

Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Bridgeport Hospital | July 2024

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Opening of 3 East at Milford Campus – Bridgeport Hospital

Bridgeport Hospital unveiled its new state-of-the-art post-surgical orthopedic care unit. The opening of 3 East on the Milford Campus marked a milestone in the commitment Yale New Haven Health and Bridgeport Hospital made to Milford Hospital when it acquired it nearly five years ago.

The rooms are equipped with the latest technology and designed with patient and family comfort in mind. Each room features a tablet that allows patients to control lighting, temperature, the window blinds and their entertainment options. They can also easily communicate with their care team. Patients can be monitored remotely and will have the ability in the future to consult with providers virtually.



(L-R): Brooke Spadaccino, RN, vice president, Orthopedic Services, YNHHS; Lisa Lattanza, MD, chair, Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Yale Medicine; Amit Lahav, MD, orthopedic surgery; Karen Gibbs, MD, chair, Surgery, Bridgeport Hospital; Anne Diamond, JD, president, Bridgeport Hospital; Mayor Tony Giannattasio, City of Milford; Joubin Bavarian, RN, vice president, Operations, Bridgeport Hospital; Lauren Fabian, MD, orthopedic surgery; and Pamela Scagliarini, senior vice president and chief operating officer, Bridgeport Hospital.

REACH program offers a new state-of-the-art OCD treatment clinic at Bridgeport Hospital

The REACH (Recovery, Engagement, Access, Coaching & Healing) Adult OCD/Anxiety Disorders Program at Bridgeport Hospital has been named Program of the Year by the Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Health.

The Adult OCD/Anxiety Disorders Program was established in 2023 through a collaboration between the Yale School of Medicine OCD Research Clinic and REACH. The REACH Program is funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

The OCD/Anxiety Disorders program at Bridgeport Hospital is the only one of two dedicated intensive

programs in the United States offering Exposure and Response Prevention Therapy (ERP) with medication management. ERP therapy is a behavioral therapy that gradually exposes people to situations designed to provoke a person's obsessions in a safe environment.

In addition to the OCD/Anxiety Disorders clinic, the REACH program at Bridgeport Hospital also offers an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), which includes Medication Management and Outpatient Group Therapy for both adults and youth.

Yale New Haven Health celebrates 1000 patients treated through the Home Hospital Program

Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS), which launched the Home Hospital program in 2022 to provide hospital-level care to patients in their homes, celebrated the 1000th patient cared-for milestone by hosting two former patients who shared their experiences with a large audience of healthcare professionals.

The Home Hospital program provides acute care to patients who would otherwise need to be in the hospital. Through a

combination of in-person visits and telehealth technology, the program brings a range of hospital services to the homes of patients with heart failure, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cellulitis, sepsis, COVID and other conditions.

The Home Hospital program currently serves patients meeting certain clinical and social criteria who live within 25 miles of Bridgeport or Yale New Haven hospitals.

Expanding access for non-oncology infusion

In the past, patients who needed outpatient infusion treatments for non-cancerous conditions might have to wait weeks for an appointment at Yale New Haven Health's outpatient infusion centers. The reasons for the delays and patient backlog are complex -- new medications have increased infusion demand; physician referral and scheduling processes have been inconsistent across different practices; it can take time for insurance companies to approve infusion treatments.

As for non-oncology infusion, YNHHS infusion centers provide highly specialized diagnostic and clinical care and perform more than 36,000 treatments annually for allergy and immunology conditions, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, lupus, Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis and other non-cancerous conditions.

Many of these treatments are the only options for patients with previously untreatable conditions. Increasing available treatments is a boon for patients and requires creating the necessary capacity.

The oncology infusion area has also faced patient throughput challenges. As with other oncology programs nationwide, Smilow Cancer Hospital patients had wait times the day of their appointments. In addition, balancing the workload among staff was difficult, particularly during peak times.

