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Good afternoon,

I am pleased to let you know of some wonderful news for our cancer programs at both Kent and Women & Infants hospitals. Recently, the [Commission on Cancer \(CoC\)](#), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons ACS, granted a Three-Year Accreditation to the cancer program at Kent Hospital and a reaccreditation to The Program in Women's Oncology at Women & Infants Hospital. Accreditations for both programs were with commendation.

In order to earn this type of accreditation, our cancer programs had to meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

Additionally, Women & Infants received reaccreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) due to their Breast Health Center's full suite of services, including board certified breast surgeons, medical oncologists, plastic reconstructive surgeons, genetic counselors, and psychosocial support professionals, in addition to nurse navigator services, palliative care programs, and survivorship programs. The Breast Health Center at Kent Hospital received accreditation from the NAPBC in 2018.

The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for Kent and Women & Infants to improve their quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials, new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors' quality of life.

According to the American College of Surgeons, the high-quality standards of the CoC set the framework for a program that provides high-quality, patient-centered care and access to the full scope of cancer care services required to diagnose, treat, rehabilitate, and support.

Kent Hospital was also the recipient of the elite 2019 CoC Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA). The OAA recognizes the outstanding effort and commitment by a cancer program, including both the clinical and administrative staff, for providing high-quality cancer care to patients. A full list of all recipients can be found on the American College of Surgeons website, [here](#).

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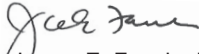
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It took a collaborative team approach to achieve these noteworthy accreditations as these surveys touch upon on all facets of the program — from surgeons and medical oncologists to social workers and genetic counselors. Fortunately, by having each member already fully engaged in delivering the highest quality health care in the region, it was simply a matter of showing the surveyor the tremendous work already being done at both Kent and Women & Infants every day.

Congratulations to both programs, keep up the great work!

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

In the weeks ahead, we will be hosting a series of Town Hall meetings with regard to the Coronavirus. Please free to attend whichever day/time is convenient.

Kent | Doctor's Auditorium

Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4 at 8 p.m.

Women & Infants

Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m. | South Pavilion 3 & 4

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 a.m. | Leadership will walk around the hospital to provide updates

Thursday, March 5 at 10 a.m. | South Pavilion 1 & 2

TPC | 528 North Main Street

Friday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Butler

Monday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m. | Ray Main Hall

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 a.m. | Ray Back Hall

VNA

Tuesday, March 10 at 3 p.m.

Service Ave | Building 2

Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m.

CNEMG Primary Care & Specialty Services Building | Pawtucket

Thursday, March 12 at 12 noon

INTEGRA

Integra Community Care Network partners with Rhode Island Physicians Corporation (RIPCPC)

Care New England recently announced that Integra Community Care Network is partnering with the Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation (RIPCPC) to enhance the quality and focus of Integra's primary care delivery system.

Since its launch in 2014, the Integra network has established itself as one of the strongest and most efficient Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) in the country, closing every fiscal year with a surplus while delivering high-quality care. Since its inception, Integra has reduced the overall cost of health care by more than \$51 million. [Click here](#) to learn more.

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

WJAR-TV segment focuses on Anchor Recovery Community Center's peer recovery success



(Pictured left to right: WJAR-TV Health Check reporter, Barbara Morse, and Anchor Recovery Community Center peer recovery participant, Donna Watson)

WJAR-TV's Barbara Morse-Silva interviewed Anchor Recovery Community Center member, Donna Watson, about peer recovery. In a review of peer recovery coaching and its partnership with the Anchor Recovery Community Center, a program of The Providence Center, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) found that peer recovery participants were more likely to stay in substance use disorder treatment when peer recovery is combined with medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and the participant has a primary care provider (PCP). The review also found that peer recovery can reduce short-term healthcare costs and is predicted to reduce long-term costs. [Watch here.](#)

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Women & Infants' providers bring specialty care to women in Rwanda



Each year in sub-Saharan Africa, it is estimated that more than 33,000 women develop obstetric fistulae and subsequent urinary and/or fecal incontinence. Unfortunately, these women are currently not able to be adequately treated repaired by local physicians due to lack of training and resources.

