

Lifelines

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TIMOTHY J. BABINEAU, MD



This time each year, we perform the “budget process,” where the hospitals map out finances for the upcoming fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). It is a complex and comprehensive review of where we have been,

where we are headed, and an assessment of the external regulatory, political and health care landscape. Like a household budget, our budget is built around the concept of revenue (money coming to the hospital from a variety of sources) and expenses (what the hospital spends to “pay its bills”).

One of our major concerns is that the number of patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid and charity care continues to grow. Providing this care is vitally important to our communities, but it represents a continued and daunting financial challenge. We rely more and more on philanthropic gifts as revenue, and also receive “grants” from the government and private industry to cover the costs associated with our extensive and critically important research operations. Typically, we break even in this area, but this source of income is also under stress.

The largest two expenses for our two hospitals are the salaries and benefits we pay to all of our employees, and the medications, supplies and equipment needed to deliver the lifesaving, cutting-edge medical care that is our trademark. Though considerable, these expenses are

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LIFESPAN LEADS THE WAY: NEW WOMEN’S MEDICINE COLLABORATIVE



Colleen Kelly, MD, with patient Angelina Lonzi at 146 West River Street

The Women’s Medicine Collaborative is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary center dedicated to serving the unique health care needs of women. Offering patient-centered care across a full range of services, including women’s primary care and obstetric, gastrointestinal and behavioral medicine, the collaborative provides personalized care that puts patients’ comfort and convenience first. The collaborative is comprised of approximately 20 board-certified physicians with diverse specialty training; many also serve as faculty for The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and are national leaders in their fields.

Women’s primary care serves and supports the health and well being of women 18 years and older. From routine exams to care for acute and chronic conditions, the program offers extensive primary care services, including annual physicals, bone density testing, cancer screenings, diabetes management, pulmonary function testing, sick visit appointments and vaccinations. Primary care takes a team approach to patient care by helping to coordinate appointments with specialists and guiding patients through the health care system.

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JOINT COMMISSION VISIT A SUCCESS

In June, The Miriam Hospital completed a triennial Joint Commission survey, in which a total of four surveyors visited the hospital and its outpatient and offsite locations for a full week. Joint Commission visits are now unannounced and unplanned for the most part; hospitals are given an 18-month window during which the survey will occur. The Miriam’s took place in nearly the last week of that timeframe.

The Joint Commission identified the following areas at The Miriam to be priority focus areas for the survey: patient safety, assessment and care/services, communication and credentialed practitioners. It also selected four primary clinical service groups: general surgery, cardiology, orthopedics, and a group that included several services: gastroenterology, oncology and vascular surgery.

“The focus areas and clinical service groups selected cross all departments and services, so I actually think the survey was very fair and the choices were representative of our patient population,” says Diana Wantoch, RN, MBA, director of

quality management at The Miriam. “It was a very busy week, though! We had four surveyors, and staff accompanied each surveyor every day.”

The initial outcomes of the survey were good; however, the bar had been raised this year, as The Joint Commission incorporated CMS standards for the first time. “Specific areas that we need to improve hospital-wide are to make sure all medical record entries have a date and time, and that unsafe abbreviations are not used,” reports Wantoch. The Miriam has been implementing action plans, addressing identified problems, reporting these changes back to The Joint Commission and working to hardwire and sustain the improvements.

“We received very positive feedback from the surveyors. We received praise for our commitment and our caring staff, and



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Gary Bubly, MD, FACEP

Gary Bubly, MD, FACEP, medical director of emergency medicine at The Miriam, has a fond and rewarding relationship with the hospital that dates back to his residency in 1987.

“I like the collegiality and the friendliness among the staff, and the collaboration with nursing and ancillary services is really excellent,” says Bubly. “The relationships between staff are very important, and everyone is respectful of one another. There’s a lot of teamwork here.”

