



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Health System

**DATE:** June 30, 2009  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 25, 2009  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Ronald Greenwald, MD

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with Ronald Greenwald, MD, to provide neurosurgery services in an amount not to exceed \$579,696 for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011; and
2. Authorizing the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

**BACKGROUND:**

Neurosurgery services are provided under the general direction of the Chief of Surgery of San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Such care includes the evaluation and treatment of brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nervous system disease, including brain cancer, brain aneurysms, spinal cord and nerve root impingement syndromes (ruptured/herniated discs), and peripheral nerve impingement syndromes (carpal tunnel).

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Greenwald has provided professional neurosurgery services at SMMC since 1991. He performs surgeries and provides a half-day clinic every week. In addition, Dr. Greenwald provides Emergency Department call coverage every night.

The Health System Redesign Initiative Team, County Counsel and Risk Management have reviewed and approved this Agreement.

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.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing patients with access to the evaluation and treatment of brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nervous system disease, including brain cancer, brain aneurysms, spinal cord and nerve root impingement syndromes (ruptured/herniated discs), and peripheral nerve impingement syndromes (carpal tunnel). It is anticipated that 100% of cases will have appropriate and timely antibiotic administration, which is an indicator of quality patient care and meets Joint Commission of American Hospital guidelines for accreditation.

**Performance Measures:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2008-09 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009-10 Projected</b>
Percentage of cases with appropriate and timely antibiotic administration	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. The maximum amount of the Agreement is \$579,696. Of the funds to pay for these services, \$289,848 are included in the SMMC tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget and \$289,848 will be included in the SMMC FY 2010-11 Recommended Budget. 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.