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Good morning,

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

In an effort to break the cycle and end the stigma around domestic violence, our Care New England Interpersonal Violence Task Force is spearheading a system-wide effort to bring awareness and education to our staff. This multidisciplinary team, including representation from Butler, Kent, and Women & Infants hospitals, The Providence Center, VNA, and Integra, has been working with DayOne, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships (SOAR) to provide programs and trainings throughout the month to help in this awareness effort.

Some of the awareness and educational events will include a screening for violence training, Silent Witness displays, and a self-defense workshop. For a full schedule and to participate in an event, [please click here for further details](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Brydie Thomasian, MSW, LICSW, director of behavioral health and clinical social work at Kent Hospital, or Kayla Rodrigues, BSN, RN, assistant nurse manager at Women & Infants Hospital.

It is important to recognize that domestic violence affects millions of men and women of every age, religion, culture, socioeconomic backgrounds, and education levels. Many victims of this serious crime often suffer in silence, bearing the brunt of either the physical or emotional abuse alone, afraid to seek help or not knowing where to turn. The traumatic effects often have long-lasting implications, affecting family members, communities, or even children who bear witness or even become victims themselves.

I want to extend my thanks to everyone involved in this effort of the highest importance. If you or someone you know needs support please do not hesitate to call the Rhode Island hotline immediately at 1 (800) 494-8100. For more information, please visit the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence at ricadv.org.

Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CARE NEW ENGLAND

CNE welcomes Dr. Lindsay Tse to the Kent Hospital medical staff



We are pleased to welcome Lindsay Tse, DO, minimally invasive general and bariatric surgeon, to the Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Care New England.

Dr. Tse completed her general surgery training at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack New Jersey, where she served as the chief academic and administrative resident during her final year. She then completed her fellowship training in minimally invasive surgery, bariatric surgery, and flexible endoscopy at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. She has performed many complex laparoscopic intra-abdominal surgeries including advanced foregut procedures, funduplications, hiatal hernia repairs, revisional bariatric surgery, roux en Y gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, common bile duct explorations, and esophageal surgeries. She received extensive training in advanced flexible endoscopy including stent placement, dilations, endoscopic mucosal resections, and polypectomies. She also performs many minimally invasive general surgery procedures including cholecystectomy, appendectomy, hernia repair, and colon resections.

Welcome, Dr. Tse!

KENT HOSPITAL

Spaulding Outpatient Center at Kent Hospital opens new Providence location



Kent Hospital is pleased to announce that the Spaulding Outpatient Center at Kent Hospital officially opened its new location at 100 Butler Drive in Providence on Tuesday, October 1. The new facility is located in the building that formerly housed University Orthopedics. The hospital is proud to partner with the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, a national leader in rehabilitation care, currently ranked as the number three rehabilitation hospital in the country by US News & World Report. Patients will be able to receive innovative treatment for a wide variety of conditions including stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and sports injuries among others, to help get them back on the road to recovery as fast as possible.

A dedicated team of rehabilitation and clinical experts at the new location will continue to provide the same excellent rehabilitative care that patients have come to rely on at its other locations in Pawtucket and East Greenwich.

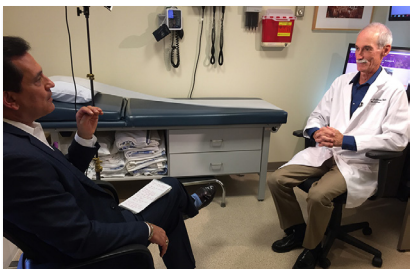
WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Women & Infants Center for Primary Care has recently relocated

The Women & Infants Center for Primary Care recently relocated from 100 Dudley Street to 118 Dudley Street. The new location, which officially opened on Monday, September 30, includes 12 exam rooms, fully fitted with new equipment, new digital signage, a blood draw lab, and ample parking. This new, bigger space also allows more opportunity for growth and expanded access to our primary care services, while also enabling us to recruit more primary care providers in the near future. In another area of growth, Women & Infants will be opening a new diagnostic imaging location at 235 Plain Street later this fall. This will offer additional ultrasound and mammography access and an improved experience for our patients.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

