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Good afternoon,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the providers who were honored by their peers as a 2019 "Top Doc" in the May issue of *Rhode Island Monthly* magazine. Nearly fifty physicians with privileges at Care New England hospitals who made this year's list, more than half of whom are employed as part of the Care New England Medical Group. As an additional bonus, this year's "Top Doc" issue features on the cover Dr. Katherine McCleary, from Care New England Medical Group Family Medicine – Lincoln.

It is an honor for these providers to be recognized by their colleagues as some of the best in their field. The depth of providers on the list highlights the range of services we offer, which enables us to provide access to affordable and high-quality care, delivered locally and conveniently, for individuals, families, and the community-at-large. We are extremely proud of the work these and all of our clinicians do every single day. I'd like to offer my sincerest congratulations to the following physicians featured in this year's "Top Doc" issue.



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Kent Hospital

Allergy/Immunology – Dr. Anthony Ricci

Anesthesiology – Dr. Vijay Sudheendra

Cardiology – Dr. Chester Hedgepeth*,
Dr. Heather Hurlburt*, Dr. Alice Kim*

Colon and Rectal Surgery – Dr. Melissa Murphy*

Critical Care Medicine – Dr. Ehsun Mirza*

Family Practice – Dr. Denise Arcand*,
Dr. Katherine McCleary*

General Surgery – Dr. Lucas Beffa*

*Provider employed by Care New England Medical Group

Hematology – Dr. Sundaresan Sambandam

Infectious Diseases – Dr. David Lowe,
Dr. Hadeel Zainah*

Intensive Care – Dr. Thomas Raimondo

Nephrology – Dr. Christopher Cosgrove

Neurology – Dr. Arshad Iqbal

Otolaryngology – Dr. Mark Andreozzi

Plastic Surgery – Dr. Erik Hoy*, Dr. Pierre Michaud

Vascular Surgery – Dr. Guy Lancellotti*

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Women & Infants Hospital

Breast Cancer Surgery – Dr. David Edmonson*, Dr. Jennifer Gass*

Colon and Rectal Surgery – Dr. Melissa Murphy*

Family Practice – Dr. Katherine McCleary*

Gastroenterology – Dr. Christie Dibble*

General Surgery – Dr. Lucas Beffa*

Gynecologic/Oncology – Dr. Paul DiSilvestro*, Dr. Cara Matthews*, Dr. Katina Robison*, Dr. Ashley Stuckey*

Infectious Disease – Dr. Erica Hardy*, Dr. David Lowe

Maternal Fetal Medicine – Dr. Stephen Carr*, Dr. Dwight Rouse*, Dr. Erika Werner*

*Provider employed by Care New England Medical Group

Obstetrics and Gynecology – Dr. David Beitle, Dr. Kathleen Cote Bowling*, Dr. Jeannine Connolly, Dr. Meghan McMahon, Dr. Jane Sharp

Oncology – Dr. Robert Legare*, Dr. William Sikov*

Pediatrics – Dr. Cynthia Bliss, Dr. John Finigan, Dr. Robert Griffith Jr., Dr. Elizabeth Lange, Dr. Howard Silversmith, Dr. William Turtle

Plastic Surgery – Dr. Erik Hoy*, Dr. Pierre Michaud, Dr. Patrick Sullivan

Reproductive Endocrinology – Dr. Eden Cardozo*, Dr. Gary Frishman*, Dr. Victoria Snegovskikh*, Dr. Carol Wheeler*

On a related note, starting next week Care New England is launching a campaign to promote primary care services across the system. This statewide effort will include print, radio, social, and web components focused on meeting individual health care needs by building partnerships between patients and providers.

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

CARE NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL GROUP

Care New England Medical Group brings home all awards at the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians conference



Pictured left to right: Dr. Arnold Goldberg, Rhode Island Family Physician Educator of the Year; and Dr. Eric Joo Hyung Lee, Family Medicine Resident of the Year.

Care New England Medical Group family medicine physicians and residents brought home all of the awards at the 2019 Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians conference, recently held at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

"These awards are a wonderful tribute to the hard work and commitment of our team of family medicine providers," said Jeffrey Borkan, MD, chief of family medicine at Care New England, and chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School. "CNE and its affiliated organizations continue to take a leadership role in family medicine clinical practice, education, and research in Rhode Island, and we are extremely proud of the work they do serving patients and families."

