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Good afternoon,

As I told you recently in this column, the Care New England (CNE) - Brigham Health clinical affiliation continues to flourish and grow. Despite the recent news that CNE is now working to explore a local Rhode Island health care solution, our existing affiliation with Brigham Health is firmly in place and continues to provide our community and patients with access to optimal care.

The clinical affiliation between CNE and Brigham Health is long-standing, forged nearly 10 years ago with cardiovascular medicine. Since that time, not only has this particular program grown in leaps and bounds, but we have also added specialty practices and related services to include colorectal, vascular, and thoracic surgery.

And the growth continues: I'm pleased to announce that Ben Christian, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon, joined us this month, and later this year we will be expanding the affiliated services further to welcome two orthopedic surgeons, two interventional cardiologists, and three pulmonologists.

The development and growth of this affiliation is truly lifesaving for many patients. Under the direction of Chester Hedgepeth, MD, PhD, executive chief of cardiology at CNE, the cardiology program offers a full range of services including noninvasive, invasive, heart failure clinic, valve clinic, women's cardiology clinic, and electrophysiology services. Of particular note is the development of our 24/7 STEMI program, which serves a critical need for patients in the southern tier of the state. We are able to offer all but the most complex services and have expanded the access to advanced care and procedures provided right here in Rhode Island.

Equally impressive for growth, quality, and improved access is our colorectal surgery program led by Melissa Murphy, MD, MPH, assistant chief of surgery and surgical director of quality and operations at Kent Hospital; our vascular surgery services provided by Garima Dosi, MD, RPVI; and our thoracic surgery program led by Ciaran McNamee, MD.

I know you are familiar with the quality care and favorable outcomes associated with these programs and their highly skilled clinicians. Many of our patients have benefitted from this affiliation and the expertise it brings to our community. I want to reassure you that the affiliation remains firmly in place. We are committed to caring for patients, many of whom have complex needs, and will continue to expand our array of clinical offerings with reliable access.

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For our network of referrers, I would encourage you to continue to seek the clinical and consultative support of this great team of physicians. They stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to support the excellent care you provide to your patients.

**For more information or to refer a patient to one of CNE's Brigham Health clinical affiliated practices in cardiology, colorectal surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, thoracic surgery, or vascular surgery, please call (401) 736-4257.**

I look forward to providing you with more updates on the growth of this program, and also to informing you of other exciting CNE initiatives coming in the near future.

Have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## KENT HOSPITAL

### Kent Hospital 2019 signature event: Aloha from Hawaii

On Thursday, June 13, approximately 275 guests escaped to a seaside celebration for "Aloha from Hawaii," Kent Hospital's Polynesian-inspired 2019 signature event, which raised more than \$160,000 for The Fund for Kent Hospital. The event was held at The Dunes Club in Narragansett, RI, and featured authentic Hawaiian music in a tropical setting with amazing décor provided by Terra Vita and Verity Designs. A raffle drawing was also held at the event, with prizes that included a create-your-own dream vacation package, a one-year membership to West Warwick Country Club, and the Rhode Island experience package. The raffle raised more than \$7,500 for The Fund for Kent Hospital and the Dr. Oswaldo R. Velis Endowed Fund for Cardiac Care.

The evening's contributors included Presenting Sponsor XRA Medical Imaging; The Island of Hawaii Sponsor Centreville Bank; Island of Hawaii Sponsors Brentwood Nursing Home and Rehabilitation, and Sunny View Nursing Home; Maui Sponsor Ken Jones Construction; Care New England Leaders Circle Sponsors Cox Business, CVS Health, and XRA Medical Imaging; and many more.



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## Dr. Patricia Recupero receives 2019 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award



David Lowenthal, JD, MD, APA/AAPL committee chair, presents the award to Patricia Recupero, JD, MD.

Patricia Recupero, JD, MD, was recently awarded the 2019 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and APA Foundation.

Established in 1975, The Manfred S. Guttmacher Award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the literature of forensic psychiatry in the form of a book, monograph, paper, or other work published or presented at a professional meeting between May 1 and April 30 of the award year cycle.

Honored at the APA annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, which ran from May 18 to May 22, Dr. Recupero held an honorary lecture and was recognized for her contributions and exceptional achievements in the field of forensic psychiatric literature and her editing work in the publication titled, *Geriatric Forensic Psychiatry: Principles and Practice*.

Upon receiving the award, Dr. Recupero stated that she was "very pleased the APA and American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) recognized the field of geriatric forensic psychiatry as it is greatly underserved and will need to expand as the aged population increases." She also added, "Collaboration between elder care attorneys and forensic psychiatrists will play a key factor in protecting the rights of our aging population."

