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Good day!

In this issue:



In order to truly achieve the triple aim in health care—improving the health of the population, improving the patient experience and reducing cost—we need to provide the right care in the right setting. And in many cases, that means expanding services in our outpatient settings.

Take, for instance, what is happening right now on our Women & Infants' campus where I had the opportunity to speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony last week for Women & Infants' Center for Women's Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, the clinical services of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery.

A tertiary care center, the Center for Women's Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery faculty have expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of pelvic floor disorders such as urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, defecatory dysfunction, interstitial cystitis, and fistulas. With eight to 10 million women in the U.S. alone seriously affected by urinary incontinence and pelvic floor disorders, these services are vital. Further, Women & Infants is one of just eight medical centers from across the U.S., and the only one in the northeast, to be selected by *The Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development to



Cutting the ribbon on the new Center for Women's Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery recently were, from left: Deborah Myers, MD, director; Maureen Phipps, MD, chief of obstetrics and gynecology; Dennis Keefe, president and CEO of Care New England; and Mark Marcantano, president and COO of Women & Infants.

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participate in the National Pelvic Floor Disorders Network (PFDN), working collaboratively to develop and perform research studies related to women with pelvic floor disorders. As if that were not enough, this program is the largest of its type across the nation.

Yet, despite its impressive stature and volume, the service had long made due with cramped quarters and other amenity deficits. Now, we can be proud that the staff has a physical location commensurate with their excellent care—and caring—which features more space, new technologies, enhanced privacy for patients, among many other benefits. Congratulations, Dr. Myers and your superb team of clinicians!

This is not the only significant development coming out of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology this week. Our esteemed Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology Maureen Phipps, MD, announces the appointment of a new director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) Ruben Alvero, MD, FACOG, FACS, who arrives at the hospital today. Dr. Alvero is a recognized leader in the field of obstetrics and gynecology and reproductive endocrinology and infertility, and he has been at the forefront of new initiatives to improve patient care through quality initiatives, educational advancements and surgical innovation.

Hailing from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, where he was the division director for REI and vice chairman for education and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology, he is a founding member of the University of Colorado's Center for Surgical Innovation and served on its board of directors.

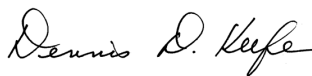
Dr. Alvero is a graduate of Harvard University, and he earned his medical degree at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the National Institutes of Health. Named one of the Best Doctors in America by Best Doctors, Inc. since 2005, Dr. Alvero serves on the editorial boards of *Reproductive Medicine Insights and Clinical Medicine: Case Reports* and is a peer reviewer for *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Human Reproduction*, *Fertility and Sterility*, and *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

We look forward to Dr. Alvero's leadership as he joins the great team of specialists in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Women & Infants.

It is clear we are building a better Care New England for the benefit of our patients and our community. Please pass on the news of these service enhancements at Care New England to your friends and family.

Have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,



Dennis D. Keefe
President and Chief Executive Officer



CNE Cardiovascular Care sponsors educational session for primary care doctors
Care New England Cardiovascular Care will present an Update in Cardiology for the Primary Care Provider, Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick.

The program will provide an educational experience for primary care providers, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other allied health professionals working in the field of primary care who treat and evaluate patients with cardiovascular disease.

Kent Hospital is accredited by the Rhode Island Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Kent Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.0 AMA PRA category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

To register go to: <http://carenewengland.org/cardiology/2015CME.cfm>.



Women & Infants achieves Baby-Friendly® Hospital status

As this week marks World Breastfeeding Week, Women & Infants Hospital is proud to announce officially being designated a Baby-Friendly® Hospital (<https://www.babyfriendlyusa.org>).

This designation further signifies the hospital's commitment to ensuring that every woman who delivers a baby at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island is offered the resources, the information, the support needed to help her and her baby get the best, healthiest start in life. Not only is this a wonderful achievement for Women & Infants Hospital, but it is a huge accomplishment for the State of Rhode Island. Women & Infants is now the second largest hospital in the U.S. to be designated as a Baby-Friendly® Hospital, second only to The Woman's Hospital of Texas which delivers approximately 10,000 babies each year (to Women & Infants' approximately 8,400). But this designation also means that Rhode Island will now rank number one in the country in the percentage of babies born at a Baby-Friendly® Hospital.



Kent and Memorial hospitals are both embarking on the journey to achieving the Baby-Friendly® Hospital designation as well.

