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Good day!

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As we work to build a better Care New England on behalf of the patients and communities we serve, last week marked another milestone in our development as a system. We issued a news announcement reporting the successful completion of our first elective coronary angioplasty at Kent Hospital. This follows the state approval we received earlier this year to establish both an elective and emergency angioplasty program.

As many of you know, coronary angioplasty, also referred to as PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention), is a procedure that opens a blocked coronary artery by inflating a balloon and stent in the diseased artery. It is often used for patients suffering from a sudden heart attack. Angioplasty is also effective in relieving symptoms among more stable patients who experience chest discomfort or angina due to coronary artery disease. With the addition of Kent Hospital, there are now four hospitals in the state (two in Providence and one in Woonsocket) offering the procedure.

Care New England's executive chief of cardiology and the leader of the Brigham and Women's Cardiovascular Associates at Care New England, Chester Hedgepeth, MD, PhD, said, "The cardiology program across Care New England, and here at Kent, has grown tremendously over the past several years in providing access to and treatment for general and complex cardiovascular care. The successful launch of our elective angioplasty program represents another critical step in providing the community and patients with the best possible care close to home."

Also quoted in our news release was David O. Williams, MD, senior physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Care New England's director of invasive cardiac

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services, who commented, "Kent Hospital and Care New England have done an excellent job building a strong clinical program helping to meet the needs of Rhode Islanders locally. Building off of this success and the further development and training of clinical staff, Kent Hospital is now able to provide a critical, life-saving, procedure that is the 'standard of care' and that will better serve the community and enhance the care provided here."

Our case for the new program included data presented to the state Department of Health demonstrating that patients residing south of the metro Providence area (more than 300,000 Rhode Islanders) would benefit greatly from expanded access to coronary angioplasty via the new program at Kent. This is because the longer it takes to open a blocked artery in someone having a heart attack, the greater the risk of poor outcomes, including death and disability. We were able to show that minutes matter and there are many patients residing in both Kent and Washington counties who will see their risk of dying reduced by almost 10 percent as a result of decreased transport and transfer times. Also, because more heart muscle will be saved by earlier intervention, the potential of developing congestive heart failure and disability will likewise be reduced substantially.

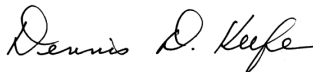
Our elective angioplasty capability will be followed by a 24-hour, emergency angioplasty service early in 2016 after the completion of construction on a second cardiac catheterization lab. The catheterization lab expansion will essentially double patient capacity and allow for the cardiac nursing and technical team to be expanded. Elective PCI, when done in a high-volume setting, builds a strong base for readiness and quick response to emergency PCI patients.

This is fantastic progress. Let me join Michael Dacey Jr., MD, Kent president and COO in congratulating Kent, Ed Thomas, MD, and Ashish Shah, MD, along with a team of highly-trained nurses, technicians and other clinical support staff, who have been participating in additional and intensive training both locally at Kent and at Brigham and Women's. As we expand our program offerings in this critical area of medicine, we do so knowing that heart disease remains the single largest cause of death in the United States and Rhode Island.

We should be proud that Care New England Cardiovascular Care now offers clinical expertise and treatment, from basic cardiac health to all but the most complex, including additional options on where to receive expert and convenient care at Kent Hospital, Memorial Hospital, the new Women's Heart Health of Women & Infants located in downtown Providence and with offices located in Garden City. The cardiovascular service offers a full range of testing and evaluation as well as advanced services for cardiac arrhythmia, advanced valvular heart disease and heart failure. I would encourage all of you to learn more about our capabilities by visiting <http://carenewengland.org/cardiology>.

Help us spread the word about our enhanced program. We are truly better together!

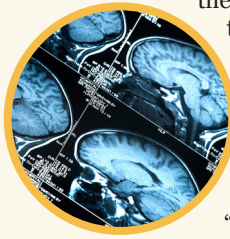
Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer



CNE doctors part of state's new Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program



Armed with a \$2.5-million federal grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the University of Rhode Island will implement the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program to improve the quality of care for older patients. Partnering with Care New England, Brown University, Rhode Island College, the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and Healthcentric Advisors on the project, URI's program will train and educate providers, students and patients about the integrated, multidisciplinary delivery of health care often needed by older patients. URI is one of 14 universities and organizations receiving the maximum allocation over three years.

"The partnerships forged as part of this successful HRSA collaborative agreement are ones that will bring positive change and increased awareness of the need for improved, individualized, and high-quality care for older adults to the entire state," said Dr. Ana Tuya Fulton, director of geriatric medicine at Care New England.