Bubly, who is president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, was associate director of the emergency department at The Miriam for nearly 16 years. Of his specialty Bubly says, “I love the acuity and breadth of emergency medicine. It’s such a wide spectrum from heart attacks and strokes, to orthopedics, wound care and trauma. I find it emotionally rewarding and intellectually satisfying. I really enjoy interacting often with The Miriam’s high caliber specialists. I feel lucky to work with an extremely talented group of emergency physicians, and fantastic emergency nurses at TMH ED.”

The choice to pursue a career in medicine was not difficult for Bubly; however, he used his time as an undergrad at Dartmouth College to study art history and the Renaissance. “My mother was an artist and my father an architect/engineer, so my background has always been a mix of art and science,” he says. In his free time, Bubly is more likely to be found on the water than in an art studio. “I love to scuba dive, wind surf and generally soak in salt water.”

Bubly also devotes a large amount of time to advocacy work. Working with colleagues from the medical society and the University Emergency Medicine Foundation, along with many other groups, Bubly was involved in the effort that passed Rhode Island’s recent primary seatbelt legislation—a project that began 10 years ago. Bubly says, “What I’m doing now is a good use of my skills set. I love my advocacy work, what I do as an administrator, teaching medical students and residents, but most of all taking care of patients; it ‘stokes me,’ as the surfers say.”

Mary Hohenhaus, MD, Recognized for Excellence in Teaching



Mary Helen Hohenhaus, MD, FACP, a board-certified internal medicine attending physician at The Miriam Hospital, is this year’s recipient of The Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award. Created by a gift from the Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman family, the award recognizes excellence in teaching by a Miriam physician who is currently and actively involved in the education of medical students, resident physicians and other colleagues.

“Dr. Hohenhaus is a pivotal part of the clinical experience at The Miriam Hospital. She is a constant presence in the resident-driven internal medicine clinic. She is always ready to help with patient care and the physical exam, both to teach new skills and confirm interesting findings,” says Lauren Welicky, MD, a chief medical resident who nominated Hohenhaus.

Hohenhaus joined The Miriam in 2005 after completing her residency in general internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital, where she served as chief resident. Hohenhaus has held numerous teaching roles at The Miriam, where she is currently medical director of the Internal Medicine Residency Continuity Clinic and assistant director of the Medical Educational Exchange with Moi University Teaching and Research Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. She is also a clinical assistant professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

“Dr. Hohenhaus helps to mold new interns who are just starting their training, as well as support residents who are interested in pursuing a career in or related to primary care,” Welicky says. “She is always willing to take the time to discuss career planning and options that might not have been immediately apparent.”

“A valuable trait in any physician is a willingness to help build and foster colleagues, which helps us provide our patients with the best care possible,” says Arthur J. Sampson, executive director of The Miriam Hospital. “I applaud Dr. Hohenhaus for her dedication to the advancement of medicine and for tirelessly helping fellow physicians to better themselves.”

Program Among the Nation’s First to Support Parents in Distress

Rhode Island Hospital has launched the Parent Wellness Program within the adult partial hospitalization program. This program will address the needs of parents struggling with varied challenges, including children’s physical or mental health, bullying and school-related problems, and families coping with transition and change. The adult partial hospitalization program, part of the department of psychiatry, is one of the first of its kind in the country.

“Parents are facing myriad challenges today,” says Rendueles Villalba, MD, medical director of the adult partial hospitalization program. “Even when children are physically and mentally healthy, parents face the daily challenges of juggling children’s schedules, work responsibilities and family obligations. Add an illness or behavioral issue into the mix, and it can be overwhelming for a parent.”

Villalba says, “This is precisely why we created the Parent Wellness Program, to address the challenges, and help parents learn to manage their stress and develop coping techniques. Parents naturally put their children’s needs first, but when the stress becomes overwhelming, it’s important to take care of the parent.”

