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Good afternoon,

Today, I am interested in gaining a little feedback from all of you regarding Carenews and our various ACTivity communications. It is very important to me that we all share an open and transparent dialogue. I also want to make certain that we are providing you with useful information.

Soon, the Marketing and Communications Department will share a survey tool with everyone across the system seeking to gain a better sense of what your thoughts and attitudes are surrounding our various newsletters and communications tools.

In the interim, I would ask you to forward along any comments you might have now to [marketing@carene.org](mailto:marketing@carene.org) and be on the lookout later this week for the survey.

I hope you will take the time to give us your feedback so we can provide you with information that is important, useful, and most of all, informative!

In closing, I hope you all are getting your flu shots and enjoying autumn in New England!

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Fanale".

James E. Fanale, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### Phil Kahn appointed chief information officer of Care New England



Care New England is pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Kahn as chief information officer (CIO) of Care New England, effective November 18. As you know, Phil has served as our interim CIO since September 2018, and came to CNE through Impact Advisors, LLC. with more than 25 years of health care experience.

He has extensive experience as a CIO, having served as a permanent and interim CIO in a number of both community hospital and academic medical center settings, and is knowledgeable in a variety of health information systems and vendors including Epic and Cerner. As a consultant for over 15 years, he came to CNE with experience in strategic planning, vendor evaluation and selection, financial analysis, interim management, IT governance, and application portfolio management.

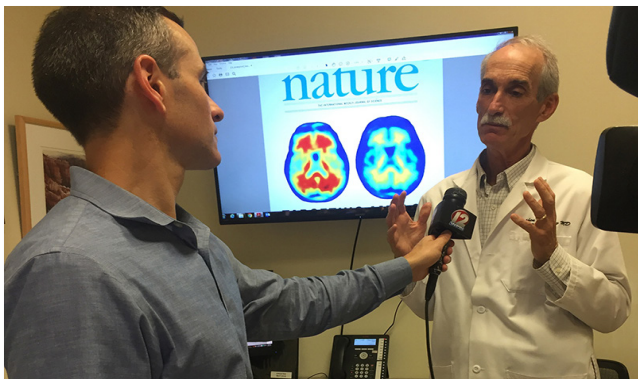
In addition to his bachelor's of science, mathematics, and physics degree, which he earned at the University at Albany, SUNY, he earned his master's of science in operations research at Union College, and later continued on to receive his master's in business administration at the University at Albany.

In 1987, Phil joined GE Silicones as IT director, where he served for more than four years. He began serving as CIO for St. Peter's Healthcare Services, Inc. in 1998 and six years later began a new role as senior managing consultant for Healthlink. In addition to serving more than two years at Impact Advisors, he has worked in multiple consulting roles, including senior management consultant at IBM, principal consultant at Hayes Management Consulting, and managing consultant at Encore, a Quintiles Company.

As chief information officer for Care New England, Phil will work closely with the senior leadership team and all facets of the organization. Please join us in congratulating Phil on his new role.

## BUTLER HOSPITAL

### Biogen announcement puts Dr. Stephen Salloway in the spotlight



*Pictured left to right: WPRI-TV's Pete Mangione and Stephen Salloway, MD, MS, director of the Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital and professor of psychiatry and human behavior and professor of neurology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.*

Stephen Salloway, MD, MS, director of the Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital and professor of psychiatry and human behavior and professor of neurology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been making the media rounds, regarding Biogen's recent announcement that it will continue its study of a new drug that could

slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Salloway was interviewed by numerous media outlets regarding the announcement, including TIME magazine, the [Providence Journal](#), the [Associated Press](#), the [Boston Globe](#), and WPRI-TV's Pete Mangione about the very exciting announcement. To watch the [WPRI-TV interview](#), please [click here](#).

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### Dr. Fanale to take part in PBN's Fall Health Care Summit panel

This Wednesday, Oct. 30, James E. Fanale, MD, will be joining a panel of experts at Providence Business News' Health Care Summit taking place at the Crowne Plaza Grand Ballroom in Warwick. The panel will explore the latest local initiatives to address health care affordability, as well as national trends in the industry alongside local business leaders and leading health care professionals in attendance.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased through the [PBN website here](#).

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## BUTLER HOSPITAL

### Butler Hospital's Dr. Brandon Gaudiano, to present at Massachusetts Psychological Association's 2019 annual conference



Brandon A. Gaudiano, PhD, associate professor, at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and research psychologist, at Butler Hospital, will present at the Massachusetts Psychological Association's 2019 annual

conference, "Changing Minds, Changing Lives: Rethinking Treatment for People Living with Serious Mental Illness" in Norwood, on Nov. 2. Dr. Gaudiano's presentation will discuss acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) and its application to treating individuals with psychotic-spectrum disorders.

