

Montefiore Update

June 8, 2015 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

Montefiore and St. John's Riverside Hospital Announce Partnership

Montefiore Health System and St. John's Riverside Hospital have formally signed an affiliation agreement. The new partnership will provide patients in Yonkers and lower Westchester access to Montefiore's proactive, community-based care, dedicated to working collaboratively and improving overall health outcomes. By building on St. John's existing high quality of care, the partnership will increase the ability of physicians to provide more effective patient services through Montefiore's innovative, integrated health system.

"At Montefiore, we believe healthcare should be easy to access, local and tailored to the needs of the community," said Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. "Working closely with the outstanding physicians at St. John's, we will build on the hospital's strengths and strong roots in the community. Together, we will deliver high-quality care, close to our patients' homes, with a gateway to advanced, science-driven medicine at Montefiore."

"This collaboration will strengthen healthcare services for St. John's Riverside patients," said Ronald J. Corti, President and CEO, St. John's Riverside Hospital. "An alliance with Montefiore Health System, among the finest medical institutions in our region, enhances our ability to provide the highest quality medical care not only on the community level, but also on the tertiary level."

St. John's and Montefiore are both committed to improving the health outcomes of the communities they serve. Montefiore coordinates the care for more than 350,000 lives throughout the Bronx, Westchester and Northern Manhattan, and plans to continue to expand this approach to better serve residents of the Yonkers area.

Montefiore School Health Program Hosts Day of Service

The Montefiore School Health Program (MSHP) held its fifth annual Day of Service in honor of Meg F. Charlop on Thursday, June 4, at various venues around the Bronx. The annual event is a memorial to Meg Charlop's tireless advocacy for building a stronger community, improving the lives of Bronx children and living a healthy lifestyle.

Megan Charlop, former Director, Community Health, MSHP, died tragically on March 17, 2010 in an accident while biking to work. Her untimely death left colleagues and friends charged with continuing her work improving the health of Bronx communities. On June 9, 2011, MSHP established the inaugural Meg Charlop Day of Service. This event allows MSHP to work side by side with community residents to collaborate with and improve the neighborhoods of the Bronx. The event is intended to benefit Bronx children by improving their environment through various service projects, which entails cleaning parks, planting flowers, painting schools and community centers, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Montefiore Fetes Quarter Century Club

Last week, associates who have worked at Montefiore for 25 years were honored. This year, there were 247 new inductees to the 25 Year Club, including Philip O. Ozuah, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, bringing the total tally of current members to 3,445. Steven M. Safyer, President and CEO, presented inductees with a gold watch to commemorate their more than two decades of service.



New inductees of the 25 Year Club and other guests celebrate at the New York Hilton in Midtown Manhattan.

Montefiore Adopts ICD-10

Beginning October 1, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will require the use of ICD-10, a new medical coding language. ICD-10 will improve the specificity of diagnosis reporting and will change the way Montefiore practices, documents and bills.

Montefiore is currently looking for early adopters of Epic@Montefiore to also be early adopters of ICD-10, beginning in July. Epic possesses functionality that is helpful in working with ICD-10, and early adoption will ensure that the health system is ready by October. Everyone associated with the revenue cycle process and with documentation in the medical record will need to undergo some level of training in ICD-10 to understand ICD-10 language and its impact on the documentation of Montefiore's patients' diagnoses. Please inquire with your department leadership regarding the training plan for your department.

Epic@Montefiore Expands to Specialty Practices

Since Epic@Montefiore's initial go-live at CMO, Montefiore Care Management, Montefiore Medical Group (MMG), Occupational Health Services (OHS) and Sound Shore Cardiology Associates sites in May, the new integrated electronic health record system will now be deployed to clinicians, front desk, and operational associates at more than 80 specialty ambulatory care locations throughout the health system. To accommodate the increased number of associates and Super Users who require training in integrated workflow areas such as cardiology, neurology, oncology, OB-GYN and rehabilitation, both self-registration and formal sessions to assist associates with registration are available. In addition to the Epic@Montefiore training site, located at the Westchester Square Campus, a newly renovated training facility on Gun Hill Road in the Bronx will provide associates with a location close to the Moses Campus.

Specialized training for nearly 400 Super Users will begin June 1-12. General associate training begins between June 15 and July 24. Super Users played an integral role during Epic@Montefiore's initial go-live, serving as a key resource in helping their peers familiarize themselves with the system. Super Users will again serve as a vital resource in helping to implement phase two of the Epic go-live.

Epic@Montefiore supports associates in providing patients with a seamless, patient-centered healthcare experience.

For more information about Epic@Montefiore, visit [Intranet/Epic](#).