Treatment plans are short-term and individually tailored to each family. Patients attend the program six hours per day on weekdays and return home in the evenings. Group, individual and couples/family psychotherapy, as well as medication treatment, are available.

For more information, call 4-2128 or visit www.rhodeislandhospital.org/rih/services/mentalhealth/partial/.

Join the Rhode Island Hospital Guild

The Rhode Island Hospital Guild invites you to contribute your creative energy and support and join an ongoing tradition. For over 50 years, the guild has played a major role in supporting Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital and their employees.

Members of the guild help the hospitals maintain their quality of care in many ways, including raising funds for equipment and patient services; providing continuing education materials for employees; and refurbishing the Chapel of Hope to ensure that patients and employees have a peaceful haven in which to seek spiritual comfort.

The guild achieves its goals and stimulates future growth by combining current philosophies with new ideas. New members enjoy becoming part of a tight-knit team of over 200 and will play an important role in the future of Rhode Island Hospital and its mission of caring for its patients, families and communities.

Annual membership is \$20. Life membership is \$125. For more information or to join, contact Paula Tartaglione-Hall at 4-8970 or visit the guild office in the Annex Building, Room 207.

Navigating Through Treatment and Beyond: A Lecture Series for Cancer Survivors

Lecture Schedule

- Sept 22 Coping Strategies for Patients and Families;** John Wincz, PhD, The Miriam Hospital; Diane Passantino, MSW, LICSW, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Rhode Island Hospital
- Sept 29 Better Living through Healthy Eating;** Mary Flynn, PhD, RD, Chief Research Dietitian, The Miriam Hospital
- Oct 6 Ask the Doctor;** William Sikov, MD, The Miriam Oncology Group, Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family, Comprehensive Cancer Center, The Miriam Hospital
- Oct 13 Stay Fit for Life;** Carrie Marcil, PT, Supervisor, Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, The Miriam Hospital; Judy Cerrito, Program Coordinator, The YMCA of Greater Rhode Island
- Oct 20 Radiation Therapy and Prostate Cancer;** Scott Trieman, MD, The Miriam Hospital

Lectures are held on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hurvitz Board Room at The Miriam Hospital.

Lectures are free and open to the public. To register please call 401-444-4800 or 1-800-927-1230 or visit www.miriamhospital.org.

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critically important to ensure we have a strong, viable, committed workforce dedicated to providing expert and compassionate patient care.

At the end of the fiscal year, our “margin,” or leftover money, is reinvested back into our hospitals, whereas if we were a for-profit company, part of the margin would be distributed to individuals (usually shareholders) who have invested in the company. This is an increasingly important distinction, as mission-driven organizations like ours may have to compete with for-profit health care systems.

Despite the challenges that face our health care system, there is much each of us can do to help enhance our focus on patient safety and quality while controlling expenses. Not only is it ethical, of course, but it also helps our financial performance. Like our team approach to quality care, the business of medicine also requires teamwork to ensure a bright future for our employees and our patients. As always, I know that I can count on each and every one of you to do your part for our team, our patients and our community.

In the steadfast pursuit of excellence, I remain, sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Babineau, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital

New Union Agreement Reached

The United Nurses and Allied Professionals (UNAP) union has ratified a new four-year contract at Rhode Island Hospital. The contract, which was ratified 944 to 260, went into effect July 1. We appreciate and recognize the extraordinary work and spirit of cooperation that made this new agreement possible.

UNAP is a regional health care union representing nearly 5,500 nurses, technologists, therapists, support staff and other health care workers employed in Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut. It is committed to improving working conditions and economic well-being for its members and health care for patients.

“I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done.”

—Marie Curie



Robson Named Administrative Director

Rhode Island Hospital welcomes John Allen Robson, who assumed the role of administrative director of the Norman Prince Neurosciences Institute (NPNI) September 1.