Stephen Salloway, MD, MS, discusses Alzheimer's research and the search for a cure on WPRI-TV



Last week, WPRI-TV aired a special segment on Alzheimer's disease, featuring Stephen Salloway, MD, MS, director of neurology and the Memory and Aging Program, and Martin M. Zucker, professor of psychiatry, human behavior, and neurology, Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Salloway sat down with WPRI-TV anchor Mike Montecalvo and discussed the search for a cure. To watch the interview, [click here](#).

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WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Women & Infants' Dr. Erika Werner and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology receive two prestigious grants



Congratulations to Dr. Erika Werner, MD, MS, division and fellowship director of the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and associate professor of epidemiology at The Brown University School of Public Health, who was recently awarded a grant from the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) last week.

The five-year \$2.5 million grant will allow Dr. Werner and her team to work with four other centers focused on diabetes in pregnancy (MGH, Yale, Northwestern, and Kaiser) across the country, to identify better ways to diagnose glucose metabolism abnormalities in pregnancy, in an effort to optimize maternal and child health.

In addition, Dr. Werner was also awarded a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) five-year, \$7 million grant last month, to investigate health disparities. This grant is in collaboration with RTI; Brown University's David Savitz, associate dean for research, and professor of epidemiology, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics; as well as the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute, in a research effort to better understand the developmental origins of health disparities or differences in developmental outcomes between socially advantaged and disadvantaged groups. The study entitled, "The Prenatal and Childhood Mechanisms of Health Disparities," is designed to recruit a diverse cohort of pregnant parents in the first trimester and follow them throughout pregnancy and during the first year of life.

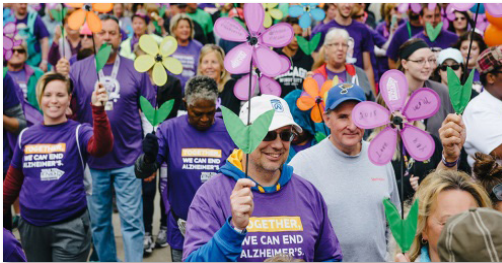
WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Women & Infants featured in ABC6 "Rhode to Motherhood" segment

Shannon Erisman, PhD, director of the Day Hospital within the Center for Women's Behavioral Health at Women & Infants and recent patient of the Day Program, Jessica Hanson, was recently interviewed by Alana Cerrone from ABC 6 to discuss postpartum depression and how to cope. [Read more here.](#)

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

The Providence Center to sponsor the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is celebrating 17 years of NAMIWalks, the nation's largest mental health awareness and fundraising event. NAMIWalks is a fun, family-friendly event and there is no cost to register. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, NAMI is an association of more than 500 local affiliates who work to raise awareness and provide support and

education that was not previously available to those in need. This year's walk will take place on **Saturday, October 12**, beginning at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. check-in) at Roger William's Park Temple to Music.

Please support The Providence Center [team](#) and become a NAMIWalks Hero for the 5k event by registering or making a donation.

All funds raised directly support the mission of NAMI to provide support, education, and advocacy to individuals and families right here in our community. To learn more about NAMI and its mission, click [here](#).

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THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

The Providence Center was selected by Stop & Shop for the Community Bag Program



The Providence Center was selected by Stop & Shop supermarket as the non-profit beneficiary in the Community Bag Program for October. Each month, at each Stop & Shop store, new non-profits are chosen for this program. These donations help support organizations in health and wellness, hunger relief, as well as civic and military veterans' organizations, among others.

