

Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Bridgeport Hospital | June 2025

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Monique Misra, MD, named 2025 Physician of the Year



Monique Misra, MD, was named Bridgeport Hospital's 2025 Physician of the Year at the annual Medical Staff dinner in May. As the executive director of Hospitalist Services, Dr. Misra plays a vital leadership role, overseeing the operations, strategy and clinical quality of the hospitalist team who cares for patients at Bridgeport Hospital. She ensures high-quality, efficient and evidence-based inpatient care. She is also the first female Medical Staff president for Bridgeport Hospital.

"With her visionary approach, Dr. Misra has elevated the standard of hospital medicine within Bridgeport Hospital," said Victor Morris, MD, chief medical officer. "She has championed quality initiatives that have reduced length of stay, improved care transitions and enhanced overall patient experience, all while serving as an advocate for our providers to ensure they have the support they need to deliver exceptional patient care."

Congratulations Dr. Misra!

Bridgeport Hospital launches lifesaving prehospital blood transfusion program

Bridgeport Hospital recently launched a lifesaving prehospital blood transfusion program that equips regional emergency medical services (EMS) agencies with the tools and education necessary for paramedics to administer blood transfusions in their ambulances.

The program, the first of its kind in the region, is a collaboration with Bridgeport Hospital's EMS partners from Bridgeport American Medical Response, Trumbull EMS and Stratford EMS.

"When assessing and treating bleeding patients, every second matters," said Douglas Latham, MD, Bridgeport Hospital EMS medical director. "The ability to transfuse blood prior to arriving at the hospital improves patient outcomes by addressing hemorrhagic shock during the most critical time, stabilizing patients until they arrive at the hospital for ongoing treatment and mitigating the effects of severe blood loss in critically injured and/or bleeding patients."

Bridgeport Hospital wins CHA Community Service Award

Congratulations to Bridgeport Hospital for winning the 2025 Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award from the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) for the Family Bridge Program.

This innovative program serves the Bridgeport community by providing in-home follow-up for new mothers and babies. Nurses and social workers visit families in their homes within two weeks of discharge, regardless of delivery hospital. The award was presented at CHA's Annual Meeting on June 17.

Greg Buller, MD, recognized by Greater Bridgeport Medical Association



Gregory Buller, MD, associate chief medical officer and chairman, Bridgeport Hospital Department of Medicine, was recognized recently by the Greater Bridgeport Medical Association with their 2025 Exemplary Medical Leadership Award.

Congratulations Dr. Buller!

BH units win awards at YNHHS Patient Experience symposium

The YNHHS Patient Experience Department hosted the “Power of Connection Symposium” earlier this month. The event, which was also livestreamed, brought together healthcare professionals and leaders across the system to celebrate achievements of frontline staff and explore innovative strategies for improving patient experience. Program highlights included patient stories; testimonials; awards and recognitions; best practices; and a keynote presentation by Chrissy Daniels, chief experience officer, Press Ganey.

Daniels shared insights about how to accelerate excellence in patient experience by focusing on positive reinforcement, recognition and engagement of staff. Her recommendations included thanking employees when they have done something right and encouraging them to consider how they can do the same thing every time.

Several BH and BHMC units were recognized for exceptional performance during the symposium:

- MC3 East was recognized for the “Best Patient Experience Key Driver Performance” related to Responsiveness
- WT7 was recognized for “Most Improved Key Driver Performance” related to Quietness. The unit was also spotlighted for their best practices related to Patient Perceptions of Responsiveness.
- Additional Honorable Mentions included WCC Maternity (Responsiveness), MC 3East (Quietness), WT7 (Nurse Communication), and MC South3 (Nurse Communication).

First responders honored at annual EMS awards ceremony

Bridgeport Hospital celebrated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week by honoring some of the best in the area at its annual EMS awards ceremony, which recognizes those who go above and beyond.

William Wintermute, a paramedic with AMR-Bridgeport, received the EMS Provider of the Year Award, which honors a provider who consistently demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and patient care throughout the year.

Erin Smith, a paramedic supervisor with Stratford EMS, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to public safety and emergency medical service.

“Will is known among his colleagues to be reliable, efficient and always willing to help,” said Doug Latham, MD, Bridgeport Hospital EMS medical director. “Erin is a consummate professional known for her integrity, leadership and tireless commitment to excellence, which elevates the standard of care and professionalism in our field.”

The ceremony also honored EMS providers from AMR Bridgeport, Easton EMS, Monroe Police and Volunteer EMS, Nelson Ambulance, Stratford EMS, Trumbull EMS and Valley EMS.

Know Your Numbers Plus underway

The annual Know Your Numbers Plus wellness rewards program is currently underway. The program gives YNHHS employees, including employed physicians, the opportunity to earn up to \$500 credit toward the cost of their 2026 YNHHS medical premium – and be healthier at the same time.

Completion of a basic health screening, the core of the program, earns \$300 in credit. These biometric screenings may be scheduled at onsite locations, including at both Bridgeport Hospital campuses.

Employees can earn up to \$200 in additional credit (towards the maximum \$500 credit) by completing other Personal Choice Activities. All program details are outlined on the THRIVE intranet site or through HRConnect, under Health and Wellness, Quick links. All Know Your Numbers Plus elements must be completed by Aug. 22, 2025.

Health AI Championship winners announced

Last month, Yale New Haven Health's Center for Health Care Innovation hosted the first Health AI Championship, a competition designed to showcase groundbreaking applications of artificial intelligence (AI) in health care.

