

Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Bridgeport Hospital | March 2023

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BH Chief Medical Officer Victor Morris, MD, offer remarks at the launch of SkyHealth II.

YNHHS expands critical care transport capabilities with second SkyHealth helicopter

Yale New Haven Health officially launched its second SkyHealth critical care transport helicopter recently. The second helicopter and crew will join the first SkyHealth helicopter, which launched in 2014 as a partnership between YNHHS and Northwell Health in New York.

YNHHS is leasing the second SkyHealth from Med-Trans, a national air medical provider. From its base at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, the second SkyHealth can fly to referring hospitals throughout the Northeast and bring patients to the most appropriate YNHHS hospital for specialized care.

As with the first SkyHealth, the new helicopter and crew capabilities include:

- ICU care while enroute
- Invasive and non-invasive monitoring
- Multiple channel IV pumps
- Intra-aortic balloon pump management
- Advanced airway and ventilation management

“It’s a critical-care unit in the sky,” Victor Morris, MD, chief medical officer, Bridgeport Hospital, said at the ribbon-cutting event. “Anything you can do in an intensive care unit, you can do in that helicopter.”

Referring physicians can continue to request SkyHealth by calling the hospital’s Y Access Transfer Center at 1-888-964-4233 (888-YNHH-BED).

Kevin Schuster, MD, named chief of Trauma, Critical Care, Acute Care Surgery and Burn & Wound Care



Effective March 1, Kevin Schuster, MD, began his role as chief of Trauma, Critical Care, Acute Care Surgery and Burn & Wound Care. In his new role, Dr. Schuster will oversee clinical operations and quality improvement initiatives for our growing team of surgeons and clinical staff across the acute care surgery services at Bridgeport and Milford Hospitals.

Dr. Schuster served on the Yale School of Medicine faculty as a Professor in the Department of Surgery, Division of General Surgery, Trauma, and Surgical Critical Care, and was an attending physician at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Dr. Schuster brings to the role a stellar reputation as an academic surgeon and champion of quality improvement — experience that will be instrumental as the hospital works to expand and standardize trauma care for the residents of Southwestern Connecticut.

As a regional and national leader, Dr. Schuster has held positions in many societies including the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, New England Surgical Society, and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. He is the current President of the Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative and chairs the Connecticut State Committee on Trauma for the American College of Surgeons.

Bridgeport Hospital earns prestigious designation for hip and knee replacement

This certification demonstrates commitment to the highest level of care and safety for patients. It also recognizes the hospital's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards. To achieve this certification, the hospital underwent rigorous on-site review processes. Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with disease-specific care standards for total hip and knee replacement programs.

Doctors' Day is March 30

In recognition of Doctors' Day 2023, all are invited to the Doctors' Day Breakfasts on Thursday, March 30. On the Bridgeport Campus, stop by the Medical Staff Lounge from 7:30 – 9 am. On the Milford Campus, breakfast will be in Auditorium B from 7:30 – 9 am. At the Park Avenue Medical Center, visit Conference Room A from 7:30 – 8:45 am. Please Join us!

New Radiology Communication Center helps physicians get results

As part of the effort to improve patient safety and care, YNHHS formed the Radiology Communication Center (RCC) which communicates critical results and incidental findings to physicians within specific time frames, based on acuity level, following radiology exams. The RCC bridges an identified opportunity in patient care for radiology exams for both inpatients and outpatients.

The provider is contacted via phone, Mobile Heartbeat or EPIC. Upon receipt of this notification, physicians must respond to acknowledge receipt of the findings. This will close the case and prevent any further notifications related to the case. For questions, reach out to the RCC via phone: 475-246-8135 or email radcommunicationteam@ynhh.org.

YNHHS employees, doctors, donate thousands of pounds of food during virtual drive

Thank you to the hundreds of Yale New Haven Health medical staff members and employees who donated over 8,650 pounds of food to hunger-relief organizations during the health system's third #GiveHealthy online food drive. The food donated by the health system translates into nearly 7,215 meals for people in need throughout Connecticut and in Westerly, RI.