Among the awards received include:

- Dr. Arnold Goldberg: Rhode Island Family Physician Educator of the Year
- Dr. Diana Wohler: Resident of the Year – Brown-CNE Pawtucket Residency
- Dr. Eric Joo Hyung Lee: Resident of the Year – Kent-Thundermist Residency
- Dr. Laura Anthony: Resident Research Award – Brown-CNE Pawtucket Residency
- Dr. David Dai: Resident Research Award – Kent-Thundermist Residency
- Dr. Jeffrey Borkan: Rhode Island Family Physician of the Year

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The Providence Center's Stacy Perin speaks at the Rhode Island State House



As the onset of May's Mental Health Month approaches, Stacy Perin, director of The Providence Center School and Anchor Learning Academy, spoke at a kickoff event at the Rhode Island State House on Thursday, April 25. The theme of the event was "A Healthy Space in Every Place," and featured speakers to represent family, community, workplace, and school.

Stacy explained, "In this time of very strong opposing views in our country, there is one very significant universal experience to which we can all relate, and it is that we have all been a student at some point in our lives. We have all experienced being in school. Our actual experiences will vary from having had an incredibly empowering, future building journey to a painful, traumatic, time. The topic of safe spaces in schools is extremely significant to me because of the work we do in our programs with students who have not had a trouble-free journey."

She went on to discuss mental health disorders being one of the most common health issues faced by our nation's school-aged children, with one in five children suffering from a mental health or learning disorder. Additionally, with 80 percent of chronic mental health disorders beginning in childhood, she discussed the urgent need to identify the signs of these conditions early, enabling children to get the care and the support that they need to thrive.

"We must create safe spaces in our schools," said Stacy. "We must once again have schools be a safe haven and a constant place of stability and support. We must strive to identify existing mental health issues that a student brings to their school experience, and prevent experiences in schools that will trigger more or new issues. Outdated approaches to discipline are only making matters worse. Instead of putting kids further at risk, we should be identifying and supporting at-risk children. A widely deployed, integrated system of evidence-supported, school-based mental health and preventive services is needed. If we want to help our children and our schools, we cannot wait."

The Providence Center School (TPCS) is a therapeutic, out-of-district placement school for students from elementary through high school. Should a school department determine that a student's mental health or behavioral needs require a higher level of support than can be supplied within the district, they would make a referral to a school such as TPCS.

Anchor Learning Academy is a recovery high school program for high school students in recovery from substance use disorder. Students in both programs can receive a high level of clinical support, as well as special education, to help them be successful in their individual journeys.

To learn more about The Providence Center and its programs, visit providencecenter.org.

Dr. Erika Werner named associate editor of professional publication



Erika Werner, MD, director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) at Women & Infants, has been named associate editor of *The American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology MFM*, a professional journal focused on the latest research in the specialty of maternal-fetal medicine. Dr. Werner is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and associate professor of epidemiology, research track, at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and is a member of the Care New England Medical Group. She is also associate editor of the *American Journal of Perinatology*, an international, peer-reviewed journal that is a forum for specialists in obstetrics, neonatology, perinatology, and maternal-fetal medicine.

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Emergency Response Systems – they're not just for falls

Who can forget that famous commercial "I've fallen and I can't get up" from the 1980s and 1990s?

While we may have laughed and poked fun; falls, accidents, and personal safety are no laughing matter. Unlike the safety systems from years ago, today's Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) are for anyone who needs an extra layer of security.

Through the [VNA of Care New England](#), the Tunstall Personal Emergency Response System is available at a special rate to all CNE employees and their families. Utilization of this service enables users to live more independent, fulfilling lives at home, on the go, and within shared living environments.

From individual, wearable fall-detector pendants and bed-occupancy sensors, to a complete Smart Hub wireless home unit that automatically alerts a monitoring center, Tunstall's range of telecare products offer a tailored solution for every stage of the care continuum. Users will experience the safety and security of 24/7 safety monitoring and immediate access to emergency response operators at the push of a button.

To learn more about the different options available, click [here](#).

University of Rhode Island's School of Physical Therapy hosts second annual Run Your Life 5K to benefit Jim Gillen Teen Center



The University of Rhode Island's School of Physical Therapy recently hosted the second annual Run Your Life 5k. For the second year in a row, the school dedicated this event to benefit the Jim Gillen Teen Center, which will receive all proceeds raised in efforts to end the opioid epidemic in our community.

The event and health expo included URI graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of health disciplines who provided local resources, information, and advice on better options for pain management, active living, and healthy lifestyle choices.

