



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 5, 2012
Board Meeting Date: July 10, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

Subject: Amendment to Agreement with Michael Trindade, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Michael Trindade, MD to provide specialty orthopedic services, increasing the amount by \$90,000 to \$440,000.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Michael Trindade has been providing professional specialty orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) since September 2011. In March 2010 with the retirement of the primary contract orthopedic surgeon, SMMC began performing only emergency and urgent orthopedic surgeries. As a result, until contracting with Dr. Trindade, there were over 100 joint replacement surgery patients waiting to be scheduled for surgery.

DISCUSSION:

Since beginning to provide orthopedic services at SMMC, Dr. Trindade has worked 56 additional blocks (combined surgery and clinics which are four (4) hour time segments) to address the backlog. He will continue to provide additional surgical and clinic blocks. The amendment is needed to provide additional services to reduce the backlog of joint replacement surgeries.

As the population ages, the need for joint replacement (hip and knee) surgery continues to increase. One orthopedic surgeon no longer meets the increasing demands for this service. Attempts are being made to contract with a portion of two additional orthopedic

surgeons to further address the need and establish a more reasonable wait time for surgeries.

The amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to specialty orthopedic services to residents of San Mateo County. As a safety net hospital, SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of controlling hospital borne infections. Failure to control infection results in higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who become victims of a preventable infection. It is anticipated that 100% of all orthopedic surgeries will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title 22 of the State of California Code of Regulations, which will result in reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2010-11 Actual	FY 2011-12 Projected
Reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections and adhere to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title 22 and other applicable standards	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$440,000. Funds in the amount of \$321,667 are included in the SMMC FY 2011-12 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$118,333 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget. This is the first agreement with Dr. Trindade.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medically indigent or to those covered by programs that do not meet the full costs of care are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC and are within the existing annual appropriation.