Last month, B. Star Hampton, MD, FACOG, who served as team leader and lead surgeon alongside her senior fellow Lauren Stewart, MD, and her nurse practitioner, Leah Moynihan, traveled to Kigali, Rwanda with the [International Organization for Women and Development \(IOWD\)](#) to repair these fistulas.

During this trip, Dr. Hampton's team evaluated more than 150 women with fistula and was able to successfully operate on more than 50 of these women.



A second team including Katina Robison, MD; Lindsey Beffa, MD; Jenna Emerson, MD, Laura Doherty, NP, and Sarah Manuppelli, research assistant, also traveled to Kigali to work with the Rwanda Biomedical Center to start a national cervical cancer screening program. The team screened 240 Rwandan women for cervical cancer using visual inspection with ascetic acid (VIA) and treated precancerous lesions with thermocoagulation. Lectures were presented to obstetrics and gynecology residents and nurses. Medical students were trained in VIA and thermocoagulation.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

The Brown Daily Herald features Dr. Stephen Salloway in article about clinical trial involving HIV drugs



Stephen Salloway, MD, MS, director of neurology and the Memory and Aging Program, at Butler Hospital, was interviewed by The Brown Daily Herald's Rahma Ibrahim, about Brown University researchers starting a phase one clinical trial that will look at the potential therapeutic effect that a class of HIV drugs can have on the progression of Alzheimer's Disease. The clinical trial was funded through a \$750,000 grant from the Alzheimer's Association Part the Cloud Translational Research Funding program. Read more [here](#).

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Safe Stations and Anchor MORE program highlighted by WJAR-TV



(Pictured left to right: WJAR-TV's Jarred Pelletier and Frank King, participant, Safe Stations)

Recently, WJAR-TV's Jarred Pelletier reported on a story about the Safe Stations program. Jarred spoke with Mike O'Neill, ACDP, CCSP, CPRS, manager of Anchor Community Center, Anchor MORE, and Safe Stations; and Megan Perry, CPRS, assistant manager, Anchor MORE, about how the Safe Stations program is lifesaving. He also interviewed, Frank King, an Anchor MORE member, who went to a Safe Station, and says the program saved his life, when he had nowhere else to go. [Watch here](#).

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Free Breastfeeding Community Event Wednesday, March 25 | 6 to 8 p.m. | Women & Infants South Pavilion



Join us for our free breastfeeding community event on Wednesday, March 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. Experienced staff will be on-site to show attendees some breastfeeding techniques, offer interactive activities to learn some of the basics of breastfeeding, and provide folks with education materials to reference while at home. We will also have a guest culinary student preparing healthy snacks for breastfeeding moms (with samples), free bra fittings for expectant and new moms, a chance to mingle with invited community resources, and light refreshments. To register, please visit events.carenewengland.org.

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.

KENT HOSPITAL

Graduate Nurse Residency Informational Sessions| Tuesday, April 28, 8 to 9 a.m. and Wednesday, April 29, 5 to 6 p.m. | Kent Hospital Doctor's Auditoriums



Come meet our nursing leadership staff, current graduate nurse residents, and other members from our team. Information will be provided about the Graduate Nurse Residency program at Kent Hospital, including current openings and employee benefits. Attendees will also get the opportunity to tour our inpatient units. Light refreshments will be served. Graduate nurses are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume. To RSVP, please contact graduatenuurse@kentri.org. For more information, contact Rosa DeSousa, talent acquisition partner, at (401) 736-4578 or RDesousa@Carene.org.

KENT HOSPITAL

The Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Care New England Annual Event: A New Beginning | Thursday, May 7 | 6 to 8 p.m. | Kent Hospital Doctor's Auditorium

Please join us in celebration of patients who have significantly improved their lives through weight loss. Whether you are a patient, know of one, or you are looking for support and inspiration from fellow patients, we hope you will join us. To register, please call the office at (401) 736-3731 or e-mail Jane Sylvestre at jsylvestre@kentri.org.