

Medical Staff News

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From the desk of the CMO

Happy New Year!

With the end of the calendar year, I tend to reflect on major events, and 2019 was a big year for Bridgeport Hospital. Most notably, our medical staff expanded significantly as members of the Milford Hospital Medical Staff integrated into a single Bridgeport Hospital Medical Staff across two campuses. As Mike Ivy assumed the role of associate chief medical officer for YNHHS, Anne Diamond joined Bridgeport as our president. As Tito Vasquez moves into the role of president of the medical staff, I want to share my appreciation to Ken Lipow for his two years serving in that role.

The end of the year is also the time that I contemplate how much CME I've completed in the year. In addition to events such as the Physician Summit and numerous departmental Grand Rounds that offer CME, I want to make sure you know that Yale CME is available to all Bridgeport Hospital Medical Staff. If you use the code "BPT20" which is specific to Bridgeport Hospital Medical Staff, you can access the content for free. The Yale CME website is: cme.yale.edu.

Periodically, I like to remind everyone about cautions in accessing Protected Health Information through Epic. While it is always appropriate to access information of patients whom we are treating, we should not look up records of family members using Epic, even if we have permission. A better approach is to have family members set up MyChart accounts to look for test results. If a friend or colleague asks you to review their medical records (as a consultant), please ask for written permission (such as an email...it need not be highly formal). While this may sound restrictive, my heads up is based on legal concerns and even successful lawsuits in the state based on inappropriate accesses.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to an upcoming event – we'll be celebrating National Women Physicians Day on February 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 am in the Medical Staff Lounge. Please join us if you can!

Ryan O'Connell, MD, Interim Chief Medical Officer

U.S. News & World Report voting begins in February

All board-certified physicians within each of the applicable specialties evaluated by *U.S. News & World Report* (i.e., Cancer, Cardiology/CT Surgery, Diabetes/Endocrinology, ENT, Gastroenterology/GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Nephrology, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Pulmonary, Rehabilitation, Rheumatology and Urology) will soon receive a request to vote in the *U.S. News* reputation ranking.

The request will come via email from Doximity, an online networking website for physicians used to calculate the reputational portion of the hospital rankings. Registered users may also receive a prompt when logging into the site. As the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are heavily weighted towards an institution's reputation, the survey provides the opportunity for members of the medical staff to make their collective voice heard about the exceptional care provided across Yale New Haven Health.

All YNHHS hospitals and ambulatory practices are home to outstanding physicians who continually advance medicine through the safe, high quality and compassionate care provided to our patients. The reputation of the entire health system would be greatly enhanced if Yale New Haven Hospital is voted into the Honor Roll. One barrier to this in the past has been the reputational score, which is determined by physician vote. Members of the medical staff across Yale New Haven Health are urged to consider this when casting votes during the upcoming voting period. Doximity reports that voting for the 2020 rankings will open in February.

Caregivers honored by patients

The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation announced the following clinical staff members were recognized by patients in December with a gift to the Honor Your Caregiver program: Michele Attard, LMT; Bridgeport Hospital East Tower 8 staff; Bridgeport Hospital West Tower 7 Oncology staff; Bridgeport Hospital West Tower 10 staff; Alan Feldman, DPM; Neal Fischbach, MD; Marcy Furano, LMT; Kristin Gregg, MD; Matthew Hill, RN; Mahfuz Hoq, MD, MPH; Shideh Imanian-Parsa, MD; Catrina Lanouette, RN; Paul McGuire, RN; Anke Ott-Young, MD; Julia Perillo, RN, (two gifts in her honor); Edward Pinto, MD; Edward Tuohy, MD.

Medical Staff Executive Committee December 9, 2019

Anne Diamond, president: FY19 ended with a very robust net margin of 6.4 percent. The governor signed off on legislation to end the lawsuit over the provider tax that should result in a lump sum of approximately \$4 million to BH. Discharges were below budget, not certain if it was due to increased length of stay or fewer patients presenting to the hospital. It is a statewide trend. Only Hartford Healthcare is experiencing an increase in discharges. Milford Campus had a slight loss. The census at MC is now in the mid-30s. Now that much of the infusion to MC is over, cash on hand can be expected to rebound.