Innovators from health systems and hospitals across Connecticut were invited to develop AI-driven solutions that address critical challenges in patient care and healthcare operations.

The event fostered collaboration and paved the way for real-world applications that can significantly improve patient outcomes and streamline healthcare operations.

An independent panel of judges comprised of strategic investors and industry experts chose the winners:

First prize:

- Deep Machine Learning Model for Prediction of Death in Organ Donation after Circulatory Death (Ramesh Batra, MBBS, Smita Krishnaswamy, PhD).
Home institution: Yale University

Second prize:

- Ensign-AI (Rohan Khera, MD, Philip Kroon, MD, Evan Oikonomou, MD).
Home institution: Yale University
- Polaris (Richa Sharma, MD, Kevin Sheth, MD, Ho-Joon Lee, PhD).
Home institution: Yale University

Third prize:

- Use of AI, Computer Simulation & Mathematical Optimization for Optimizing ED Resource Allocation (Tze Chiam, PhD, Ahmed Gailan Qasem, Sarah Visker, RN, John Brancato, MD).
Home institution: Connecticut Children's Hospital
- Detection and Localization of Subdural Hematoma with Subsequent Recurrence Prediction using AI (Tapan Mehta, MD, Bernard Burman, Rohan Kumar, Vasiliki Stoumpou, Dimitris Bertsimas, PhD).
Home institution: Hartford Healthcare
- AI-Enabled Multi-Class Diagnosis of Ejection Fraction from Electrocardiograms (Steven Zweibel, MD, Catherine Ning, Dimitri Bertsimas, PhD).
Home institution: Hartford Healthcare



Health AI Championship first-prize winner (third from left) Ramesh Batra, MBBS, surgical director, Yale New Haven Transplantation Center Liver Transplant Program, was joined by (l-r): Christopher O'Connor, YNHHS CEO; Lee Schwamm, MD, YNHHS chief digital health officer; and Adam Landman, MD, chief information officer, Brigham and Women's Hospital.

TCAR procedure at BH featured in recent edition of *Healthy & Wise* Reducing Stroke Risk With TCAR

Patient Joseph Glorioso had no idea what TCAR was, but he was more than pleased that his vascular surgeon did. This newer procedure for treating transcarotid artery revascularization – or TCAR for short – is less invasive than traditional methods in minimizing the risk of future stroke in patients at high risk for severe carotid artery disease.

Glorioso, who had had multiple mini-strokes, or TIAs (transient ischemic attacks), said he recognized the oncoming symptoms of stroke. “When I started slurring my words, my wife took me to Bridgeport Hospital right away.”

“Prior to TCAR, our main way to revascularize carotid arteries was through stenting versus the standard of care, which is carotid endarterectomy (CEA),” said Seth Blattman, MD, who performs the TCAR procedure at Bridgeport Hospital. “Carotid endarterectomy has been around for about 40 years and is tried and true.

Dr. Blattman said he has been using the TCAR method for the past several years with increasing frequency in patients who are considered at high risk for traditional surgery due to age and other medical conditions.

See the entire story here.

<https://www.ynhhs.org/articles/reducing-stroke-risk-tcar>

Jazzman's Café and Pandini's under construction

Construction is underway to remodel the current Bridgeport Hospital main campus lobby eateries, Jazzman's Cafe and Pandini's, to bring employees and visitors a new and enhanced dining experience.

The upgraded dining space, scheduled to open in early fall 2025, will include modern equipment, new technology, additional menu offerings and a micromart to accommodate staff 24 hours every day.

While the spaces are under construction throughout the summer, there is temporary space set up in the lobby area (near the old parking desk) offering light refreshments including coffee, tea, water, soda, fruit cups, yogurt, pastry and other light snacks, providing quick and convenient items to customers during the construction phase.

Staff and visitors are also encouraged to visit the main cafeteria, Fresh Inspirations, located on the hospital's second floor, for a wide variety of food and beverage options.

During construction, the main cafeteria will have extended hours opening from 7 am – 7 pm, Monday through Friday (the overnight space in the main café will remain open during construction) and 7 am – 6:30 pm weekends and holidays.

Digestive Health Virtual CME Series 2025: Trust Your Gut – July 17

Yale New Haven Health and Yale Medicine host the free, virtual Digestive Health CME series, called Trust Your Gut, on the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm. The series provides digestive health educational programming, professional development and networking opportunities for physicians and advanced practice providers.

Tune in on July 17 when the topic will be LGBTQ & Gastroenterology Care. On Aug. 21, the presentation will focus on AI in GI.

Yale School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Check out additional CME opportunities

Be sure to check out Yale School of Medicine upcoming courses and CME opportunities at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Monthly Medical Staff Breakfast – June 25



Farm Stand returns to Bridgeport Hospital in July

For the sixth year, Bridgeport Hospital is helping to bring fresh produce to the community with its weekly Farm Stand. The stand, featuring fresh fruits and vegetables from Smith's Acres, will run Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 pm starting July 10.

Offered in partnership with the Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative and End Hunger CT, the Farm Stand is open to the community along with staff, patients and visitors. It is located at 200 Mill Hill Avenue in Bridgeport and runs through Oct. 30.

Medical Staff Picnic at the Zoo

Saturday, July 19, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Beardsley Zoo

1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport

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Newsletter submissions

The deadline to submit content for the July/August 2025 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Thursday, July 3, 2025.

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