In response, staff within the oncology and non/oncology infusion areas each created multidisciplinary teams focused on two main goals: to more efficiently use infusion chairs, thereby increasing capacity and improving patient access.

Last year, a multidisciplinary team from Nursing, Pharmacy, Digital Technology Solutions, Financial

Clearance and other departments began exploring ways to streamline access to infusion chairs at YNHHS outpatient infusion centers. After analyzing barriers to timely patient access, they worked with community physicians to improve communications and streamline referrals. The team is also working with YNHHS providers to facilitate scheduling at sites across the health system to provide more care closer to home and is piloting an Epic tool to improve patient scheduling.

Please see the list below for a list of Infusion Services and locations.

Bridgeport Hospital Outpatient Infusion Centers

MedEase Ambulatory Medicine Unit
Perry Building, 1st Floor
267 Grant Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610
203-384-3593

**Diagnostic Treatment Center –
Milford Campus**
300 Seaside Avenue, 1st Floor
Milford, CT 06460
203-301-1650
Remicade® (influximab), IVIg,
and blood products infusions only

Greenwich Hospital Outpatient Infusion Centers

Long Ridge Medical Center
260 Long Ridge Road, 1st floor
Stamford, CT 06902
475-619-6154

**Greenwich Hospital
Outpatient Infusion Center**
5 Perryridge Road, 1st floor
Greenwich, CT 06830
203-863-3274

Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Outpatient Infusion Center

Outpatient Infusion Center
365 Montauk Avenue, 1st Floor
New London, CT 06320
860-442-0711; extension 2184

Yale New Haven Hospital Outpatient Infusion Centers

**Interventional Immunology
Infusion Center**
North Haven Medical Center
6 Devine Street, Suite 2B
North Haven, CT 06473
203-287-6107

**Hospital Outpatient Infusion
Therapy (HOIT)**
Medical Office Building
330 Orchard Street, Suite 315
New Haven, CT 06511
203-789-3345

Fairfield Neurology Infusion Center
75 Kings Highway Cutoff, 5th floor
Fairfield, CT 06824
475-330-6168

**Old Saybrook Multispecialty
Infusion Center**
633 Middlesex Turnpike, 1st Floor
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
860-388-8345

Hamid Mojibian, MD, named director of Radiology



Hamid Mojibian, MD, has been named director of Radiology for Bridgeport Hospital. Dr. Mojibian, who had been serving in the role on an interim basis since 2021, is also the cardiac imaging section chief at Yale New Haven Hospital and associate professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging at Yale School of Medicine.

BH physician named Connecticut Hospital Association Healthcare Heroes

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recently announced recipients of its 2024 Healthcare Heroes Awards. Peter Morgan, MD, PhD, chair of Psychiatry, was among the four Yale New Haven Health employees recognized.

The award recognizes exceptional healthcare workers' invaluable contributions, both to their fields and the community at large. This year, CHA presented awards to individuals from each Connecticut hospital.



In addition to Dr. Morgan (center) YNHHS 2024 Healthcare Heroes include (left) Ranbir Bains, APRN, PhD, Yale New Haven Hospital; Seana Lynch, RN, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital and (not pictured) Lori Dilg, RN, surgical nurse, Greenwich Hospital.

Bridgeport Hospital nationally recognized for providing high-quality stroke care

Bridgeport Hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® –Stroke Silver Plus quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

Bridgeport Hospital also received the American Heart Association's Target: Stroke Elite award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with thrombolytic therapy.

Know Your Numbers Plus 2024 underway

Yale New Haven Health's 2024 Know Your Numbers (KYN) Plus program is currently underway. The wellbeing incentive program allows benefits-eligible employees, including employed physicians, the opportunity to earn up to \$500 toward their 2025 YNHHS Medical Plan premium. Additionally, the program can provide key insights into an employee's current health status and future risks, and consists of a Biometric Screening, Online Health Assessment and personal choice activities.