Ryan O'Connell, MD, interim chief medical officer: Dr. O'Connell expressed gratitude to Dr. Harris Jacobs for his long tenure as the chair of Pediatrics and welcomed Dr. Magna Dias as the incoming chair. There was gratitude for the Nominating Committee, including Dr. Krystal Pagan as chair, members Ed Tuohy, John Ayala and Jean Tornatore, as well as to *eminence gris* Mike Werdmann and Darcy Harris for their institutional memory. Dr. Tito Vasquez is the incoming president of the medical staff, Dr. Murali Chiravuri is the incoming vice president and Dr. Nick Lillo is the new member.

Eleven hospitals in Connecticut received a LeapFron rating of C, including all the YNHHS hospitals. St. Vincent's received a D. The data are from CMS, but are 2-3 years old, so there is a very significant lag time before positive changes are reflected in the grade. BH has had essentially no competition for perhaps five years as St. Vincent's was failing. With Hartford taking over, it's a competitive environment once again.

Kenneth Lipow, MD, president, medical staff: Dr. Ken Lipow yields the gavel next month and expressed gratitude for the privilege of serving. MSEC expressed gratitude to Dr. Lipow.

Centers of Excellence at Bridgeport Hospital – Astou Seye, MD, associate director, Hospitalist Program, and chief of the Hospitalist service at Gaylord Hospital: presented on the NEMG Hospitalist Program at Gaylord Hospital.

Sheikh Hoq, MD, interim vice president, Performance and Risk Management: The Vizient survey of BH found over 550 citations. The JC inspection found no condition level findings, putting BH in the top 25 percent of hospitals. Next is DPH, which everyone expects to be a bit more rigorous.

Pamela Scagliarini, executive vice president and COO: Shared highlights of the work of Support Services.

YNHHS launches video healthcare visit service

Yale New Haven Health launched the new Video Care OnDemand service this month. This service offers one-on-one video visits with a clinician for common illnesses and injuries such as:

- Allergies
- Back pain (new onset)
- Colds
- Earaches
- Headaches
- Influenza
- Low-grade fevers
- Mild/moderate asthma
- Minor eye irritations
- Minor rashes
- Sore throats
- Sprains and strains

Anyone may access Video Care OnDemand via MyChart or ynhhs.org/ondemand. The new Video Care OnDemand offers a special, lower rate to benefits-eligible Yale New Haven Health employees and their covered adult dependents. (Pediatric services currently are not available.) The service provides an alternative to using emergency departments or urgent care centers for common, non-life threatening conditions. Video Care OnDemand covers all of Connecticut and is available weekdays (except holidays), 7 am - 7 pm.

Residents and Fellows: Mark your calendars for Appreciation Week

All resident and fellow physicians are invited to participate in Resident and Fellow Appreciation Week, scheduled for Monday - Friday, Feb. 3 - 7, 2020.

Hosted by the Office of Graduate Medical Education, the week will feature a host of activities for residents and fellows in appreciation for their hard work all year long. Activities will include chair massages, food and snacks, a recognition ceremony and book giveaway. Please plan to stop by as often as you can during the week.

New Physicians



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Save the Date

- **National Women Physicians Celebration Breakfast** – Monday, Feb. 3, 7:30 am, Medical Staff Lounge. Please RSVP to alison.tighe@bpthosp.org.
- **The Physician Leadership Retreat** – Monday, Feb. 17, 8 am - 4:30 pm at Tashua Knolls, 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to follow. Please RSVP to alison.tighe@bpthosp.org.

Newsmaker

Richard Torres, MD, was appointed to the National Board of Directors of the Latino Commission on AIDS in New York. The Latino Commission on AIDS is dedicated to educating and supporting HIV and AIDS and addressing the LGBTQ community in Latinos throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the February 2020 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Friday, January 31. Please submit items for consideration to Ryan O'Connell, MD, at ryan.o'connell@bpthosp.org, 203-384-3760 or Myra Stanley, Yale New Haven Health at 203-688-1531 or myra.stanley@ynhh.org.

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