

Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

Medical Staff Services Update



MEET THE HMSL MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES TEAM

Please join me in welcoming **Vanessa Simmons**, our newest member of the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Medical Staff Services team. Vanessa has served in several roles at HMSL over the years through our staffing agency, and we're excited that she's now a permanent part of the team, serving as an administrative assistant. Vanessa coordinates all of our physician department and committee meetings.

Mandi Miller is a credentialing specialist, handling all our initial applications to the HMSL medical staff and ensuring providers' licenses and insurance remain up to date. She's been at Houston Methodist for a total of 20 years. She was at HMSL for several years before moving to the Centralized Credentialing team, and now she's back at HMSL.

Pat Hogue is also a credentialing specialist, handling all our reappointments to the HMSL medical staff and our ED call schedules, and call pay, along with contracts. Pat has been at Houston Methodist a total of 35 years. Prior to joining the Medical Staff Services team, she served as an executive secretary in administration.

Jason Reynolds is our physician IT support coordinator. He plays a key role in ensuring our providers are set up with the technology tools they need to work in the hospital. Jason facilitates one-on-one Physician Accelerated Clinical Efficiency (PACE) sessions to help providers get set up with Epic and Epic mobile apps, Dragon dictation, PerfectServe, e-prescribing controlled substances, etc. Jason has been at Houston Methodist a total of 12 years. Prior to joining HMSL, he was a team lead in IT, responsible for a variety of apps, including Dragon.

Autumn Kirsch is a project manager, supporting Dr. Nicholas Desai in his role as CMO/CQO as well as the Medical Staff Services team. Autumn has been at Houston Methodist for 6.5 years, serving in various communications and change/project management roles before joining the HMSL family in Aug. 2021. Over the past several months, Autumn has been working with our team to map out our core processes and identify opportunities to streamline work, maximize efficiencies and enhance communication.

If you have any questions, or need support from our team, please contact us at HMSLMedStaff@houstonmethodist.org.