Employees must complete both a Biometric Screening and an Online Health Assessment to earn any premium incentive, and the two activities will earn \$300 toward the \$500 maximum premium credit.

Employees can earn up to \$200 in additional credit (towards the maximum \$500 credit) by completing other Personal Choice Activities.

To earn credit, employees must first register on the Virgin Pulse platform. To enroll in Virgin Pulse, go to the website at join.virginpulse.com/ynhhs. If already enrolled, log in to Virgin Pulse through THRIVE on the intranet, or through Infor, under Employee Programs.

Onsite biometric screenings are available at all delivery networks through early August. Schedule appointments for a biometric screening on the Virgin Pulse portal or have a screening as part of a preventative care visit with your PCP or Ob/Gyn, or at a participating CVS Pharmacy. The Online Health Assessment is also located in the Virgin Pulse portal. The deadline for all activities to be completed is Aug. 23, 2024.

Newsmakers



Jorge Rodriguez, MPA, (left) has been named Yale New Haven Health System executive vice president and chief ambulatory officer; and Patrick Kenney, MD, (right)

has been appointed chief ambulatory physician executive and associate dean for Clinical Affairs at Yale School of Medicine. Rodriguez and Kenney will work together to define, lead and implement ambulatory strategy across the enterprise. In addition, they will oversee all Northeast Medical Group (NEMG) and Yale Medicine (YM) and hospital-based outpatient office locations.

Library Services resources for staff – OVID Medline

The library at Bridgeport Hospital provides access to outstanding health information resources and services that support education, research and patient care. The hospital libraries promote the Yale New Haven Health care signature initiative by fostering an atmosphere of innovation, collaboration, cooperation and life-long learning in support of an academic health network.

OVID Medline

OVID Medline offers easy access to a diverse collection of high-quality clinical journals. Published content focuses on promoting the best current research. The OVID platform is easy to use and ensures users have an efficient and productive research experience.

Library staff can assist in locating the specific resource to meet your needs. Contact Todd Lane MAT, MLS, Podium 4 at 203-384-3615.

Library is open Mon. - Fri. 7 am – 4:30 pm. Badge access is required evenings, weekends and holidays.

Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the August 2024 issue of Medical Staff News is Friday, Aug. 2. Please submit items for consideration to: Alison Tighe at alison.tighe@bpthosp.org or Myra Stanley at myra.stanley@ynhh.org.

Digestive Health Virtual CME Series 2024: Trust Your Gut – Aug. 15

On Aug. 15 at 5 pm, presenters Jill Zafar, MD, and Daniel Lavy, MD, will present “Preoperative Risk Assessment in Gastrointestinal Surgery,” in the next session of the monthly virtual Digestive Health CME series. Yale School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ per session. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Save the Date – Sept. 6 for the Annual Wound Science Symposium

Innovation in Regenerative Medicine for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, hosted by Bridgeport Hospital and YNHHS, will be Friday, Sept. 6, 7:30 am – 4:15 pm at the Trumbull Marriott in Shelton. This continuing education opportunity will include 30-minute hands-on sessions.

Event is free and open to all medical professionals. For more information, contact Janice.Mezick@bpthosp.org. (CME Accreditation by Bridgeport Hospital is pending.)

Save the date – Sept. 7 There and Back Again: Facing our Greatest Enemies – Evaluating the Leading Causes of Death in the U.S.

Physicians and APPs practicing in internal medicine, hospital medicine, family medicine, primary care, urgent care, critical care, emergency medicine and surgical specialists are invited to attend this one-day symposium. Trainees, RNs and Allied Health professionals are also welcome.

The event is Saturday, Sept. 7, 7 am – 4 pm at the Trumbull Marriott Shelton, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull.

Virtual option offered. CME credits available.

For registration fees and to register, visit <https://www.ynhhs.org/events>. For information, contact Alan.Olson@bpthosp.org.

To learn more, visit <https://site.phedloop.com/event/FacingOurGreatestEnemies/home>