of highly regarded practitioners with whom we hope you will have much interaction.

At Emory Saint Joseph's we strive to preserve the concept of an integrated medical staff which depends on constant communication, coordination, collaboration and cooperation among colleagues. We maintain a culture which promotes high standards of clinical performance and professional behavior. When questions arise of any physician breaching these standards, we have processes for review and resolution as guided by our policies pertaining to peer review and the Medical Staff Code of Conduct. Please familiarize yourself with these and other policies, as well as the Medical Staff Bylaws, available on the intranet.

We have expectations that the Medical Staff will join the hospital in meeting its commitment to our community. This may include, on occasion, the need to provide uncompensated care. Also, please keep in mind other obligations such as timely responsiveness to calls from physicians or hospital employees regarding patient care; respectful communication in all circumstances and direct, physician-to-physician communication when calling or responding to consultations. We highly recommend cell phone number exchanges among physicians.

We respect and protect the privacy and confidentiality of peer review matters and that of our patients, visitors and staff. We fulfill annual education requirements and, with the hospital, pledge to pursue our mission of providing clinically excellent healthcare while conducting our business affairs with integrity and in compliance with the law.

To encourage collegiality among medical staff members, we hold social gatherings for medical staff members on a regular basis – sometimes with a formal meeting agenda and other times not. I hope you will participate in these.

I look forward to meeting you and hope you will contact me if I can do anything to help you.

Stephen Szabo, MD
Chief of Staff