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Local Unit Webpage
Go to www.wsna.org and click on
'Find Your Local Unit'

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Local Unit Executive Meeting
Officers and all unit Reps meet the 3rd Monday of every month
from 6-8pm

Next Meeting July 19, 2010
Education Bldg, Room 5

Reduction in Force

SWMC has begun implementing RIF plans that will affect hospital staff, including RNs. Thus far, RN positions have been eliminated from both the diabetic and weight loss programs. WSNA has also received RIF plans that include medical-surgical, vascular access team, short stay, and the FBC groupings. The RIF plans are being reviewed by WSNA to ensure that the contract is being correctly interpreted and followed. For further questions/concerns, or if you receive any information regarding a RIF in your area, please contact Co-chairs Christie Riley or Travis Elmore; Unit Rep at Large, Shayne Yocum, [use just her e-mail address]; or your unit representative. Contact information is listed on the bulletin board.

Contract Re: changes in start and end times of a shift

The contract allows, under certain conditions, to change the start/end times of the scheduled shift. The changes have to be within a 3 hour time frame. If your work hours have been changed for that shift, refer to contract articles 10.4.3.2 and 11.2.5.1, and make sure the change is being done properly.

Hospital Scrub Policy

SWMC still has plans to reduce hospital scrub use {read previous newsletter}; however, the change in policy date has been delayed for several weeks. The affected units include ICU, CVICU, ED, FBC, NICU, and RT.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Committee

NCQAC will be holding two educational meetings in the area. Please try to attend one of these meetings. In the near future, Washington state will be requiring all RNs to maintain continuing competency requirements in order to keep their nursing license. The first meeting date :
August 2, 2010, SWMC, Auditorium B, 0830-1230.

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