Robson has been a scientist or administrator within the neurosciences for most of his career. Before joining Rhode Island Hospital, he was vice president of operations at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the state’s stem cell funding agency and the largest of its kind in the world. Robson has also served as director of the neuroscience program at State University of New York’s Upstate Medical University and associate director of scientific affairs of the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital at McGill University.

During his first year as NPNI administrative director, his focus will include raising the visibility of the center among scientists and the public, and launching the first Center of Excellence under the NPNI. Robson also intends to forge collaboration among researchers and clinicians and help attract those interested in translational research.

Robson will report to G. Rees Cosgrove, M.D., chief of the department of neurosurgery at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals, who will serve as the clinical director of the Norman Prince Neurosciences Institute. He also will serve as an associate director of the Brown Institute for Brain Science (BIBS) at Brown University, joining Director John Donoghue, Ph.D., and Associate Director R. John Davenport, Ph.D.



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Obstetric medicine recognizes that the needs of a pregnant woman with underlying medical issues are unique. The collaborative’s physicians are highly experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of medical problems in pregnancy, and work with high-risk specialists to provide patients with comprehensive, coordinated care. Some of the common conditions treated include autoimmune diseases, bleeding disorders, heart disease and thyroid problems. Obstetric medicine also evaluates and treats acute symptoms in pregnancy, such as headaches, lower back pain and shortness of breath. The program provides tailored consultations, ranging from a one-time meeting to following a patient throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period. Physicians see patients on an outpatient basis, as well as those admitted to Women & Infants Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital.

The Center for Women’s Gastrointestinal Medicine at the collaborative is at the forefront of women’s gastrointestinal health, and offers clinical expertise, state-of-the-art technology and academic excellence. The center treats women at all stages of life, including pregnancy, for all major diseases and conditions of the intestine and liver, including celiac disease, colorectal cancer, pelvic floor disorders, gastroesophageal reflux disease, hepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, and swallowing disorders. The center also offers women-only endoscopy and colorectal cancer screenings, and participates in a gastroenterology tumor board.

The women’s behavioral medicine program offers specialized, personal help for behavioral health issues exclusive to women, including mood and anxiety disorders during the menstrual cycle, pregnancy, postpartum and menopause. The program also sees women with mood disorders related to chronic medical illness or those facing infertility or pregnancy loss. Board-certified psychiatrists, along with social workers, provide psychiatric consultation to women inpatients or emergency room patients at Women & Infants.

Finally, the collaborative also offers women’s specialty services that provide women unparalleled expertise and experi-



“We are thrilled to be here and grateful to our colleagues who have supported this transition and to the many people at Lifespan who have made this possible. We love working collaboratively with other practitioners to contribute to their patient’s care in a way that is coordinated, recognizes the importance of the referring physician’s role and respects the primary relationship they have with their patients.”

- Karen Rosene Montella
Senior Vice President, Women’s Services
and Clinical Integration, Lifespan

ence in diverse areas, including pulmonary medicine and asthma management, pulmonary disease and infectious diseases consultation.

To learn more about the Women’s Medicine Collaborative, including information on services, health insurance, contact numbers and staff availability, please visit www.womensmedicine.org.



Meet Your Safety Champions!

The Miriam Hospital's new hospital-wide Safety Champion Program involves representatives from every hospital department, chosen for their attitude, enthusiasm and communications skills around safety. These 45 safety champions will meet once a month to discuss safety issues, go over best practices and receive training to help positively affect safety outcomes.

The champions' role will be to advocate for safety and promote safe practices in daily interactions with colleagues and during the normal course of the work day. Please support our safety champions as they advocate for safety and excellence at our hospital. We thank them for their commitment to high-quality care.