The variety of partners and the interdisciplinary nature of the education program will allow for more integrated and thorough care, according to Dr. Jeffrey Borkan, chairman of the department of family medicine at Brown University's Alpert Medical School.

"This grant provides a framework for meaningful collaboration across the state that will improve the care of the elderly through the creation of inter-professional teams, integration of geriatrics into primary care, and outreach to underserved populations," Dr. Borkan said. "This partnership is a model for the future and should help train the future generation of providers."

The Rhode Island Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program aims to:

- Prepare health professions trainees to practice in and lead integrated geriatrics and primary care delivery systems.
- Develop providers who can assess and address the needs of older adults and their families by integrating geriatrics education into primary care delivery systems to provide coordinated, comprehensive, patient/family-centered health care.
- Develop and offer community-based education programs for patients, families and caregivers to improve the management of multiple chronic conditions.
- Provide Alzheimer's disease and related disorders education to health professions students, providers, patients, families and caregivers.

Dr. Ray Powrie named chief of medicine, senior vice president for population health

Congratulations to Ray Powrie, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, who has officially been named chief of medicine at Women & Infants Hospital and will also be taking on a new role as senior vice president for population health. He will continue in his roles as chief medical quality officer for Care New England, as an attending physician on the obstetric and consultative medicine service, and as a professor of medicine and obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



Dr. Powrie, has served as interim chief of medicine at Women & Infants since 2012, overseeing the clinical and academic work of the Department of Medicine, which includes primary care, women's behavioral health, women's gastrointestinal health, and obstetric and consultative medicine. He has been a strong leader, and the Department of Medicine has experienced tremendous growth under his leadership, including the recruitment of world-class physicians and providers, the introduction of the Integrated Program for High-Risk Pregnancy, in coordination with the Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and the development of an Obesity in Pregnancy Program.

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In his new role as SVP of population health, Dr. Powrie will be looking across the programs and service lines at Women & Infants to ensure that we are providing the right services, at the right time, in the right place to improve the health of our population—which is the women and newborns of our region. As health care is changing and we move more toward quality-based health care focused on the triple aim—improving the patient experience of care, improving the health of the population, and reducing the cost of health care—having someone with Dr. Powrie’s knowledge and experience leading our efforts is crucial.

IntakeDirect makes it easy to connect patients to TPC



When you have an adult, child or family in need of mental health or substance use recovery services, IntakeDIRECT presents a streamlined process specifically for Care New England providers to refer patients to The Providence Center (TPC) mental health or substance use treatment program. When calling the hotline (415-8875), doctors and clinicians speak with an intake specialist who will help identify the best TPC program to meet the patient’s needs. IntakeDIRECT was developed in consultation with CNE’s Brain and Behavioral Health team to improve patient care by streamlining the connection to TPC services. IntakeDIRECT also connects providers to Continuum Behavioral Health, our subsidiary corporation which offers comprehensive mental health services and substance use services for commercially insured patients. Continuum’s services range from outpatient counseling and psychiatry to intensive outpatient and residential addiction treatment.

NK5K slated for September 5

It’s time again to lace up your sneakers for the Kent Hospital NK5K on Saturday, September 5, 2015, at North Kingstown High School. Join the Care New England team as we participate in this wonderful 5K/3.1-mile walk/run through beautiful North Kingstown. As CNE employees, we have free entries for this race. If you are interested in joining our team, log onto <http://NK5K.net>. Our team name is Care New England and our password is CNE2015. If you have any further questions, please contact Melissa Costello at ext. 31395 or mfcostello@kentri.org.



It’s almost time for Swim Across America

Join Swim Across America as a swimmer or volunteer—Saturday, September 12, 2015, early morning, at Roger Wheeler Beach in Narragansett—and help raise funds for Women & Infants’ oncology research.



Does a mile or half-mile open-water swim sound like an excellent challenge? It’s not too late for you, your friends and family members to sign up to swim. Form your own team or join Women’s Oncology’s One Fin Tunas (<http://bit.ly/1NAwQPc>).

Swimmer Volunteers will work check-in, hand out towels and cheer on swimmers who’ll plunge into the open water to raise funds for oncology research. And if you’re a kayaker with lifeguard training, we need you too. Kayaks will be provided. Every volunteer gets a t-shirt, breakfast and lunch, plus the power to fight cancer on an inspiring day at the beach.

This year’s swim is especially meaningful as the hospital and Swim Across America pay tribute to Betsy Bilodeau (pictured left), a 16-year employee of Women & Infants who participated in the swim every year but lost her battle to cancer in June. We are deeply humbled to present for the first time an award in honor of *Betsy Bilodeau*, compassionate advocate and tireless swimmer, who truly *made waves to fight cancer*. 