

Medical Staff News

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From the desk of the CMO

I'd like to open this month by congratulating Kristin Edwards, MD, on her appointment as medical director of Physician Wellness at Bridgeport Hospital. Kristin has been very involved in promoting physician wellbeing for a number of years, and my goal is to enthusiastically support this work however I can!

It's also important to me to share with you some results of the pulse survey of medical staff conducted in May and June. Overall, the results were positive for Bridgeport Hospital Medical Staff, with above average scores for engagement, and even better scores for alignment, compared with many thousands of physicians across the country. We are in the process of sharing departmental results with our chairs, and I am asking them to share those results with all of you in more detail than I can provide here. We are reviewing comments in depth, as we know there are many areas into which we can incorporate your feedback for making improvements.

Additionally, across the health system, we are encouraging the use of the Yale CME website to access courses that meet the State of Connecticut's requirement for continuing education required of all licensed physicians. Please see "Reminder: CME made easy and accessible" in this issue for details on how to register for classes, or you are welcome to contact me for instructions on how to access the content. Of course, there are other ways to meet the CME requirement, such as through FCMA, CSMS, or certain Grand Rounds, and I'd encourage you to use whichever way is easiest for you.

Finally, I'll share some additional good news—it is no longer necessary to have an annual PPD in order to maintain medical staff membership and privileges! We do still require PPD placement and interpretation upon joining the medical staff, but unless there is an exposure or concern for conversion, this would be a one-time occurrence.

Again, thank you for all that you do each day to make Bridgeport Hospital a great hospital. Happy autumn!

Ryan O'Connell, MD, Interim Chief Medical Officer

YNHHS prepares for flu season and mandatory vaccination

With the 2019-2020 influenza season approaching, members of the medical staff are expected to lead our organization's efforts in improving patient safety by demonstrating their commitment to receive the flu vaccine and promoting vaccination for patients, colleagues and family. The flu vaccination program continues to be mandatory at Bridgeport, Greenwich and Yale New Haven hospitals, as well as NEMG. All employees at these organizations must receive an annual flu vaccination as a condition of continued employment, and medical staff members must receive it in order to maintain privileges.

The deadline to receive flu vaccination is December 1, 2019. If you have a bona fide medical or religious reason why you cannot receive the flu vaccine and are employed by Bridgeport, Greenwich or Yale New Haven hospitals or NEMG, you must formally request an exemption by Sept. 30 (for medical exemptions) or Oct. 31 (for religious exemptions) through the Human Resources process. Medical staff who are not employed by one of these organizations and who would like to request an exemption must do so via a survey link that will be distributed by email in the late fall.

Members of the medical staff are encouraged to receive the flu vaccine at flu clinics scheduled at all YNHHS hospitals this fall. Watch your email and the medical staff newsletter for a schedule of flu vaccine locations and times in October. Flu vaccination at all Yale New Haven Health flu fairs is free for all employees, volunteers and medical staff. If you opt to be vaccinated anywhere other than at a Yale New Haven Health flu vaccination clinic, you will be asked to attest to having done so via a survey that will be distributed by email in the late fall.

Please do not drop off documents, records, notes, etc. at your local hospital medical staff department location.

Evaluation and Management of Fatty Liver Disease and Obesity: Clinical Update

Learn about the latest in clinical management and advances in the management of fatty liver disease and patients with obesity on Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 am - 3 pm at the Mystic Hilton. CME credit available for eligible attendees.

This free event is hosted in partnership with the American Liver Foundation and the Yale Fatty Liver Disease Program.

RSVP is required. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact Antonio Trombino at antonio.trombino@westerlyhospital.org or email liver.health@yale.edu.

Graduate Medical Education Quality Award

Mark McFarland, MD (PGY 3, Medicine) – recognized by a nurse manager for giving excellent care to her family member and going above and beyond to communicate with her about his care. At the time, the MICU was very busy with several complex cardiac cases, but Dr. McFarland still managed to coordinate with specialists and provide support for the patient's family. When the patient, who was terminally ill, expressed that he preferred to return to his home, Dr. McFarland facilitated his discharge to accommodate his request.

Caregivers honored by patients

The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation announced the following clinical staff members were recognized by patients in July and August with a gift to the Honor Your Caregiver program: Michele Attard, LMT (seven gifts in her honor); Bridgeport Hospital Emergency Department Nurses; Bridgeport Hospital Geriatric Psych Unit (NE8); Bridgeport Hospital Northeast 7 Nurses; Bridgeport Hospital West Tower 7 Oncology Staff; Marcy Furano, LMT (two gifts in her honor); Mary Jones, RN; Gulden Menderes, MD; Edward Pinto, MD; Marguerite Pinto, MD.