Jennifer Adams	Justine M. Goldsworth	Susan M. Papazian
Laura Aldridge	Gail Gonsalves	Demetrius Perry
Janice Archer	Denise Goodinson	Michelle Petrin
Donna Attardo	Catherine Gordon	Stephanie Popovich
Dianne Auld	Bela Gouveia	Leonor Quinones
Elizabeth Avila	Evelyn Infante	Cindy Rivet
Lindsey Bathgate	Angela Lambert	Carrie Sawyer
Suzanne Brown	Gary Lamontagne	Savannah Seidel
Melissa Coelho	Deborah LaSalle	Marc Siniscalchi
Laurie Cornell	Gail Manni	Marissa Souza
Peter Cruz	Dawn Maxwell	Isabel Tavares
Laura Deffenbaugh	Andrea McDonald	Olutosin Taylor
Clara Doucet	Kenneth McParlin	Alice Vasconcelos
Linda Feid	Richard Nichols	Susan Vetri
Robin Gay	Kimberly Paiva	Kristen Young

RESEARCH NEWS

Study Examines Female Victims of Violent Injury

A new study from Rhode Island Hospital shows that a large proportion of victims of community violence treated in its emergency department are female.

Injured adolescent females are more likely than males to be injured by a relative or intimate partner, and are more likely to be injured by a single assailant. Among females ages 10 to 19 who suffer an injury, however, most of the injuries are inflicted by a non-partner; these injuries are also more likely to have been caused by blunt force than a weapon. The study is now published online in advance of print in the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*. The lead author of the study is Megan Ranney, MD, MPH, of the department of emergency medicine at Rhode Island Hospital.

Ranney says, "To our knowledge, these distinctions have not been previously reported in the literature. These findings have important implications for preventing violent injury among young women; although dating violence is an important cause of injury, so are fights with friends."

Read more and watch a featured video with Ranney at www.rhodeislandhospital.org.

Resistance Training Can Help Smokers Kick the Habit

According to a recent study by researchers at the Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine at The Miriam Hospital, resistance training, or weight lifting, may help smokers kick the habit. The study is the first to examine resistance training as an aid for smoking cessation and is published online by the journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*.

According to the findings, male and female smokers who completed a 12-week resistance training regimen as part of a standard smoking cessation treatment program were twice as likely to successfully quit compared to those who did not regularly lift weights.

"Cigarette smoking kills more than a thousand Americans every day, and while the large majority of smokers want to quit, less than five percent are able to do it without help," says lead author Joseph Ciccolo, PhD, an exercise psychologist, researcher and physiologist with The Miriam Hospital's Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine. "We need any new tools that can help smokers successfully quit and it appears resistance training could potentially be an effective strategy."

Spiritual Care

Spiritual care services at The Miriam offers interfaith spiritual and emotional support to patients, families and staff. Spiritual care provides prayer, rituals and sacraments with respect for each individual's faith tradition, and aids families and staff who experience spiritual distress.

"Spiritual care has always had a strong foundation here," says Pastor Nick Gilbert, director of spiritual care at The Miriam. "We accompany all patients through the journey of illness. Our staff consists of interfaith chaplains, as well as Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant clergy. We also have clinical pastoral education students who train here." The Miriam's non-denominational chapel, which is always open for meditation and prayer, is located on the first floor near the emergency department.

"Recently we've focused on developing new programs for staff, such as meditation sessions that are especially helpful for those taking care of critically ill patients. We're collaborating more closely with social work services, palliative care and hospice in an effort to coordinate spiritual care with end of life care. For example, we've developed a strong spiritual care presence in the ICU," says Gilbert.

In addition to these collaborative efforts, spiritual care staff have been raising awareness throughout the hospital about their services—and over the past two months, the number of referrals from physicians and nurses has doubled.

