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Good Day!

I always love to hear personal stories highlighting an exceptional patient experience. Not only do they usually end with a successful clinical outcome, but they generally involve aspects of connecting with caregivers and often many of the great staff involved in making a hospital stay a bit more comfortable and even home-like. I am sure many of you have your own personal stories you have heard or been part of over time. These are often the ones we turn back to when we have a tough day or a particularly challenging patient care experience to remind us of why we do the work we do.

One such memorable story played out complete with wedding bells and guests—right in the lobby of Women & Infants! Just think of the impact your caring, kindness, and compassion held for this couple profiled this week. What may seem like something that is all in a day's work for you can ultimately be life-changing and even life-saving for others. I hope you enjoy reading about Mr. and Mrs. Ortiz!

Elsewhere across CNE last week, The Providence Center was the proud host to White House Drug Czar Richard Baum for an impromptu but insightful discussion about the opioid fight on the community level. What a tremendous opportunity to leverage your important work with policy makers on the national level. Well done!

Also this week, special recognition goes to both Drs. Maureen Phipps and Donald Murphy for their recent achievements and recognition. Take a moment to read about Dr. Phipps' election as vice president of the Foundation for Excellence in Women's Health (yes, that is how it is spelled!) and Dr. Murphy's faculty participation in a postgraduate education course hosted by the Department of Health on the critical topic of pain management.

Going to the chapel and we're gonna' get married!

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ortiz, who tied the knot recently in Women & Infants' chapel. They used the lobby as the aisle, Chaplain Caroline Patterson-Inlow performed the ceremony, and many W&I staff were in attendance to congratulate the newlyweds.

After going into pre-term labor, spending weeks on the Antenatal Care Unit and giving birth to a beautiful baby boy (who is doing great in the NICU) the couple felt that many of their happiest moments occurred at W&I, and they wanted to continue that and get married here, too. We wish them all the happiness in the world as they begin their journey as a new family. Congratulations!



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White House Drug Czar visits The Providence Center

On July 12, Richard Baum, the acting director of National Drug Control Policy, visited The Providence Center's (TPC) headquarters to meet with TPC leadership as part of an effort to learn more about Rhode Island's multifaceted response to the opioid epidemic.

"Rhode Island is a leader in addressing the opioid epidemic on the local level," Baum said. "This work happens in places like The Providence Center, and I look forward to seeing this work in action and hearing about a range of innovative responses to this crisis."

Baum and his staff also met with three TPC recovery coaches—Michael Fry, Cathy Schultz, and Abigail Stenberg—to discuss their work in the community and their personal experience of recovery. The visit came hours after Baum addressed Governor Gina Raimondo's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force.



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Dr. Maureen Phipps elected vice president of Foundation for Excellence in Women's Health