EPIC@Montefiore

Montefiore Hosts Community Health Education Day

On May 15, Montefiore participated in the 2015 Bronx Week Community Health Education Day. The aim of this event is to help Bronx residents lead healthier lives by becoming more physically active. Montefiore experts including cardiologists, nutritionists and physicians from the Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, provided advice on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and overcome common health challenges during the event, which was held in the East Garden of the Moses Campus. Health Education Day was co-sponsored by Bronx Health Link and featured five borough-wide events. In addition to promoting physical activity across the Bronx, these events offered screenings, educational services and healthy cooking demonstrations.



Montefiore's registered dietitians shared healthy recipes at the Bronx Week 2015 Health Day.

In a report released this year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute ranked the Bronx as 62nd out of all 62 New York State counties on various measures of health. Montefiore joined the NYC Health Department and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. to develop the #Not62 campaign that aims to create a healthier Bronx. This year's Bronx Week Health Day highlighted the #Not62 campaign and encouraged Bronx residents and community organizations to work together to overcome obstacles they may face to achieving and maintaining good health.

Members of the community learned about common health challenges and how to combat them at Bronx Week's Community Health Education Day at Montefiore.

Awards and Honors



Roy S. Chuck, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Montefiore and Einstein, was honored by the Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation for his dedication in leading a team of Montefiore doctors and medical students who conduct annual sight-saving eye exams for underserved community members.



David Gritz, MD, MPH, was an invited panelist and presenter at the NEI/FDA workshop "Clinical Trial End-points for Inflammatory Eye Diseases" at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, organized by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. Gritz's presentation focused on the Epidemiology of Inflammatory Eye Diseases, an area in which he has done groundbreaking work.



Steven K. Libutti, MD, FACS, Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care; Vice-Chairman, Department of Surgery, and Professor, Surgery and Genetics, Montefiore and Einstein, was installed as president of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

Three of Montefiore's senior fellows received awards for their research initiatives in Pediatric Nephrology during the New York Society of Nephrology Fellow's Night.

- **Janice Desir, MD, MPH**, received the 2015 Allison Norris Research Award for her lecture "Long Term Follow Up on Inner City Pediatric Lupus Nephritis Patients."
- **Natalie Uy, MD**, won Best Translational Research Award for her lecture, "Urinary Biomarkers and Epigenetic Dysregulation Associated with Increased Risk of Chronic Kidney Diseases in Maternal Caloric Restricted Rats."
- **Lauren Becton, MD**, was awarded Best Basic Science Research Award for her lecture "microRNA Profiling by Next-Generation Sequencing in a Nephrotoxic Serum Nephritis Mouse Model."

Clinical Trial Spotlight

Helping Teens and Families to Better Manage Type 1 Diabetes: A Randomized Control Trial

This is a study designed to evaluate the effectiveness of a new intervention in improving health outcomes in type 1 diabetes in teens. The study aims to target thoughts and feelings in teens that contribute to difficulties in managing diabetes and includes a parent component to help families to communicate more effectively with one another about diabetes management.

- Ages Eligible for Study: 13 to 18 Years
- Genders Eligible for Study: Both

To learn more about this study, contact Becky Hashim Lois, PhD, at 718-696-3041 or ProjectADDAPT@montefiore.org, or visit www.montefiore.org/clinicaltrials.

Payroll Moves to Tarrytown Campus

Montefiore's Payroll Department moved to the Tarrytown Campus and began operating at its new location, 555 S. Broadway, Bldg. A, Ground Floor, as of Friday, May 29.

Listed below are the new contact numbers.

- **Payroll Department Main Number**914-349-8300
- **EZ Time Payroll Hotline Number**914-349-8372
- **HCM Payroll Number**914-349-8346
- **Fax Number**914-349-8385

EVENTS

Grand Rounds: Social Services & CMO, Montefiore Care Management

Tuesday, June 9 | 9:00–11:30 am
Cherkasky Auditorium, Moses Campus

Topic: Skilled Nursing Facility Collaboration

Speaker: **Alexander Alvarez, RN, MPH**, Senior Director, Care Management Resource Unit, CMO, Montefiore Care Management

17th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner in Support of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM)

The tournament will be held to raise funds and awareness for a variety of programs, causes and initiatives taking place at CHAM.

Monday, June 15 | Registration opens at both courses at 9:30 am
Quaker Ridge Golf Club

Scarsdale, New York
Winged Foot Golf Club
Mamaroneck, New York

Purchase tickets online at www.montefiore.org/golf.

For more information, contact Michelle Blanchard at mblancha@montefiore.org or call 718-920-6656.

Fourth NYC Regional Pediatric Hospital Medicine CME Event Hot Topics in the Care of the Hospitalized Child: Optimizing Patient Care, Safety and Quality

Friday, June 12 | 8:30 am–6:30 pm
Children's Hospital at Montefiore

To register for the event, or for more information, visit the intranet.

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