October 30 Bogin Lectures to focus on autism

Autism is the subject of the 42nd annual Maxwell Bogin, MD, Lectures in Pediatrics presented by the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and the Bridgeport campus of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8 am - 2 pm, at the Trumbull Marriott.

Topics and speakers, all from Yale School of Medicine, include:

- Early Markers of Core and Comorbid Features of Autism, Katarzyna Chawarska, PhD
- Diagnosis and Clinical Management of Autism, Kelly Powell, PhD
- The Changing Face of Autism: A Developmental Perspective, Fred Volkmar, MD

CME credits will be offered to all eligible attendees.

To register by phone, please call 888-357-2396 and select "1" for events or visit bridgeporthospital.org/events.

Unleash your inner innovator!

YNHHS employees and physicians are invited to the Center for Health Care Innovation's first HealthTech Forum, 8 am - 3 pm Tuesday, Nov. 5, Zhang Auditorium, Yale School of Management, 165 Whitney Ave., New Haven. The event, also open to staff, researchers, faculty and student teams at Yale University, along with members of the community, seeks to lower the barrier to healthcare innovation and help the next group of innovators translate their ideas into solutions that reshape the healthcare experience.

The forum will include education programming featuring insights on innovation and entrepreneurship from YNHHS leaders, area investors and healthcare entrepreneurs, and a pitch competition for innovators to present their healthcare innovation ideas to a panel of judges for a chance to win a prize.

To learn more about the pitch competition and submit an application, visit ynhhs.org/HealthTechForum. Applications are due by Sept. 28. To attend the education program, pitch event or both, register by Nov. 5 at ynhhs.org/HealthTechForum. Email innovation@ynhh.org if you have questions about the event and competition.

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Reminder: CME made easy and accessible

In collaboration with the Yale School of Medicine, free Category 1 CME credits are available on the Yale CME website for members of the medical staff. There are a large number of CME offerings covering much of clinical care, including Connecticut mandated CMEs.

All members of the Bridgeport Hospital Medical Staff have FREE access with the use of a code (please call the Medical Staff Office at 203-383-3717 for the code). The Yale CME website provides:

- Category 1 CME credit for ALL Yale CME online courses, including CT Mandates modules to help you fulfill the state-mandated requirements
- On-demand CME transcripts – a list of all credits awarded to you by Yale CME
- Access to the courses continually being added to enhance Yale CME's on-line, with Grand Rounds such as Internal Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology, and a number of other offerings
- Free access to targeted live courses – please call the Yale Office of CME when you have an interest in attending and they will assist with the registration process

Yale CME will work with you to develop CME programs and courses that are specifically aimed at meeting your educational needs. If you have not already done so, please create your Yale CME Profile by going to CloudCME at <https://yale.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx>. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Yale CME via email (cme@yale.edu) or 203-785-4578.

Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission for the October 2019 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Friday, Sept. 27. 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.

RSVP for lecture on caring for the elderly patient

Primary care clinicians are invited to join Mary Tinetti, MD, chief of Geriatrics, Yale School of Medicine, when she presents, "Moving the Focus from the Disease to the Patient," on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Dr. Tinetti, recognized as a leading expert on fall risk among the elderly, will discuss caring for the older patient. The presentation will also touch on helping identify a patient's priorities in their care and how to provide the care they wish to receive.

The event, sponsored by YNHHS, will take place at Amarante's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove St., New Haven from 6 - 8 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. CME credits are available to eligible clinicians.

To attend, RSVP at <https://tinetticipophealth.eventbrite.com> and use the password: CIPopHealth. For more information, contact Via Abolencia, program specialist, Clinical Integration, at via.abolencia@ynhh.org.

Save the Date

- **Bridgeport Hospital Community Baby Shower September 28**
Join Bridgeport Hospital's maternity and pediatric services team for a Community Baby Shower at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. Spend the day at the zoo, learn from our educational tables and enjoy family activities on Saturday, Sept. 28, (rain date: Sunday, Sept. 29) 9 am - 1 pm, Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. Sponsored by Maternal Child Health and Nursing Professional Governance Council.
- **The 14th annual Bridgeport Hospital Physician Reception** to welcome new members of the medical staff is Wednesday, Oct. 16, 5:30 pm at the Boca Oyster Bar, 10 E. Main St., Bridgeport. For more information, contact Alison Tighe at 203-384-4790.

Hot Topics

The next Hot Topics breakfast will be Monday, Oct. 14, 7:30 - 9 am in the Medical Staff Lounge. The speaker will be Gary Desir, MD, chair, Internal Medicine, YNHHS.

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