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Good Afternoon,

Last week I had the pleasure of participating in the ribbon cutting for the new Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Inpatient Unit at Kent Hospital. The turnout was tremendous, and the long-term impact of this new program I believe will be remarkable. I would like to recognize and thank Dr. Ana Tuya Fulton, CNE executive chief of geriatrics and palliative care, for her vision and commitment to ensuring this unit's reality.

This 10-bed unit is a specialized inpatient service in Care New England's comprehensive Older Adults Program, meant to diagnose, treat, and manage many of the specific issues that are affecting the health and quality of life for our community's aging population. Kent Hospital's ACE unit is comprised of a broad interdisciplinary team including hospitalists, social workers, pharmacists, occupational and physical therapists, nurses, and geriatric medicine specialists. This was a total team effort in the making from Kent's leadership team to the clinicians and staff, as well as the facilities and engineering departments who were integral in seeing this through.

The fact is we have an increasingly aging population here in Rhode Island, and we must be ready to provide a new standard of care to our older adults both for them and for their families and caregivers. Care New England has been leading the way on so many fronts of late. It is exciting to see what all of our operating units and staff are accomplishing. I personally find these announcements to be the most exciting with the greatest possibility for making a difference in the lives of our patients.

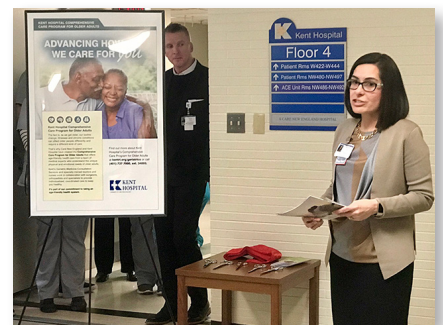
So far, the unit has been at or near capacity most days, a testament to the need and importance of this type of specialty care. We will be spreading the word in the community and across the state soon as we will be launching a multi-media marketing and advertising campaign the week of February 25. Keep an eye out for carenews that week as we will highlight some of the advertising you will be seeing and hearing. For now, this is just one more way we can share our collective pride and continue to do great things for those who need our care and support.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer



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Stroke Center at Kent Hospital earns Joint Commission Certification



**American Heart Association
American Stroke Association
CERTIFICATION**
Meets standards for
Primary Stroke Center

experts evaluated compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements, including program management, the delivery of clinical care, and performance improvement.

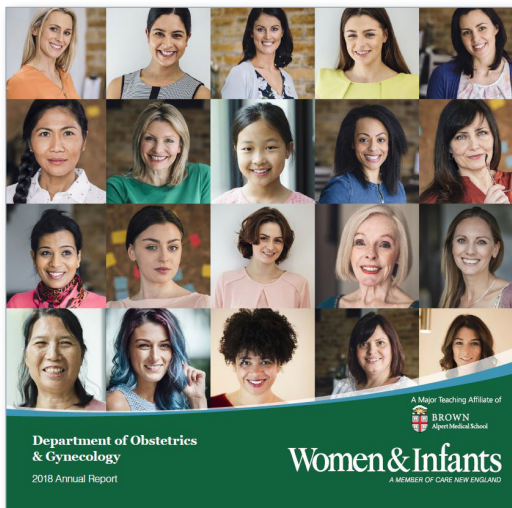
The Advanced Primary Stroke Center at Kent Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for [Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers](#). Joint Commission

"Kent Hospital's dedicated team of professionals is committed to providing outcome-oriented, exceptional stroke care to our communities," said Susan Moore, the Stroke Center's nurse director. "The stroke program continues to evolve, using evidence-based recommendations and quality assessment and reporting."

Established in 2003, Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals. The certification was derived from the Brain Attack Coalition's ["Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" \(JAMA, 2000\)](#) and the ["Revised and Updated Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" \(Stroke, 2011\)](#).

For more information on the Advanced Primary Stroke Center at Kent Hospital, call (401) 737-7010 or visit kentri.org.

Check out the Department of Ob/Gyn annual report



Each year, the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Women & Infants Hospital publish an annual report. The department's talented faculty members continue to be leaders in the field through a demonstrated dedication to and passion for innovation in clinical care, research, and education. All are focused on a collective mission to improve women's health and the lives of women and their families. Take a look at this year's report https://issuu.com/carene9/docs/wiannual_2018_web?e=0. (Note: Update your browser for the best viewing experience.)

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Second Annual Run for Your Life 5K Sunday, April 14, 2019 | Registration at 8:45 a.m., race starts at 9:30 a.m. University of Rhode Island Memorial Union



This run is being hosted by the URI Doctor of Physical Therapy Program to benefit the Jim Gillen Teen Center. The event also offers access to local resources, advice, and activities at the Healthy Lifestyles Expo, which will feature a number of stations with graduate and undergraduate students from various aspects of health care. Registration fees are \$20 in advance and \$25 day-of. Each participant will receive one raffle ticket with their ticket purchase. Additional donations can be mailed or given at the registration table on the day of the event, and will be recognized with additional raffle tickets per the structure below.

Additional donations of \$3 will earn one ticket, \$5 for two tickets, \$10 for 15 tickets, and \$20 for 40 tickets. Donations above \$20 will earn tickets per this pricing as well.

The first 100 participants will receive a "swag bag" along with their t-shirt!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/second-annual-run-your-life-5k-benefitting-the-jim-gillen-teen-center-registration-55582996238>.

Calling all Rhody men's basketball fans



In conjunction with Care New England's sponsorship of URI men's basketball, CNE will be the official sponsor of the Saturday, February 16 game against the Fordham Rams at the Ryan Center in Kingston. The game begins at 2 p.m. and a special discounted ticket rate is being provided to all CNE/Operating Unit employees. Pricing is \$15/ticket to sit in the Mezzanine Level or \$12/ticket to sit in the Mezzanine Endzone Level. You can access the ticket deals through the link below. Once into the URL, simply click, "Find Tickets" off to the right, and you should be able to easily navigate throughout the site from there. Hope to see you there!

<https://ev8.venue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetGroupList?prc=CNE&caller=PR&linkID=global-uri&&RSRC=RSP&RDAT=MBB>