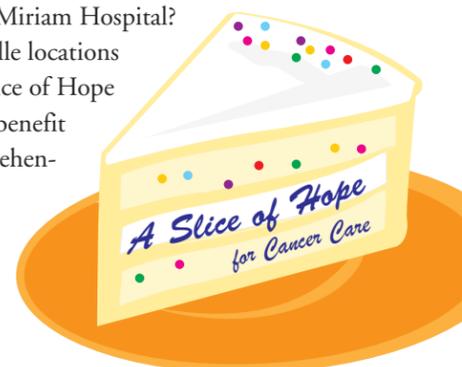
Gilbert says, "We're having a memorial service on September 20 to remember all patients who died in the previous year. It's for relatives and friends as well as the entire hospital staff." The service, The Miriam's first since 2003, will take place in the Sopkin Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Chelo's Serves Up a Slice of Hope Cake for Cancer Care

Want a sweet way to support cancer care at The Miriam Hospital? Visit one of seven Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille locations throughout Rhode Island. You can purchase a Slice of Hope Cake or a single slice. A cut of the proceeds will benefit The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital.

"The Miriam provides excellent care for a member of my family," says Diane Chelo. "With our delicious Slice of Hope, we're giving back."

Says Fred Schiffman, MD, director of the cancer center and Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine, "We are grateful to the Chelo family for their amazing generosity in helping us deliver the best care to our cancer patients and their families. And we thank everyone in the community who supports Slice of Hope and assists us in our fight against cancer."



DISTINCTIONS



J. Dawn Abbott, MD

Rhode Island Hospital's **J. Dawn Abbott, MD**, is one of 10 national fellows selected for the inaugural Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) Emerging Leader Mentorship (ELM) Program, in partnership with the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the Cardiovascular Research Foundation (CRF). Abbott is part of a small, carefully selected group of up-and-coming physicians who will contribute to the national interventional landscape as leaders in the field of interventional cardiology.

Mitchell M. Levy, MD, interim chief of the division of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at Rhode Island Hospital, has been named a member of the newly established Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Ad Hoc Safety Workgroup. MAP is a public-private partnership convened by the National Quality Forum for the explicit purpose of providing input to the Rhode Island Department of Health and Human Services on the selection of performance measures for public reporting and performance-based payment programs, as required in The Affordable Care Act.



Mitchell M. Levy, MD



Francois Luks, MD

Francois Luks, MD, of Hasbro Children's Hospital, and wife **Monique De Paepe, MD**, of Rhode Island Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital, were elected Alumni Couple of the Year 2011 of the University of Antwerp (Belgium). They had been nominated to represent the School of Medicine at their alma mater for their pioneering work in fetal surgery and lung pathology, respectively. It was the first time in the university's history that a couple was chosen.

Sylvia Weber, MS, RN, PCNS, has been named to the board of trustees of the American Nurses Association Political Action Committee. She has been actively involved in representing professional nursing on local and national levels and this recent achievement is just one of many in her long and active career in professional nursing.

Patricia Wolfe, director of rehabilitation services at Rhode Island Hospital, was the chief delegate of the US American Physical Therapy Association Section on Women's Health at the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) congress in Amsterdam, June 19 to 23. The WCPT, the sole international organization representing physical therapists, is dedicated to promoting the profession and improving global health. A total of 5,274 physical therapists attended the congress, making it one of the biggest congresses in WCPT's history.



Patricia Wolfe

Members of **The Miriam Hospital's perioperative services staff** were awarded certificates of achievement and appreciation for their work in creating and promoting sensible methods that improve patient safety.

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for how willing everyone was to speak with the surveyors and explain how we do things here," says Wantoch. "They were particularly impressed with our GENESIS Program, our patient safety program and quality boards around the hospital. They were also complimentary of the changes made to areas in need of renovation since the last survey, for example our new pharmacy and dialysis unit.

"The surveyors were very collaborative and even helpful. We felt comfortable talking to them so it was a good process overall," says Wantoch, who estimates that the final results of the survey will be available in January. "Of course, we are diligently working on the areas identified and want to thank our staff for their participation and wonderful work."

Stroke Center Earns Bronze Award

The Stroke Center at Rhode Island Hospital has earned the Bronze Award from the American Heart Association (AHA).