The Providence Center will receive a \$1 donation every time a reusable bag is sold throughout October at the Stop & Shop store located at **333 West River Street, Providence, RI.**

Please keep this in mind, and spread the word, as you prepare your shopping lists for upcoming celebrations and weekly meals in the month of October.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

CAH Fund Women's Health Research Fund deadline extended to Friday, October 18, 2019

Up to \$50,000 is available for women's health innovation research. Applications for the **2019 Constance A. Howes Women's Health Innovation Research Fund (CAH Fund)** Grant Program are now being accepted. The CAH Fund, generously supported by donors to Women & Infants Hospital, fosters innovative research leading to significant advances in women's health. Both basic science and clinical research projects are encouraged. Finalists will be invited to present their projects to a panel of scientific advisors and donors to the CAH Fund. The fund honors the vision and leadership of Connie Howes and provides seed funding for pilot studies that propel research ideas to the next level of funding. The fund has supported nine highly innovative projects so far and leveraged multiple publications and additional grant awards.

The RFP is available on Carenet. Applications are due on Friday, October 18, 2019. Please email CAHFund@carene.org with any questions about this grant program.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Annual system-wide mandatory flu requirement



All employees, volunteers, and contractors must meet their flu requirement by Sunday, December 1, 2019. CNE will be providing the influenza shot free of charge at any of our scheduled clinics or in the Occupational Health Office. You will receive documentation of your flu shot at that time. If you receive it elsewhere, please be sure to obtain a copy of the record. You must also submit your documentation to be in compliance by Sunday, December 1, 2019.

The flu shot clinics began Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Kent Hospital and will run through Friday, November 22. For a complete schedule and more information [visit the Human Resources section of Carenet here.](#)

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iCare Benefits Team announcement

As a result of your feedback and to improve access, CNE HR is pleased to provide a new way to contact the iCare Benefits Team. Care New England employees can email iCare@carene.org with benefit-related questions. Emails will be responded to within one business day. This will be a pilot program that we hope enhances the customer experience.

Members of the HR Team will continue to take calls on the iCare Benefits line at (401) 680-4400, Option 2 (or ext. 12273). The iCare Benefits line will now be available during the following hours:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday

(Hours will be extended during the annual open enrollment period)

If you have a benefit-related question outside of these hours, please email iCare@carene.org or leave a voicemail on the iCare line. We also have a new iCare fax number: (401) 921-6198.

Employees can also reach out to one of the following:

• **United Healthcare:**

- Call Member Services at (844) 333-2611 for assistance with general plan questions, claims inquiries, etc.
- Register for an account on myuhc.com to access your plan information, claims information, view/print ID cards, find providers, and much more!

• **Optum Bank (HSA):**

- Register for an account on optumbank.com to view your account balance/transactions and manage investment activity.
- Optum Customer Service can be reached at (800) 791-9361.

• **Bswift (Benefits Enrollment Portal):**

- Bswift is CNE's benefit enrollment and eligibility system. You can view your benefit election information, dependent information, deduction costs and plan documents. Your user name is your employee ID number. Log in at carenewengland.bswift.com.
- You can also find benefit plan information on carenet at carenet/humanresources/benefits.

For general HR questions, please reach out to the appropriate HR Coordinator:

- Liz Douglas | Butler Hospital | LDouglas@CareNE.org | ext. 21479
- Bernadette Laughlin | CNE | BLaughlin@CareNE.org | ext. 14334
- Hayley Grant | CNEMG | HGrant@CareNE.org | ext. 14340
- Judy Karneeb | Kent Hospital | JKarneeb@CareNE.org | ext. 31627
- Deb Barrett | VNA | DBarrett@CareNE.org | ext. 57633
- Jackie Ribeiro | Women & Infants | JRibeiro@CareNE.org | ext. 42207
- Elizabeth Tighe | TPC | ETighe@CareNE.org | (401) 415-8842

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My CNE Ortho has officially launched

As we continue to strive toward improved **Quality, Service, and Access**, CNE is pleased to announce the launch of a new pilot program granting employees and their dependents (age 12 and older) specialized access to dedicated appointments and self-scheduling options to our Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Department.

