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Good afternoon,

As many of you know, February is American Heart Month, a time to raise awareness about heart health and encourage the prevention of heart disease.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death in the United States. Here at Care New England, we support heart disease awareness and research through various initiatives.

On Friday, Feb. 7, employees across Care New England not only wore red to commemorate the American Heart Association's national movement, Go Red for Women, but also purchased paper hearts for one dollar each at various CNE locations in support of heart disease research.

This September, Chester M. Hedgepeth III, MD, PhD, executive chief of cardiovascular care at Care New England, will serve as chairman of the annual Southern New England American Heart Association Heart and Stroke Ball.

This event, commonly referred to as the Heart Ball, celebrates efforts to build a foundation of health in our community and ensure everyone lives a longer, healthier life. The black-tie event includes a cocktail reception, dinner and dessert, a live auction, and an Open Your Heart Appeal. The ball is scheduled to take place on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Graduate Hotel in Providence.

For both our patients and employees, our Access Center has been successful in providing the ability to schedule timely appointments with one of our cardiologists, primary care providers, or for outpatient testing related to cardiovascular disease. Direct access to these services allows us to provide immediate care to our patients with basic to advanced cardiology needs.

Soon we will be sending out information about living a heart healthy lifestyle which will include heart healthy recipes and facts about cardiovascular disease.

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Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CARE NEW ENGLAND

250 new beds purchased for Kent and Women & Infants hospitals

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 24, Care New England will begin the process of replacing its entire bed inventory at both Women & Infants and Kent hospitals, in the interest of superior patient care. All total, Care New England has purchased 250 new state-of-the-art Hillrom beds for Kent Hospital, and 171 for Women & Infants Hospital. After all deliveries have been made by Sunday, March 15, patients, doctors, and nurses will benefit by having new labor and delivery beds at Women & Infants, and Kent Hospital will see new med-surg beds.

"There is so much more that goes into a hospital bed than most people realize. A good hospital bed, with state-of-the-art technology can have a positive effect on the healing and recovery process, and that's what we want for our patients at all our CNE hospitals. Our organization decided to use Hillrom beds, because of the company's reputation of offering a product which provides the highest quality of care and comfort for health care and home settings," said James E. Fanale, MD, president and CEO, Care New England.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital featured in Providence Journal regarding CDC mortality numbers and suicide

Recently, Providence Journal reporter, G. Wayne Miller, ran a story about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) finalizing its 2018 mortality numbers, highlighting that overdose deaths have declined, but that the suicide rate is up. Diane Block, PhD, OT, director of quality and patient experience at Butler Hospital, was quoted in the Journal, saying, "To reduce deaths from suicide we have to be willing to talk openly and honestly about thoughts of suicide and to take action to mitigate suicide risk when a person endorses these thoughts."

Butler Hospital's Behavioral Health Services Call Center phone number 1 (844) 401-0111 was featured beneath the article, to let people know where to turn if one is considering suicide.

INTEGRA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

Integra ranks number two in overall quality score in national ranking of 'Next Generation ACOs'

Integra Community Care Network is the second-highest-rated accountable care organization (ACO) in the country, according to data recently released by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Integra was one of just 49 ACOs in the country to be included in CMS's [Next Generation ACO Model](#), a three-year program that recognizes ACOs that are experienced in coordinating care for populations of patients and allows these provider groups to assume higher level of financial risk and reward than are available under other programs.

CMS recently released its Financial and Quality report from 2018, the third year of the Next Generation ACO Model. Integra's quality score, graded on a scale of 100, was reported at 98.59 – the second-highest score reported in the nation and well above the average score of 92.98. CMS measures participating ACOs' quality scores by analyzing four primary categories of value-based care: patient/caregiver experience, care coordination and patient safety; preventive health; and serving at-risk populations.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

CNE Care adding to wellness offerings for employees and their families



We have had a tremendous response to our **CNE Care** wellness program! With your health and wellness in mind, we are now adding to our offerings. In addition to yoga classes, under the CNE Care program, we will now also be offering massage therapy, reiki, yoga nidra, private yoga (1:1), and meditation classes.

To register for yoga and meditation classes as well as information on how to schedule an appointment for massage, reiki, or other individual sessions please visit carenewengland.org/CNEcare.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

KENT HOSPITAL

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Series: Pain Assessment & Management Considerations**Thursday, Feb. 20 | 5 to 7 p.m. | Doctors' Auditorium**

The program, led by Julio Defillo-Draiby, MD, will be held in the Doctors' Auditorium, beginning with networking and a light supper at 5 p.m. A presentation will follow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for the session. To register, please contact Jeanne Therrien at JTherrien@Kentri.org or (401) 737-7000, ext. 32880.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

**Open house at Duncan Lodge | Meet the practitioners from Shri and Santosha yoga
Tuesday, March 10 | 3 to 5 p.m.**

Save the date for Tuesday, March 10, from 3 to 5 p.m., for our open house at Duncan Lodge. Come meet the practitioners from Shri and Santosha yoga, enjoy some light refreshments, and tour the wellness space.

Please visit the CNE Care page at carenewengland.org/CNEcare for additional information on scheduling and prices.

KENT HOSPITAL

**The Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Care New England In-Person Seminar
Wednesday, March 25 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. | 49 South County Commons Way,
South Kingstown, RI 02879**

Join us and help to spread the word for an in-person, community seminar taking place Wednesday, March 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at their new location, 49 South County Commons Way, South Kingstown, RI. This is an opportunity for those interested in bariatric surgery to meet with our physicians to help you better understand the weight loss surgery process. After completion, attendees will be able to call to set up an in-office appointment.