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### Jim Hopkins and Deborah O'Brien, both honored with distinguished awards by URI

Congratulations to Jim Hopkins and Deborah O'Brien, who were each honored at the University of Rhode Island's 14th annual Distinguished Achievement Awards celebration. The event, held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Newport Marriott, was a great day for both Jim and Deb, who have been generous contributors to the health care industry.

Jim Hopkins, University of Rhode Island (URI) class of 1962, current chairperson of Butler Hospital's Medical Matters committee, member of the Care New England (CNE) board quality committee, member of the Kent Hospital quality committee, former board member and longtime donor to Kent since 1986,

was honored by Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour, dean of URI's College of Business with a Dean's Distinguished Achievement Award.

Deborah O'Brien, MPA, president and chief operating officer of The Providence Center and senior vice president of nursing, Care New England, was awarded the College of Nursing Dean's Award by Barbara Wolfe, dean for URI's college of nursing. This ceremony was especially significant of Deb who had the pleasure of receiving the award from her son, Michael. He is a URI senior and president of the Student Alumni Association, who will be graduating in May of 2020 with a degree in psychology and a minor in sports media and communication.



From left to right: Elizabeth Skerrett, Jim's great niece; Jennifer Skerrett, Jim's niece; attorney Kathryn Hopkins, Jim's niece; Jim Hopkins, Andrea Hopkins, member of the Kent Hospital Quality Committee, Kent Foundation board, and former Kent Hospital board member; Mark Hopkins, Jim's brother.



Michael O'Brien, URI class of 2020, and Deborah O'Brien, president and COO of The Providence Center and senior vice president of nursing, Care New England.

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## WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

### Women & Infants fundraising event raises over \$500,000 in support of the Birth Center



Women & Infants Hospital's "Bright Night for Little Stars", held on Oct. 19, raised over \$514,000 and was attended by more than 300 community leaders, grateful patients, friends, and colleagues.

Hope Parish, a grateful mom, shared her family's experiences at Women & Infants, stating, "I did not have an easy or simple path in starting my family. From the frustration of infertility through the devastation of losses, to the joy of motherhood, I've experienced it all. On our journey towards parenthood,

we've been to the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. The constant was my Women & Infants family who carried me *and* my husband through it all."

Proceeds of the event will support the hospital's new Birth Center. The event, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, was emceed by NBC 10 News Sunrise anchor, Mario Hilario, and co-chaired by Ann Marie and Steve Johnson and Virginia and Jim Roberts.

Earlier in the evening, Cynthia B. Patterson was awarded the inaugural Cynthia B. Patterson Lifetime Service Award for her 50 years of service to Women & Infants Hospital.



CNE Board Chair Charlie Reppucci recognized Patterson as an ardent champion of Women & Infants and women's health. She started as a volunteer at Providence Lying-In Hospital and rose to be the first woman chair of the hospital's board of trustees. She has served on the CNE Board since 1996. For her dedication, generosity, and wise counsel the hospital has established this new award bearing her name.

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

### Annual system-wide mandatory flu shot reminder

All employees, volunteers, and contractors must meet their flu shot requirement by Sunday, Dec. 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, Dec. 1, 2019.

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

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## WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

### Women & Infants hosts first event in their monthly health literacy series



Employees and community members recently attended the first health literacy event held at Women & Infants. In recognition of breast cancer awareness month, this month's topic included information on the importance of mammogram screenings, how to schedule an appointment, and topics related to cancer genetics and diagnostic imaging services.

Stayed tuned for more information about next month's topics; Understanding choices in childbirth: Resources for developing an empowering birth partnership.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### KENT HOSPITAL

#### Kent Hospital presents: Skin is In! Thursday, Nov. 7 | 4 to 5:30 p.m. Breast Health Center Conference Room



Join us as we welcome speaker Holly Brown, LE, from Looking & Feeling FAB, Inc., an industry leader in treating compromised skin and skin side effects resulting from cancer treatments. Topics include: What happens when skin becomes compromised?; How treatments (chemotherapy, radiation, surgery, and targeted immunotherapies) affect the skin; Avoiding harmful chemicals in skin care products;

Spa precautions; and more. Attendees will also receive a goody bag of healthy products. To register, please contact Ann Kirby, LICSW by Tuesday, Nov. 5 at (401) 737-7170, ext. 34516.

### CARE NEW ENGLAND

#### Self-defense workshop Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. Women & Infants, South Pavilion Auditoriums

Join us for a women's focused self-defense workshop with Ichiban Karate and Fitness at Women & Infants South Pavilion Auditoriums on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a free event on behalf of the Care New England Interpersonal Violence Taskforce, but we ask that you please bring a non-perishable item for donation. If interested in attending, be sure to wear comfortable clothing. To register, please email Kaela Dionne at [kdionne@ichibankaratestudio.com](mailto:kdionne@ichibankaratestudio.com).