As an added feature, for those employees covered through Care New England with UnitedHealth, when you schedule your appointment through the hotline or MyChart to see a CNE orthopedic provider, your copay will be waived. If you have Navigate plan, you are still required to get a referral from your PCP.

To access the hotline for both employees and dependents:

- Dial (401) 89-ORTHO or (401) 896-7846, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- An appointment will be scheduled within 24 hours

OR

- Schedule online through the MyChart app or website here: carenewengland.org/OpenScheduling, regardless of whether or not you have an account.
- View open appointment times to schedule at your convenience.
- Review directions on how to access MyChart outlined [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Annual Circle of Stars event

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Rhode Island Convention Center



The Providence Center (TPC) is marking 50 years of service to the community and plans to commemorate this historic achievement. Please join them at the annual Circle of Stars event on **October 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Tickets are \$150 per person and \$1,500 for a table of eight. Proceeds will support TPC's commitment to low-income children, adults, and families through innovative mental health and substance use treatment. These valuable sponsorships will also help ensure that TPC can continue to serve our community's most vulnerable, providing critical services, such as education, job training, and primary health care for years to come.

The fundraising event will honor individuals and corporations for their philanthropic support of TPC programs. This year's honorees include Maureen McDonald, trustee emerita, The Providence Center; Mark Peterson, RPh, chief executive officer, Genoa Healthcare; Michael "Mickey" Silver, MD, chief medical officer, The Providence Center; and David Siwicki, MD, co-founder of Dominion Diagnostics and GENEUS Health.

To purchase a ticket, please contact Cezarina (Sue) Jackson at (401) 921-8508 or cjackson@carene.org.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Health literacy series

October 17, 2019 | 4 to 6 p.m. | Women and Infants Hospital South Pavilion

Join us for our monthly health literacy series, hosted at Women & Infants Hospital and sponsored by Care New England Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee. We will be discussing important topics such as breast health, genetics, and diagnostic imaging, as well as educating about our new facility, in the Bayside Medical Office Building at 235 Plain Street in Providence, which is scheduled to open at the beginning of November.

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WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Bright Night for Little Stars | Saturday, October 19 | 7 to 10:30 p.m. Rhode Island Convention Center



The annual fundraising event for Women & Infants Hospital in benefit of the new birth center will take place on Saturday, October 19 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Rhode Island Convention Center. For our community, the new birth center will provide a warm and safe environment for each baby's arrival. For our medical teams, the design of the new center will inspire innovation in our care model for quality, safety, and satisfaction.

For more information please contact Cezarina (Sue) Jackson at (401) 921-8508 or cajackson@carene.org. To purchase tickets visit foundation.womenandinfants.org/BrightNight.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Making Strides Walk Sunday, October 20 | Walk begins at 9 a.m. | Downtown Providence, 2 Kennedy Plaza



Care New England will be participating in this year's Making Strides walk in downtown Providence on Sunday, October 20. This walk is an opportunity to bring the community together to support breast cancer awareness, celebrate survivors, and remember those we have lost. If you are interested in walking and would like to join an existing Care New England team, please visit secure.acsevents.org/site/TRR?fr_id=94450&pg=tfnd&skip_login_page=true.

KENT HOSPITAL

Kent Hospital Cancer Registry presents: Advances in Precision Care in Solid Tumor Oncology: Defining the Role of PARP Inhibitors Wednesday, October 23 | 7:30 to 9 a.m. | Doctor's Auditorium A

Kent Hospital Cancer Registry will be hosting the educational CME activity, "Advances in Precision Care in Solid Tumor Oncology: Defining the Role of PARP Inhibitors" with guest speaker Robert L. Coleman, MD, FACOG, FACS, on Wednesday, October 23. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and a continental breakfast will be served.