

Montefiore Update

January 20, 2015 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

Montefiore and White Plains Hospital Partnership Finalized

Montefiore Health System and White Plains Hospital's partnership agreement has been approved by the New York State Health Commissioner. White Plains Hospital (WPH) is now a member of Montefiore Health System, serving as the tertiary hub of Montefiore's growing Westchester network.

This alliance will result in more advanced, coordinated care throughout the region. Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Montefiore, and Jon B. Schandler, CEO, White Plains Hospital, said about the agreement, "Our institutions are partnering to bridge the divide between academic medical centers and community hospitals—giving Westchester the best of both worlds. White Plains Hospital will continue to expand its level of highly-specialized treatment, with all the resources and advantages of Montefiore's innovative care delivery system and academic partnership with Albert Einstein College of Medicine."

This partnership will allow Montefiore and WPH to work together to manage care by delivering high-quality, efficient tertiary services locally, in a familiar setting, close to patients' homes, under the care of physicians in the community.

The regulatory approval process has been ongoing since February, at which time the two institutions announced their desire to form a strategic partnership. In April, CEOs from WPH and Montefiore signed formal documents outlining the partnership. The State of New York Public Health and Health Planning Council approved the partnership in October, which was followed by final approval from the State Health Commissioner.

White Plains Hospital is modernizing and expanding its major facilities to meet the advanced care needs of its community. Upgrades include the opening a new 30,000 square foot, six-story cancer center; an expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory; five state-of-the-art operating suites, and a new patient tower, lobby and entranceway at the front of the campus.



Child Advocacy Center Shares Best Practices with International Visitors

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore's (CHAM) J.E. and Z.B. Butler Child Advocacy Center hosted six law enforcement and judicial professionals from the Kingdom of Jordan to discuss child abuse prevention and treatment, and share ideas on how a similar center can be created in Jordan.

This recent visit from overseas colleagues was just the latest of several in recent years, illustrating Montefiore's reputation as an industry leader both in the United States and abroad.

As the only fully accredited child abuse program in the Bronx, the Center provides emergency care and support to young victims of abuse and neglect, crisis counseling to children and families, and long-term mental health treatment.

The visit highlighted the Center's dedication to improving the quality of life for abused and neglected children and their families. The Jordanian visitors met with Linda T. Cahill, Medical Director, J.E. and Z.E. Butler Child Advocacy Center, CHAM, and Associate Professor, Clinical Pediatrics, Einstein, and Lynn Hamberg, LMSW, MEd, Acting Director, J.E. and Z.B. Butler Child Advocacy Center, CHAM, to learn more about the coordinated, culturally sensitive and multidisciplinary services the Center provides young victims to maximize safety and minimize trauma.

Collaboration Crucial to Successful EPIC@Montefiore Implementation



Drew Swiss, Vice President, Finance, Montefiore, presents during a recent Epic@Montefiore summit on the Moses Campus to discuss operational readiness in areas related to patient registration, scheduling and outpatient and hospital billing.

The Epic@Montefiore project team is collaborating across the organization to develop best practices for improving workflow within the new, centralized electronic medical record system. To read more about Epic collaboration, visit the Epic section of the intranet.

Seeking a Few Good Dogs



Montefiore's Customer Service Department is actively recruiting and training therapy dog teams to bring their unique blend of caring and comfort to Montefiore patients. Therapy dog visits are proven to help the healing process, improve emotional well-being, ease stress and aid learning.

The Department is seeking compassionate, understanding humans and their obedient, calm and people-loving canine companions. Free aptitude evaluations, each lasting roughly 20 minutes, will occur on Tuesday, February 10, and Tuesday, February 17, beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Wakefield Campus. Qualifying human and dog teams will be able to enroll in comprehensive training and preparation classes.

📞 718-920-4943 Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, to schedule an evaluation

The 2015 Annual Review is Here

The 2015 Annual Review is now available to associates through the Talent Management system. The Annual Review must be completed each year by all associates. Completion records are tracked and monitored. The exception is that associates hired in the current calendar year will receive similar information as part of New Associate Orientation and therefore will not need to complete the Annual Review online this year. In addition, providers are sent the provider version and therefore do not need to complete the Annual Review in Talent Management.

For most associates, the Annual Review has been assigned, so it will appear on their "To Do" list as a requirement. Associates will need to select either the clinical or non-clinical version. For instructions, please see the Talent Management FAQs on the intranet. If you require further assistance with the Annual Review, contact the Learning Network at LearningNetwork@montefiore.org or 718-920-8787.

Correction: In the January 5 edition of *Montefiore Update*, we incorrectly listed the new federal mileage reimbursement rate. The new rate is 57.5 cents. We apologize for the error.

Clinical Trial Spotlight

A Study of RG7314 (Drug) to Investigate Efficacy and Safety in Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorders

This study will investigate the efficacy and safety of RG7314 (drug) in adult patients with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

Ages Eligible for Study: 18 to 45 Years

Genders Eligible for Study: Male

To learn more about this study, contact Bonnie Taylor at 718-920-2909 or email botaylor@montefiore.org.

Montefiore Switches Moving & Storage Vendor

In a continuing effort to reduce moving and storage costs, Montefiore has entered into an agreement with Shleppers Moving and Storage. This change will improve processes and services, and reduce cost by more than \$250,000 annually.

To submit a request for moving or storage, visit the **Purchasing Intranet** page for details.

Vote for the Most Influential Physician Executive

Voting has officially opened for Modern Healthcare's "50 Most Influential Physician Executives and Leaders for 2015," and Montefiore's Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, is on the list. Cast your vote by February 20: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BWBQ752>.

Interested in Learning More About Bioethics?

Learn more about Einstein-Cardozo bioethics programs. Offerings include graduate coursework, a certificate program and individual courses and seminars. Applications for the master's and certificate program are now being accepted. Application deadline is February 18 for the fall 2015 semester. For more information, visit <http://www.einstein.yu.edu/bioethics> or email bioethics@montefiore.org.

EVENTS

Obesity and Related Chronic Diseases Symposium

Saturday, January 24 | 8:45 am to 4:30 pm

Times Center, 242 W. 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036 (between 7th and 8th Avenues)

Live Webcast: www.1199seiubenefits.org

Live Videocast: Multiple Locations (Visit Intranet for Full Listing)

The Institute for Continuing Education of the 1199SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund; 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East Professional and Technical Department; Montefiore; and the American Diabetes Association of Greater New York present a six-hour, interdisciplinary symposium on Obesity and Related Chronic Diseases.

📞 212-894-4390 or institute@1199funds.org

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