

Montefiore Update

February 17, 2014 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

Montefiore Health System Announces Partnership with White Plains Hospital

Montefiore Health System has announced a healthcare partnership with White Plains Hospital, a leading community hospital in Westchester County, which will enhance the missions of both hospitals as they continue to provide advanced, quality healthcare to their communities and an expanding service area of nearly three million people. The partnership will also set the stage for Montefiore's continued expansion as an integrated delivery system.

"We are excited to be embarking on this journey with White Plains Hospital," says Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. "There is tremendous synergy between our two institutions and our people and, importantly, we share fundamental values." Further, the relationship will strengthen Montefiore's strategic growth into Westchester, allowing the institution to invest in key clinical programs that leverage the expertise it has built in its Centers of Excellence.



"As an academic health system, Montefiore brings to the relationship the best of science and a unique expertise in coordinated care," he says. "Our vision is to build a regional network of hospitals and community physicians closely aligned in an integrated system of care. White Plains Hospital will serve as the center of that network to strengthen and expand our

position as a healthcare leader in Westchester and the Hudson Valley."

"With Montefiore as our partner, we will be able to build upon and continue this remarkable culture and together deliver advanced healthcare to the entire community," says Jon Schandler, CEO, White Plains Hospital.

For more than 120 years, White Plains Hospital has been a leader in providing high-quality, sophisticated, patient-focused care to the Westchester community. The hospital has repeatedly been recognized for excellence in several areas, including oncology, cardiology, stroke, gynecology and geriatrics.

The formalization of the new partnership will take several months to be finalized.

Montefiore Named 'Age-Smart' Employer

Montefiore was recently named an 'Age Smart' employer by The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM). Montefiore is the only health system to receive NYAM's pioneering "Age Smart" designation recognizing New York City employers who value workers of all ages and serve as leaders in leveraging the talents of older workers for enhanced business success.

Adults aged 55 and older are the fastest growing segment of the workforce in the United States. Due to increasing life expectancies and health advancements, many older adults desire to stay in the workforce well past the typical age of retirement. The aging workforce presents unique opportunities for employers who can benefit from the expertise and experience of older workers.

"This award recognizes a fundamental part of our culture—that each employee, young or old, new or experienced—can make a meaningful contribution to Montefiore and provide the best care to our patients and their communities," says Alfredo Cabrera, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Montefiore. "This is truly an honor."



Happy Heart Month

Associates recently gathered in the lobby of The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) to commemorate National Go Red Day. Clockwise, from bottom left, Ayana Domingo, Kathy Barcia, Deborah Ryan, NP, Evelyn Murzi, Nicole Savage, Sobeyda Garcia and Jasmine Maldonado, all of the Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery. For a full list of Heart Month activities, visit Montefiore.org/heartmonth or the intranet.

NEWS



Epic Spotlight:

Taofeeq "Tao" Opebiyi, Epic Applications Analyst, is the first Montefiore associate to complete the Epic exam. While Epic is still recruiting staff and current Epic team members are in the final stages of training, Tao is a step ahead of his class.

To learn more about Epic and how Tao gets results, check out our new Epic Spotlight on the Intranet.

Montefiore Receives Grants to Support Innovative Research

Montefiore physicians recently received two grants to continue their innovative research in oncology and population health. Cancer researchers at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) recently received a third grant from The New York Community Trust to continue their investigation into improving the treatment of bone cancer in children. The \$125,000 grant will enable **Richard Gorlick, MD**, Division Chief, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Montefiore, and Professor, Pediatrics and Molecular Pharmacology, Einstein, and **David Geller, MD**, Director, Orthopaedic Oncology, Montefiore, and Assistant Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery and Pediatrics, Einstein, to extend their ongoing investigations for another year.

The researchers are using mice to investigate ways to improve surgical outcomes for patients with osteosarcoma, a cancer which arises in bone. They are studying whether it's safe to use a growth factor called bone morphogenetic protein (BMPs) to promote healing after reconstructive surgery. After animal trials are successfully completed, they hope to conduct a clinical trial in humans.

Montefiore Medical Group's **Healthy Steps** program recently received a \$255,000 grant from the Tiger Foundation, a New York City-based fund working to break the cycle of poverty. Babies and their parents enrolled in Healthy Steps are seen by child development and behavior experts. They are assessed and treated for potential developmental issues, with a special emphasis on social and emotional developmental and child-parent attachment.

EVENTS

Healing Loss: A Workshop Retreat for Montefiore Care Providers March 26-28 Stony Point Retreat Center Stony Point, New York

"Healing Loss," a workshop retreat for Montefiore care providers, is a powerful experiential program offering participants the opportunity to process and release the grief, loss and other burdens that caregivers often experience. It is led by experienced facilitators in a safe, supportive and confidential setting. The workshop is free, but a \$50 refundable deposit is required. Continuing education credits are available. The application form may be obtained through www.montefiore.org/healingarts-events.

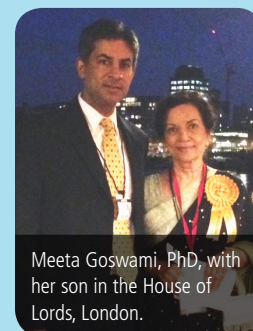
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Physicians Receive Prestigious Recognition

Two Montefiore physicians were recently recognized for scholarly achievements in their respective fields. **Steven Libutti, MD, FACS**, Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care; Professor and Vice Chairman, Surgery, Montefiore, and Professor, Genetics, and Associate Director, Clinical Services, Einstein, has been named Editor-in-Chief of *Cancer Gene Therapy*, a respected resource for scientists and clinicians on the latest gene and cellular therapies for cancer.

Meeta Goswami, PhD, Director, Narcolepsy Institute, Montefiore, received the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman Award for "Outstanding services, achievement and contributions and for keeping the flag of India high" from the Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Welfare Society of India. The NRI Welfare Society promotes the strengthening of emotional bonds between India and the 38 million Indians living outside India.

On October 4, 2013, the 144th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, the Honorable Baroness Sandip Verma, the Minister of Energy and Climate Change in the United Kingdom, presented the award at the House of Lords in London.



Meeta Goswami, PhD, with her son in the House of Lords, London.

CORRECTION

In the February 3, 2014 *Update* story, 'Maintain, Don't Gain' Challenge Winners, the article stated that associates lost weight over a six-month period. It was actually a six-week period over the holidays. We apologize for the error.

SITES TO SEE

The Craniofacial Center at CHAM | <http://www.cham.org/services/leadership/craniofacial/>

The team of specialists at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore's Craniofacial Center are among the most recognized and respected in the world. They've helped thousands of children born with birth anomalies, complex craniofacial tumors and post-traumatic craniofacial deformities.

Spotlight on Research | <http://www.montefiore.org/research-highlights>

Montefiore is the University Hospital and academic medical center for Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This unique partnership brings together expertise across disciplines and yields an extensive portfolio of biomedical research, with an emphasis on translating basic science in the lab to pioneering treatments and therapies.

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