Memorial Hospital golf tourney raises more than \$127,000

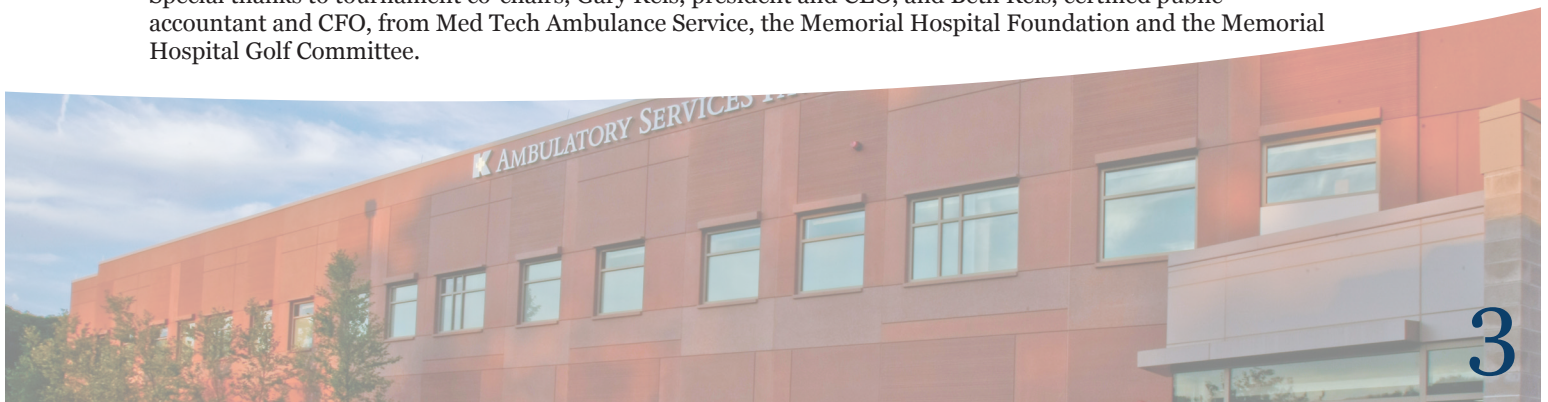
Memorial Hospital's fourth annual golf tournament "A Summer Breeze"—with two flights of golf, a poolside dinner reception with a steel drum band, awards, live and silent auctions and raffles—raised more than \$127,000. Guests heard news about Memorial from former President and COO Edward Schottland; Development Foundation Chair Virginia Roberts; surgeon Alfredo Cordova, MD; and one of Dr. Cordova's grateful patients who spoke about the life-saving and life-changing surgery he received at Memorial.

This year's tournament was again generously presented by Med Tech Ambulance Service. Proceeds will support the renovation of the operating room patient support areas to create a therapeutic environment for patients, caregivers and families so they will have a comfortable place to rest and feel supported. Because the event was so successful, the hospital will also purchase a perioperative C-arm, a mobile imaging machine that provides high-resolution x-rays in real time so surgeons can monitor progress at any point during an operation.

Special thanks to tournament co-chairs, Gary Reis, president and CEO, and Beth Reis, certified public accountant and CFO, from Med Tech Ambulance Service, the Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Memorial Hospital Golf Committee.



Celebrating a Summer Breeze Event are: (left to right) Co-Chairs Gary and Beth Reis, Memorial Hospital Foundation Chair Virginia Roberts, former President & COO Ed Schottland, Alfredo Cordova, MD, and grateful patient, Daniel Ross.



Butler honors staff at Employee Service Awards

At the annual Employee Service Awards on Wednesday, July 22, in Ray Conference Center, Butler honored 49 employees who have served the hospital for 20, 30, 35 and 40 years, as well as presented three special awards.

Employees were announced one by one and asked to stand at their table to receive service awards. To conclude the ceremony, three special awards were given. Donna Dilullo, D4 nurse manager, was awarded the Clare Sullivan Award for Leadership in Compassionate Care; Susan Kelly, MD, D4 unit chief, received the Robert J. Westlake, MD Award for Physician Excellence; and Geralyn Gabriel, assistant to the chief nursing officer, received the Employee of the Year award. Congratulations to our esteemed colleagues.



This year featured a new format, shortening the speaking portion and extending the time for eating and mingling. The new format also included a change in seating style, thanks to a suggestion from the Staff Satisfaction Committee, of a "Golden Globes" style event where awardees sat at round tables with their families and friends, as an alternative to our more traditional auditorium-style seating. The new approach was well received and appreciated by our guests and honorees.


Kent Hospital 2015 AHA Hospital Cup winner

Congratulations Kent Hospital for being honored as the winner of the 2015 American Heart Association's Hospital Cup Challenge having raised an impressive \$35,713! Thank you to everyone who helped support Kent Hospital, Care New England and the Southern New England Heart Walk. Kent's Heart Walk top teams and walkers were recently recognized during a celebration in the Blue Wave Café.

Pictured left to right are Rebecca Gaumitz, Dean Carlson, Mick Dacey, MD, Judy Karneeb, Maria Succi, Sandi Comerford, Stefanie Paolino, Fran Falsey, Elaine Fish, David Raymond.



Take me out to the ball game!

July 29 marked Care New England night at McCoy Stadium as our local PawSox took on the Norfolk Tides. While our Pawtucket home team fell to a 2-0 loss, the Care New England attendees had a great night out enjoying the barbeque and taking in the game. Particularly enjoying the event were Lori Dunphy, a clinical access specialist at Butler, and her son Sean, 12 years old, who threw out the first pitch from our Care New England contingent. 

Shown here are Lori and Sean along with other members of the Dunphy family. At bottom, Dr. James Fanale, acting chief medical officer and chief operating officer at Memorial, poses with Sean along with PawSox pitcher Jess Todd.