The award is given to hospitals that achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to the AHA's "Get with the Guidelines" stroke standards for more than three consecutive months. The standards are in place to help hospitals treat patients according to the most up-to-date guidelines surrounding quality of patient care and outcomes. The Stroke Center's intention is to achieve gold status—recognition of proficiency for 24 consecutive months. In addition, the center has also been named an AHA Target: Stroke honor roll site for treating more than 50 percent of stroke patients with tPA in less than 60 minutes during a quarter. Very few hospitals have achieved this status.

"These achievements represent the collaboration of many groups from multiple departments," says Brian Silver, MD, director of the Stroke Center at Rhode Island Hospital. "The synchronization of efforts has led to improved stroke care at Rhode Island Hospital. The rapid treatment of stroke patients with tPA is particularly notable because less than 10 percent of hospitals in the nation have achieved this distinction."

Notes from the Rabbi

Rabbi Janie Hodgetts



The Jewish high holidays refer to the holy ten-day period beginning on Rosh Hashanah and ending on Yom Kippur. This year, Rosh Hashanah starts at sundown on September 28 and concludes on the evening of September 30. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the Jewish New Year as well as the creation of the world. The shofar (ram's horn) is sounded at the synagogue, awakening us from spiritual slumber. We are challenged to look at ourselves honestly, and consider how we would like to make changes in our behavior in the year to come. In the prayers for this holiday we ask to be "remembered unto life" and that our name be inscribed in the "Book of Life." It is tradition to dip apples in honey to express the hope that sweetness will enter one's life in the coming year. When greeting people during the high holidays, one says "l'shanah tova," which means, "have a good year."

During the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one continues with self-examination, making resolutions and sincere efforts to correct one's faults. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins at sundown on October 7 and concludes at nightfall of the following day. Yom Kippur atones for transgressions against God, but does not include wrong against our fellow human beings. Accordingly, it is the universal Jewish custom during the ten-day Yamin Noraim (Days of Awe) to apologize and ask for forgiveness from any people we may have hurt over the past year. Yom Kippur is not a holiday in the sense of joyful celebration but a day of fasting and intensive prayer. The holiday concludes with friends and families gathering both in the synagogue and at home to celebrate the completion of Yom Kippur and to enjoy food and drink after a day of restriction.

The Miriam's annual celebration of Rosh Hashanah will be held September 27 at 2 p.m. Join us in the lobby for the blowing of the shofar and holiday treats.

Celebrate Arts + Health Month

November 2011 is the second annual international Arts + Health Month. Founded by the Society for the Arts in Healthcare, Arts + Health Month is an opportunity for organizations and individuals worldwide to promote the integration of the arts—including literary, performing, and visual arts and design—into a wide variety of health care and community settings for therapeutic, educational and expressive purposes.

Lifespan hospitals will recognize Arts + Health Month through a variety of events, including performances in public spaces, special art exhibits, art workshops for staff and visitors, walls of "tape art," arts information tables, healing arts displays (in the Rhode Island Hospital APC case) and educational forums on arts in health care.

Research demonstrates that the arts in health care benefits patients, caregivers and providers alike by enhancing environments, improving communication and aiding in physical and emotional recovery. Lifespan hospitals have long recognized the healing power of the arts by incorporating artistic experiences into clinical environment.

For more information about Arts + Health Month, contact Paula Most, coordinator for the arts at Lifespan, at pmost@lifespan.org, or visit www.thesah.org. Look for a detailed listing of Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals events on the Lifespan Intranet in October.

National Stuttering Association Support Group

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Hurvitz Board Room
The Miriam Hospital
164 Summit Avenue, Providence

Join us for a meeting of the local chapter of the National Stuttering Association. This group is for adults, but minors may attend if accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Beth Baccari at mbaccari1@cox.net.

National Car Seat Check

Saturday, September 24
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Kohl's Department Stores
Putnam Pike, Smithfield, RI

In support of National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 19 - 24, Kohl's Department Stores will host a free car seat check. A certified technician from Rhode Island Hospital's Injury Prevention Center will conduct the seat checks.