Peer recovery specialists, Mark Cardarelli (pictured) and Abbie Stenberg were in attendance as representatives from the Jim Gillen Teen Center.

Mark, who came in fourth place in the race, spoke about his personal recovery and the important efforts being made to serve Rhode Island's youth recovery community. To learn more about the Jim Gillen Teen Center, visit [teenanchor.org](#) or to make a donation, click [here](#).

Declaration of widespread flu lifted

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, director of health at the [Rhode Island Department of Health](#) (RIDOH) has announced that influenza is no longer widespread in Rhode Island. Licensed health care facilities' health care workers who had not been vaccinated against influenza had been required to wear surgical masks when engaged in direct patient contact since January 2, 2019, when RIDOH declared influenza to be widespread. This requirement is no longer in place. However, if the level of influenza in Rhode Island rises again, RIDOH will put the masking requirement back into effect.

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Care New England enrolls in Summer Youth Employment Program



Care New England is proud to announce that it has secured funding from the Office of Economic Opportunity's PVD Health Works Program for summer 2019. PVD Health Works was implemented in 2017 to meet the growing demands of the health care and social assistance industry in Rhode Island by investing in programs which enhance the working potential of a career-ready talent pool.

This seven-week program provides temporary jobs to Rhode Island residents between the ages of 16 and 24 for employment to better prepare them for their careers. The grant will fund \$10.50 per hour for those enrolled in the program who work at least 100 hours from July 8 to August 23, 2019. Participants are expected to complete 100 up to a

maximum of 120 hours within the seven-week program. The individuals will also attend a 20 hour work-readiness program in advance of starting their job at Care New England.

If you have a project you would like to complete, want to trial a new process, have some catch-up work within your department, or want to mentor a young person in a health care track, please consider applying for support through this grant.

Last year, Care New England piloted the summer program, hiring participants in human resources, central patient registration, pharmacy, as well as other clinical offices and programs. If you are interested in utilizing a temporary employee(s) for your department in July and August, contact Tanisha Watkins at TSWatkins@CareNE.org for the **Summer Youth Position Request Form**. Please return the completed form by **Wednesday, May 15**.

**Please note: The positions are designed with the understanding that you cannot use interns in this program to fill roles of union or volunteer staff. We cannot guarantee that the position(s) can fill all requests. We will, however, distribute candidates equitably across Care New England.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

KENT HOSPITAL

Kent Hospital and Rotary Club of Warwick to host May Breakfast Friday, May 3 | 7 to 9:30 a.m.



Kent Hospital is partnering with the Rotary Club of Warwick to host a traditional May Breakfast. The proceeds will benefit Rotary Charities, including the Kent Employee Emergency Program (K.E.E.P.). The breakfast will be held on Friday, May 3 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Kent. This year's May Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, a granola station, and hot and cold beverages. Vegetarian options are also available. Tickets for the breakfast may be purchased at the door for \$8 per person (\$4 for Kent Hospital staff), or in advance from the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Greenwood Credit Union, the Warwick Beacon office located at 1944 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, or a Warwick Rotary Club member.

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BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital geriatric care event: “A Masterpiece of Hope II”

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas Street, Providence



Geriatric services at Butler Hospital provide treatment and support for adults age 65 and older who have a variety of psychiatric conditions, including memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, depression, anxiety, and other cognitive disorders that may cause behavioral difficulties. To help support the inpatient Senior Treatment Unit and the Older Adult Intensive Outpatient Program at Butler, the hospital's signature event, "A Masterpiece of Hope II" will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at the Providence Art Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will include dinner and a silent auction.

The supportive environment of these programs empowers older adults and their families to learn how to navigate and cope with these changes in healthy ways, improve overall mental health, gain support from peers, and develop personal goals for moving into this next life stage. Both programs are led by compassionate, multidisciplinary teams that include psychiatrists, social workers, and occupational therapists. For more information about the event, contact Cezarina (Sue) Jackson at (401) 921-8508.

WOMEN & INFANTS

Schwartz Center Rounds

Wednesday, May 8 | 12 noon | South Pavilion, Auditoriums 1 and 2

All caregivers are welcome to attend "Celebrating Life: When joy and sadness come together at the bedside." Upon conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to: 1.) Describe the importance of coordinating care in advance to accommodate special needs. 2.) Increase awareness of pediatric hospice resources in our community. 3.) Discuss the importance of hospital staff partnering with community providers to support the transition to the medical home. 4.) Explore challenges that can arise when trying to honor patient preferences within the model of care.