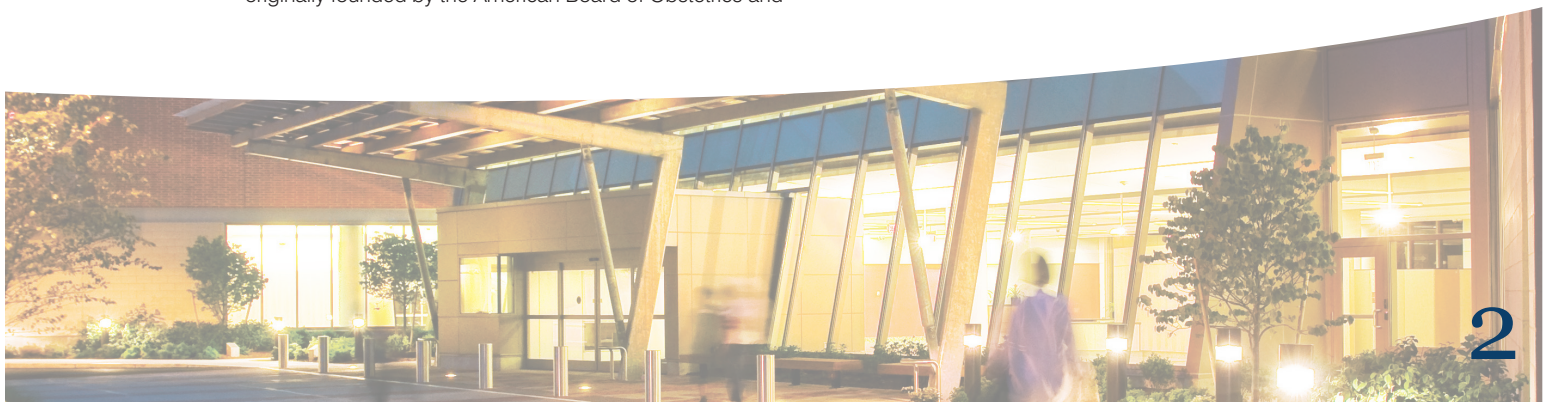


Congratulations to Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, who has been elected vice president of the Foundation for Excellence in Women's Health. Dr. Phipps is chair and Chace-Joukowsky Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and assistant dean for Teaching and Research in Women's Health at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, professor of epidemiology at the Brown University School of Public Health, and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants and Care New England.

The Foundation for Excellence in Women's Health was originally founded by the American Board of Obstetrics and

Gynecology (ABOG) in 2004 to improve women's health through innovation in education, research, and technology. Today, the Foundation brings information and resources to ob/gyn physicians that they can use to impact care, through helping women stay healthy and strengthening and supporting families and communities.

"Women & Infants Hospital is proud to congratulate Dr. Phipps on this prestigious new appointment," said Mark Marcantano, president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants Hospital. "We are confident that her dedication to women's health will serve the Foundation, health care professionals, patients, and the nation well."



Spine Program director takes part in Department of Health course on the treatment of pain



Donald R. Murphy, DC, FRCC, medical director of the Care New England Spine Care Program, was recently asked to be part of a distinguished faculty for a Rhode Island Department of Health postgraduate education course entitled, "Interdisciplinary Treatment of Pain and Foundational Principles Regarding Addiction, Pain, and Opioids." The purpose of this course was to discuss strategies that offer

an inter-disciplinary approach to pain, including physical therapy, acupuncture, and chiropractic medicine, as well as a more robust understanding of addiction, opioids, and their consequences. Recordings of the program are available at <https://tinyurl.com/TXPain2017>.

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Thanks for reading, and have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Keefe

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President and Chief Executive Officer



Elizabeth Kettle, CNM, MSN, MPH joins Midwifery Department

Elizabeth Kettle, CNM, MSN, MPH, has joined the Midwifery Division of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants. Elizabeth received a bachelor of arts degree in women's studies and biology from Dartmouth College, and a master's of science in nurse midwifery and master's of public health from Yale University. She has a broad scope of experience as a nurse midwife including working for Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in several Boston hospitals, where she taught medical, nurse practitioner, and nurse midwifery students.



She served as the director for Harvard Vanguard's Midwifery Service at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the director of the Ob/Gyn Department at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Among many initiatives, she developed an orientation program for new graduate RNs and NPs, and created a Zika screening and surveillance system. She has a long-standing interest in enhancing quality of care through optimization of electronic medical records.

Family member raises funds for Butler Hospital

Maggie Barber-Leclerc wanted to do something in memory of her brother, Joshua, that would directly benefit the patients at Butler Hospital. He was a talented artist and musician, so she seized the opportunity to do a fundraiser to benefit Butler's healing arts programs. Through an Usborne Books & More fundraiser, she raised more than \$3,000 to purchase more than 450 coloring books for adults.

Additionally, her family's foundation, We All Move On, Inc., donated two cases of colored pencils and 100 sketch pads. Maggie personally delivered the donation on July 6 and presented the items to Laura Carpenter, occupational therapist; Wendy Grossman, activity therapist; and Kerri Lynch, director of occupational therapy (not pictured).




Save the date! Learn to meditate

Practiced for thousands of years, meditation is a tool for rediscovering the body's own inner intelligence. Primordial sound meditation uses individually selected sounds of nature called mantras to disconnect us from the activity of life. These primordial sounds are based on the vibration the universe was creating at the moment of your birth.



Practicing primordial sound meditation on a daily basis will help you:

- Manage stress and reduce anxiety.
- Create inner peace.
- Improve your relationships.
- Lower your blood pressure.
- Enhance your sleep patterns.
- Connect more deeply to Spirit.

Bring along a lunch and join Madeline Correia for an introduction to meditation that will highlight the many benefits of meditation. The sessions will be held on **Friday, July 28, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** in MHRI Sayles 1 and on **Tuesday, August 1, from 12 to 1 p.m.** in Kent Doctor's Auditorium A. 



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