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Good day! October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it's always humbling and heartening to see pink ribbons, pink clothing, and even the State House alight in pink, bringing much-needed awareness to breast cancer. Last week, Diane Rafferty, interim president and COO at Women & Infants, wrote in "Vital Signs" a very personal account about how her life has been touched by breast cancer. She offered information about new treatments at the Breast Health Center and outlined many ways in which we can all get involved in the Care New England team at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer this Sunday, October 15 in downtown Providence. I thought it would be worthwhile to share with all of you. When you are finished reading it I hope you will go online, make a donation, and sign up to walk for this very important cause <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/CareNewEngland>.

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~ Julia Louis-Dreyfus

Message from Diane Rafferty

Interim president and COO, Women & Infants Hospital

Last week, Julia Louis-Dreyfus tweeted, “One in eight women get breast cancer. Today I’m the one.”

One in eight. I’ve often thought about that statistic. You see, nearly every woman in my family—my mother, paternal and maternal grandmothers, aunts, cousins—has had breast cancer, and most have succumbed to it. I’ve gone through genetic screening, and I’m even enrolled in a genetics study at UCLA through which I have annual digital mammograms and twice annual physical exams. I live a healthy lifestyle—I exercise, eat a low-fat diet, don’t smoke, and don’t drink in excess. So far, I’ve been lucky. But I’m a realist and I know that it’s likely not a matter of if but rather when.

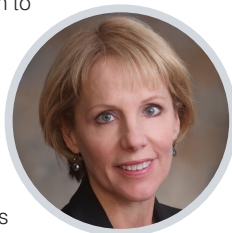
Yes, it’s true—nearly everyone has been impacted by breast cancer.

So much progress has been made in the detection and treatment of breast cancer in recent years thanks to researchers including those here at Women & Infants Hospital. Just last week, Women & Infants became the first hospital in the state to

insert air expanders for breast cancer surgery. Air expanders (<https://www.airxpanders.com>) are a new device that allows the expansion to occur with an internal CO₂ cartridge that is self-triggered by the patient at home, rather than having to have a needle injection at the plastic surgeon’s office weekly. This will decrease the time to the final implant exchange, since the expansion can occur as the patient is ready, each day, rather than waiting for a weekly visit at the office. Congratulations to Drs. Jennifer Gass (breast surgeon) and Andrea Doyle (plastic surgeon), and of course we offer our best wishes to the patient. Watch for some news coverage on this topic.

We need to dedicate ourselves to research and understanding and supporting awareness efforts. This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and opportunities abound to get involved. Start by joining the team from Care New England Breast Health Centers at Kent and Women & Infants

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hospitals for this year's American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Providence. The walk will be held on Sunday, **October 15** at Kennedy Plaza in Downtown Providence, with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the walk beginning at 9 a.m.

Register to walk or make a donation at:
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/CareNewEngland>.

In addition, long-sleeve "hope" logo, featured in the above header, and the CNE logo on the back will be sold for \$15 each, cash or check (made payable to American Cancer Society), with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society/Making Strides.

T-shirts will be available for purchase on October 12, 13, and 14 at:

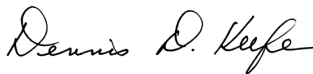
- Kent Hospital Breast Health Center.
- Women & Infants Breast Health Center.
- Women & Infants Hospital (see Susan Senerchia in Administration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- Butler Hospital campus, Potter Building (contact Amy Blustein at ext. 12822 or ablustein@carene.org).
- The VNA of Care New England (contact Chris Carpenter at (401) 524-9324 or CACarpenter@VNACareNewEngland.org).
- Memorial Hospital (contact Gina Demou at (401) 729-2559 or GDemou@CareNE.org).

We've made great progress, but we're not there yet, and we can't let our foot off the gas.

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In closing, once again thank you for all you do and have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,



Dennis D. Keefe
President and Chief Executive Officer



CNE annual report now available

The gathering of stories each year for the annual report offers the opportunity to reflect on accomplishments and the good people achieving them. Care New England's 2016 Annual Report illustrates the organization's ability to deliver health care in compassionate, life changing and innovative ways, living up to our promise to create healthier communities. This year the report is published as an online flip book at <http://www.carenewengland.org/ThisIsCNE>. Take a few moments to learn about how and why Care New England continues to transform health care.



Butler Hospital holds 24th annual Employee Education Fair

On **October 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18**, Butler will hold its annual Employee Education Fair in the Ray Hall Conference Center. The purpose of the fair is to ensure that employees (hospital and CNE administrative staff) located on the Butler Hospital campus fulfill their annual mandatory training requirements. Mandatory staff training will take approximately 60 minutes, and clinical staff will need an additional 45 to 60 minutes for completion of requirements.