Bridgeport Hospital donors gave 2,309 pounds of food – 1,924 meals – to the East End Food Bank and the Milford Food Pantry. The drive, which ran from November 2022 to January 2023, was conducted through #GiveHealthy, which provides an online platform for hunger-relief organizations to list items they need.

Smilow Shares with Primary Care: Palliative Care – April 4

Tune in for the next Smilow Shares with Primary Care: Palliative Care webinar on Tuesday, April 4 at 5 pm. The event features R. Morgan Bain, MD; Kristin Edwards, MD; Elizabeth Prsic, MD; and Aleksandra Rosinski, MD.

Smilow Shares with Primary Care is a monthly educational series for physicians, patients and the Greenwich community presented via Zoom. Presentations are subject-focused and hosted by experts from Smilow Care Centers around the state as well as from Greenwich Hospital. CME credits are available.

No registration necessary. Tune on via Zoom at:
<https://bit.ly/3QZgkzv>.

With questions, contact Heather Studwell at 475-240-8328 or heatherleigh.studwell@greenwichhospital.org.

Next Building Against Burnout – April 13

Tune in to the Building against Burnout webinars highlighting timesaving topics in Epic on Thursday, April 13, 12:15 pm.

The sessions are led by trained, certified physicians and APPs. There will be an opportunity for questions after the session. The webinar will be recorded and hosted on the Medical Staff Portal (ynhhconnect.org) for those who cannot attend. CME is available. With questions, contact [Allen Hsiao@ynhh.org](mailto:Allen.Hsiao@ynhh.org).

Join via Zoom.

<https://ynhh.zoom.us/j/96020079256?pwd=NUdaaXN4b1p6WWlkYTJQUkrRnpXZz09>

Webinar ID: 960 2007 9256

Passcode: 649503

New Physician Directory now available

BH recently published the 2023 edition of the Bridgeport Hospital Physician Directory – the newest since the 2018 version. If you have not received your copy, contact the Medical Staff Office at 203-384-3717.

Save the date: April 20 – Trust Your Gut Digestive Health sessions

YNHHS and Yale Medicine host a free, monthly virtual Digestive Health CME series called Trust Your Gut. The yearlong series, held the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm, is designed to provide world-class digestive health educational programming, professional development and networking opportunities for physicians and advanced practice providers.

Join Myron Brand, MD and Darrick Li, MD, April 20 for a virtual discussion on Challenging Cases – Digestive Health. The following month, Drs. Joseph Lim and Maricar Malinis will discuss COVID: The GI Tract and Liver on May 18. Click here to register or visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Yale School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits per session, for a total of 12.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits for the series. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com. For questions, contact Joe Mendes, executive director, Clinical Program Development, Digestive Health at joseph.mendes@ynhh.org.

An upgrade for Emmi Patient Education

This month, Yale New Haven Health System transitions to an updated integrated workflow with Emmi patient education printouts and videos. Emmi Patient Education Resources/Clinical References integration provides patient specific recommendations and allows for searching, previewing, and assigning multi-media materials. Clinicians will notice some workflow updates in Epic to support this initiative. Benefits of this transition allow for patients to receive evidence-based content via printed materials and the patient portal. The patient can access via their preferred device and have patient education in the palm of their hands.

Training materials include:

- Emmi Patient Education eLearnings
- Emmi Ambulatory Tip Sheet
- Emmi ClinDoc Inpatient Tip Sheet
- Emmi Emergency Dept Tip Sheet

Vote in *U.S. News & World Report* survey

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) should have received a request from Doximity to vote in the U.S. News reputation ranking.

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.

If you have not already done so, members of the medical staff across Yale New Haven Health are urged to cast your votes as soon as possible.

Register to attend upcoming CME dinners – March 30 and April 25

Topic: Colo-rectal updates

Thursday, March 30, 5:30 pm, Networking;
6 pm presentation

Bridge House restaurant – Milford, CT

Topic: Bariatrics

Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 pm, Networking;
6 pm presentation

Bridge House restaurant – Milford, CT

Buffet dinner provided. RSVP required to
Alison.Tighe@bpthosp.org.

Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the April 2023 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Friday, March 24, 2022.

Please submit items for consideration to:

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Myra Stanley@myra.stanley@ynhh.org.