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I would like to take a moment today to say a special thank you to all of our physicians in anticipation of National Doctors' Day on Friday, March 30. I am sure you are aware of this recognition day, but do you know how it came to be?

Some research indicates that the idea came from Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, and the date chosen was the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery. On March 30, 1842, in Jefferson, GA, Dr. Crawford Long used ether to anesthetize a patient, James Venable, and painlessly excised a tumor from his neck. Whether or not that was the true origin, we are pleased and honored to be able to thank and extend our appreciation to the approximately 1,900 members of the combined Care New England Medical Staff on this upcoming Doctors' Day.

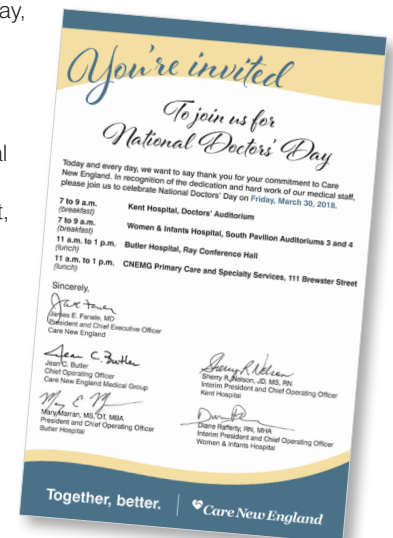
This year in observance we will be hosting a series of breakfasts and lunches across our hospitals and CNEMG practices. I have included the details below as a reminder to any physicians who are reading this today.

National Doctors' Day on **Friday, March 30.**

- **7 to 9 a.m.** Kent Hospital, Doctors' Auditorium (breakfast)
- **7 to 9 a.m.** Women & Infants Hospital, South Pavilion Auditoriums 3 and 4 (breakfast)
- **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Butler Hospital, Ray Conference Hall (lunch)
- **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** CNEMG Primary Care and Specialty Services, 111 Brewster Street (lunch)

Our doctors are an integral part of our comprehensive clinical care team which also includes nurses, CNAs, techs, environmental services staff, and many others. Our doctors are also on the frontlines of a rapidly changing health care field. Your clinical work, research, kindness, compassion, and expertise serve as an important reminder for why we are doing this work and how important it is to those in the communities we serve. So on behalf of all of Care New England, let me extend my appreciation and thanks as we recognize your efforts on this upcoming National Doctors' Day and all year long!

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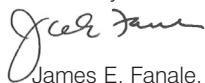
Before I close, I must also mention some good news we received last week. While we are celebrating our doctors this week, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital and The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University 11th in the 2019 Best Medical Schools specialty rankings.

This announcement underscores a commitment to excellence and the mission of training the next generation of physicians who will go on to do great things, perhaps here at CNE, elsewhere in New England, or in other places across the globe.

Congratulations to both Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH, 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, professor of epidemiology at the Brown University School of Public Health, and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital and Care New England Health System, and Jack A. Elias, MD, senior vice president for health affairs, Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, Frank L. Day Professor of Biology, and professor of medicine at Brown University, along with the many others who have contributed to this remarkable achievement!

Have a great week ahead.

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer



KENT

Kent Hospital residents published in *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*

Emergency medicine (EM) physician Nicole Durfey, MD; Andrew Bergerson, DO, EM chief resident; and last year EM residency graduates Brian Lenhof, DO, and Justin Valiquet, DO, were recently featured in *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine: Integrating Emergency Care with Population Health* for their research, "Severe Hyperkalemia: Can the Electrocardiogram Risk Stratify for Short-term Adverse Events?"

Their work focuses on the primary method of using an electrocardiogram (ECG) to identify which hyperkalemic patients are at-risk for adverse events, despite their being a scarce amount of evidence to support this practice. The study analyzes the association between specific hyperkalemic ECG abnormalities and the development of short-term adverse events in patients with severe hyperkalemia.

Their results support the use of the ECG to risk stratify patients with severe hyperkalemia for short-term adverse events. If you would like to learn more about their methodology and specific outcomes, the full article can be previewed at <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/7623h6zc>.

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Anchor Recovery partners with Roger Williams University

Recently, Anchor Recovery Center joined with Roger Williams University's (RWU) Community Partnerships Center (CPC) to provide project-based support for their new Anchor Youth Recovery Center. RWU students will be collaborating with Anchor staff to develop a web presence and to design an exterior sign for the building.



"We are very excited about the RWU partnership and to be working with Professor Dina Vincent's graphic design class and Professor Al Cutting's web design class," said Holly Fitting, vice president of recovery and residential services at The Providence Center. "This is a great way for students to engage with the community and gain experience creating something valuable for us." The CPC provides assistance to nonprofit organizations and government agencies in communities in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts while providing RWU students with experience in real-world projects that deepen their academic experiences. The Anchor Youth Recovery Center will be Rhode Island's first facility offering recovery-oriented activities to teens after school and during weekends.

Care New England Wellness Center offers diabetes education series



Do you have a patient who could benefit from an educational series that focuses on skills for effectively managing diabetes, therefore reducing complications? If so, the Care New England Wellness Center, located at 2191 Post Road in Warwick, is offering a five-week Diabetes Outpatient Education series, accredited by the American Diabetes Association.

The series begins on **April 12**, and sessions are held every **Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.** Participation does require a physician prescription, and participants are encourage to check with their insurance provider for coverage information. For more information, call (401) 732-3066.

Celebrate the Care New England staff art exhibit

All are welcome to celebrate Arts & Health, the Care New England Staff Juried Exhibition 2018, on **Thursday, April 12 from 4 to 6 p.m.** in the Malcolm and Elizabeth Chace Education Center, South Pavilion, Women & Infants.

Exhibiting artists are Nadine Almada, Alyssa Boss, Laura White Carpenter, Paul Choquette, Amelia Erwin, Tara Marshall, Melissa Meyer, and Koemarney Phan. RSVP to Nancy Gaucher-Thomas at (401) 222-0619. 