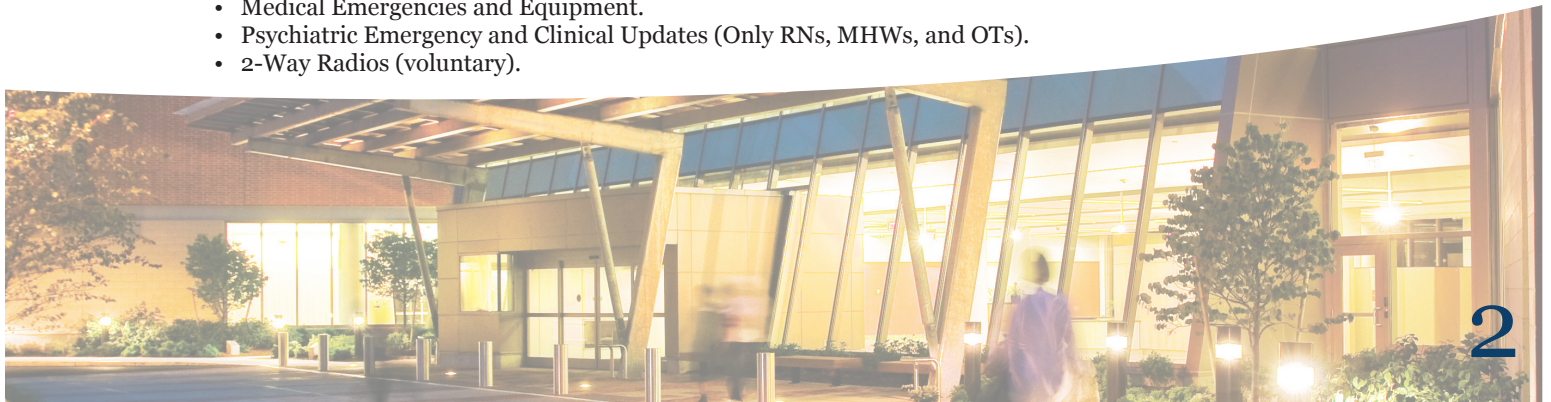
The fair will include mandatory training for ALL STAFF, such as:

- Patient Experience, Quality and Risk Management.
- Emergency Preparedness and Environment of Care.
- Life Safety.
- Infection Prevention & Occupational Health.
- Cultural Diversity.
- Domestic Violence Awareness.
- HIPAA and Compliance.



Additional mandatory training for CLINICAL STAFF including, MDs, RNs, LPNs, MHWs, ATs, nurse managers, assistant nurse managers, PAS coordinators, intake coordinators:

- Medical Emergencies and Equipment.
- Psychiatric Emergency and Clinical Updates (Only RNs, MHWs, and OTs).
- 2-Way Radios (voluntary).



Kent Hospital to conduct fire prevention simulations

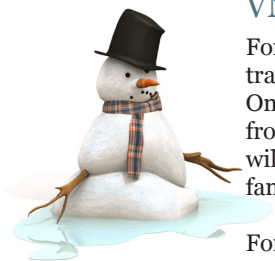
Two of the primary reasons for loss of life and injury in health care fires are lack of attention/knowledge of fire prevention techniques and inadequate training in fire suppression. To ensure hospital staff is prepared if a fire suppression situation arises, Kent Hospital will hold, "Prevention and Management of Surgical Fires," on **October 18**.

Darren J. Osleger of Russell Phillips and Associates will begin the day with a lecture, "Fire and Emergency Management Consultant." The lecture will take place from 7:15 to 8 a.m. in the Doctors' Auditorium. Preceding the lecture, simulations will occur at the following units, lasting approximately 30 minutes:

- 8:15 a.m. – Main PACU/Pre-Op.
- 9 a.m. – Main OR.
- 10:30 a.m. – Endoscopy.
- 11:15 a.m. – 3 West, LDR.
- 12:30 p.m. – ASC.
- 1:15 p.m. – ASC PACU.
- 2 p.m. – Main OR.



During the trainings there will be a discussion on the causes of fires and real-life examples of surgical and special care fires, along with prevention strategies. Attendees will be able to identify the steps used by the surgical team to suppress airway, surgical site/skin/hair, and surgical drape fires. Also, the rules and responsibilities for OR and area evacuations will be reviewed, with a focus on building life safety features.



VNA of Care New England offers "Coping with grief during the holidays"

For those who have recently lost a loved one, the anticipation of spending the holidays or traditional events with "someone missing at the table" is often met with anxiety and despair. On Thursday, **November 16** the VNA of Care New England will hold their annual workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick, RI. The workshop will focus on coping skills and how to approach the challenges of the holiday season alongside families undergoing a similar experience.

For more information or to register, please contact Kiel Mitchell at (401) 921-7661 or KWMitchell@VNACareNewEngland.org.

National Health Care Security and Safety Week

This week, **October 8 through 14**, is National Health Care Security and Safety Week, and is a time for all of us at Care New England to recognize the dedication of the security staff across all our operating units. The 2017 theme, "Fostering Safe Health Care Environments," which recognizes the importance of security and safety in health care and acknowledges the strong devotion, diligence, and care security teams display daily in their practice and profession. We thank you for your ongoing commitment to the safety of our patients, employees, and the communities we serve!



You Should Be Dancing

Women & Infants will host its annual signature event on Saturday, **October 21** at 7:30 p.m. at Café Nuovo in Providence. Put on your boogie shoes and celebrate the 70s at "You Should Be Dancing," featuring Jaybeau Jones, host of Sirius XM Satellite 70s on 7. Dance to beat of SoHo while enjoying great food and cocktails. Funds raised will benefit the renovation of the Birth Center.

For information, contact Cezarina (Sue) Jackson at 921-8508 or at cajackson@carene.org, or visit <http://foundation.womenandinfants.org/dancing> for more information. 