Food, face painting, arts and crafts and other fun activities for kids will be provided, as well as a visit from Sparky the fire dog.

Additional car seat check events will be held on numerous dates at several locations throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts through October. For a calendar, visit www.rhodeislandhospital.org or call the Injury Prevention Center at 401-444-5018.

National Cancer Survivors Day

September 18, noon - 3 p.m.
Roger Williams Park Casino

Special thanks to Victor and Gussie Baxt for their generous support!

Clinical Documentation Week

September 19 - 23

GENEROSITY

Brian J. Zink, MD, Named Inaugural Professor in Emergency Medicine

Brian J. Zink, MD, physician-in-chief of emergency medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, and professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, is the inaugural recipient of the Frances Weeden Gibson - Edward A. Iannuccilli, MD, Professorship in Emergency Medicine. This is one of the nation's few academic professorships in emergency medicine.

"Growth in the specialty of academic emergency medicine has been remarkable. Research in emergency medicine has blossomed in the past decade with groundbreaking discoveries in areas ranging from cardiac arrest to public health," says Zink, who oversees the Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center, the Medical Simulation Center and the Injury Prevention Center at Rhode Island Hospital.

As Rhode Island's only Level I trauma center, Rhode Island Hospital is a crucial resource for emergency medical care and a major contributor to research discoveries in the field. For these reasons, Rhode Island Hospital is the ideal home for this important academic professorship.

The professorship honors and preserves the legacy of Edward A. Iannuccilli, MD—one of Rhode Island Hospital's most beloved and dedicated physicians. Iannuccilli, a gastroenterologist, practiced medicine at the hospital for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2000. He also served as chairman of the hospital's board of trustees from 2001 to 2006.

"Dr. Iannuccilli put his heart and soul into medicine and treating his patients—he was always so extraordinarily dedicated to his patients," says Joseph D. DiMase, MD, a Rhode Island Hospital gastroenterologist. "They loved him, and so do I!"



The campaign to fund the professorship is a joint endeavor of Rhode Island Hospital and Alpert Medical School, and each organization raised \$1.5 million from generous donors. This professorship also honors Frances Weeden Gibson, a benefactor of Brown University and a third-generation Brown alumna whose estate gift funded the medical school's portion of the endowment.

The funds will support faculty, fellow and resident research and education across many areas, including cardiac emergencies and stroke, pediatric emergencies, injury prevention, toxicology, medical simulation, medical arts and humanities, emergency medical services and disaster medicine, international emergency medicine, sports medicine, emergency ultrasound, and women's emergency care.

"Dr. Zink is an extraordinary physician and leader, and the ideal choice for this endowed professorship to help us provide exceptional emergency medical care, education, research and service to the people of Rhode Island and beyond," says Thomas M. Drew, MD, a Rhode Island Hospital cardiologist who helped spearhead the campaign.

Attend the 2011 Trauma Care Conference

Learn about the physiological and psychological impact of traumatic injury and the effects of trauma on the lives of patients and their families at "Trauma Care: Life Changes in an Instant" October 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

At this multidisciplinary conference, participants will have the opportunity to network with regional trauma care providers and see the latest medications, devices and services available to assist in providing the best state-of-the-art trauma care.

Educational credits are available to RNs and pre-hospital providers (EMTs). For more information and to register, visit www.rhodeislandhospital.org/rih/services/surgery/trauma/conference.htm.

DreamNight at the Zoo



On June 3, Roger Williams Park Zoo, in partnership with Hasbro Children's Hospital, hosted the seventh annual "DreamNight at the Zoo" for children with special health care needs within the Children's Neurodevelopment Center (CNDC) at Hasbro Children's Hospital. More than 1,100 children and families enjoyed this unique and memorable zoo experience, which was staffed with volunteers from the zoo and hospital.

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