Mary Marran, president and chief operating officer of Butler Hospital, credited Dr. Recupero's textbook as "an important advancement in education and a comprehensive review of varied topics that will speak to a broad audience of clinical, mental health, and legal professionals who work with the older population."

Dr. Recupero was presented with a \$1,000 honorarium, to be shared with her co-editors, and an engraved plaque.

## Leadership transition in Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



B. Star Hampton, MD, FACOG

With **Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH**, leaving shortly to assume the role of chief executive officer of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, it was recently announced that **B. Star Hampton, MD, FACOG**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has agreed to serve as the interim chair and chief for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective July 1, 2019. A formal national search for a permanent chair will follow.

Dr. Hampton is a member of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital, and she holds the position of vice chair of education for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Hampton is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at New York University Medical Center.

Following residency, Dr. Hampton completed a fellowship in urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery at New York University Medical Center. Dr. Hampton joined our faculty in 2006 and has made a significant impact on medical student, resident, fellow, and faculty education throughout her tenure. She takes an active part in the academic growth of her field, with more than 40 published manuscripts, and travels yearly for international women's health outreach. She is nationally recognized for her leadership in education as well as urogynecology and reconstructive surgery and has held national leadership positions in the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons, the American Urogynecologic Association, and the International Organization for Women and Development.

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Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

**Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH**, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of the Division of Research, will serve as vice chair for research for the department and as the chair of the Academic Council for Care New England. Dr. Matteson has been a dedicated leader for the research mission of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and has focused on fostering research collaboration, scholarship, and mentorship system-wide and across institutions. She serves a critical role for integrating research across the organization.

**Deborah L. Myers, MD, FACOG**, director of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, will continue as vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, continuing her focus on credentialing, continuing medical education, and promotion of faculty.

KENT HOSPITAL

## Kent Hospital to host career fair

Kent Hospital will host a career fair on **Thursday, June 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Doctors' Auditorium A**. There will be an opportunity to meet with recruiters, have an on-the-spot interview, and learn much more about the open positions at Kent. It can be challenging to find staff to fill these positions. We hope you will serve as hospital ambassadors and draw from your personal talent pool of friends, professional contacts, and others whom you believe have what it takes to join Kent and be a part of our energized and focused team concentrating on clinical excellence, quality and safety, professional development and education, collaboration and teamwork. If you have any questions, please stop by HR. To learn about our current job openings visit [carenewengland.org/careers](http://carenewengland.org/careers).

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## ICYMI – VNA physical therapist featured on HealthCheck

ICYMI - Jannike Caldeira, a physical therapist at the VNA of Care New England, was interviewed for a WJAR-TV10 HealthCheck story regarding her experience speaking with patients and their families about end of life wishes. Watch the full interview here: [turnto10.com/features/health-landing-page/preparing-for-medical-emergencies](http://turnto10.com/features/health-landing-page/preparing-for-medical-emergencies)

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## Annual system-wide mandatory education

Care New England is introducing a system-wide core curriculum for annual mandatory education, also known as "mandatories," through the [HealthStream](#) learning management system.

This core curriculum will apply to all CNE operating units and include modules in the following subject areas: Safety, Quality, Risk, Infection Prevention and Control, Human Resources, HIPAA & Compliance, and Environment of Care. **The core curriculum was assigned on June 1, 2019 with a completion date of November 30, 2019.** We recommend you pace yourself, please do not let the marathon become a sprint; you have six months to complete all assignments.

Most courses will now include a pre-assessment to provide workforce members with strong existing knowledge of a subject area an opportunity to "test out" of a course if passed with an 80 percent or higher on the first attempt. There may also be some operating unit-specific or role-based courses not included in the system-wide core curriculum that will be assigned separately. Butler Hospital will continue to its practice of conducting an annual Education Fair, covering the same curriculum.

If you have questions regarding HealthStream or your annual mandatory education assignment, please contact [TeamHS@CareNE.org](mailto:TeamHS@CareNE.org).

If you are having technical difficulties logging into HealthStream or need your password reset, please contact the help desk at (401) 921-1000, ext. 11000 or [HelpDesk@CareNE.org](mailto:HelpDesk@CareNE.org).

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## DATE TO REMEMBER

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**22nd Annual Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, July 8 | Beginning at 11 a.m. | Potowomut Golf Club, Warwick, RI**

The Kent Hospital Auxiliary is holding their 22nd Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, July 8 at the Potowomut Golf Club in Warwick. Join us for an exceptional day of golf on this beautiful course for the annual event that has raised thousands of dollars for the hospital. The day's events will include a luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, followed by a reception, dinner, awards, silent auction, and raffle. If you would like to participate, please contact Sue Crossley at extension 31464 or Donna Coppola at extension 31879.