# Montefiore Update

# **Montefiore and Yeshiva University Reach Historic Agreement**

ontefiore and Yeshiva University reached an historic agreement May 27 to build upon their longstanding, 50year partnership that has resulted in the education and training of generations of physicians and medical researchers. A new entity will be jointly formed by Montefiore and Yeshiva, with Montefiore assuming greater responsibility for the day-to-day operations and financial management of Albert Einstein College of Medicine and with Yeshiva remaining the degree-granting institution with a key role in the educational aspects of the entity.

"This agreement marks an important milestone for the future of each of our institutions, as well as for healthcare as a whole," says Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. "We look forward to further strengthening Einstein as a major research institution that spans the scope from bench science to healthcare delivery transformation."

In 1963, Montefiore and Einstein launched their affiliation with the signing of an agreement that formed their extraordinary partnership. In 2009, Montefiore renewed its affiliation with Einstein, in line with the institution's strategic plan, to strengthen the health system's ties in clinical care medical research and teaching; streamline collaborations; and continue building a seamless operation.

Under this new agreement, Montefiore would assume significant governance and financial responsibility for the new Einstein entity. The agreement would also provide for one unified faculty, employed by Montefiore, who will continue to mentor and teach Einstein's students and Montefiore's residents.

The agreement enhances and strengthens the organizations' shared missions of research, teaching, patient care and community service and advances Montefiore and Einstein's reputation as a top tier academic medical center and medical school, respectively.

The Yeshiva Board of Trustees and Montefiore's Board Leadership endorsed the decision to move forward with developing a final agreement, which will be subject to regulatory approval.

## **Nomination Period Opens for** 2014 President's Award

The nomination period is now open for the Montefiore President's Award, the highest honor attainable for Montefiore associates. This esteemed award, created in 1981, recognizes associates who embody Montefiore's values of teamwork, humanity, diversity, innovation and equity. Given annually, awards are bestowed upon associates who demonstrate extraordinary

dedication to the highest standards of excellence.

To nominate a colleague, visit the intranet's homepage.



# Parking Changes at 210th Street Garage

n or around July 17, 2014, Montefiore will install new access systems, including gates and access card readers, at the 210th Street parking garage. This new equipment will substantially improve traffic flow. To prepare for this transition, all monthly parkers must re-register to receive a new access chip by June 30. Only parkers currently registered to park in the 210th Street garage will be eligible for this chip.

The chip will be affixed to each parker's Montefiore ID. Parkers will access the garage by scanning the chip. Registration forms and FAQs regarding the new installation will be distributed to parkers at the garage's entrances beginning June 9. Forms must be returned to the 210th Street garage office by June 30.

When the form is returned, the parker will receive their chip. Parkers must remember to present the following with their form: their Montefiore ID, vehicle registration, a valid driver's license, and, if applicable, their department's cost center. Parkers who do not return their form by June 30 must visit the garage office from 7:00 am-8:00 pm Monday through Friday.

After July 17, the 210th Street garage will only be accessible using the new chip.

For more information, please call the Parking Hotline at 718-920-3663.

# **Epic Validation Sessions Wind Down**

The third set of Epic Validation sessions June 10–12 marks the final round of Montefiore Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) discussing and evaluating Epic "Foundation System" workflow demonstrations. As Validations finish, SMEs will continue providing clinical and operational guidance with the project moving into a "reengineering and build" phase. SMEs' recommendations are vital to building a fully-customized Epic system and much has been accomplished since Validations began in April.

"There are about 40 sessions in Validation Round III, compared to roughly 80 sessions in Rounds I and II, during which hundreds of clinical and operational workflow items

were evaluated," says Michael Prilutsky, Vice President and Executive Project Director, Epic, Montefiore. "The majority of those workflows have been approved for use in the Montefiore Epic system. We're really proud of this milestone and of the huge response from our SMEs. The project is on schedule."



Feedback from SMEs on the Validation process has also been positive. According to SMEs in Pediatric Pharmacy, Validation sessions work well in visually depicting how Epic works in practice and illustrates how interdependent departments function using Epic. SMEs agreed that Validation sessions also provide a good forum to discuss Montefiore's current practices, allowing teams to reach a clear consensus on future workflows.

By Validation III, SMEs will have improved their understanding of how the Epic system can work to support and enhance patient care and safety. Starting on June 23, specific workflow items needing further clarification from Validation Rounds I, II and III will be refined in reengineering sessions in more focused settings with select SME groups.



#### Montefiore and 1199SEIU Offer Healthy Rewards Program

As the days grow longer, so do the possibilities for improving your health. To motivate associates to make healthy lifestyle changes during the summer months, Montefiore's To Your Health! Associate Wellness Program and 1199SEIU United Hospital Workers East are launching the Spring to Health Rewards Program.

Open to all union and non-union associates, the program's goal is to provide the opportunity for associates to earn three points by August 31, 2014 by completing their Health Risk Assessment (HRA), located on toyourhealth.montefiore.org, and participating in two additional activities from the program's Register of Rewardable Activities. All eligible associates will be entered into a random drawing to win a \$1,000 cash prize. Six prizes will be awarded—three to members of 1199 and three to non-members.

All associates who complete their Health Risk Assessment in 2014 will receive a \$50 gift card. Four-hundred fifty 1199 members who complete their HRA will also be selected for an additional \$20 prize.

For more information, visit toyourhealth.montefiore.org or mymontebenefits.com. For questions, contact Kayla Monks at 718-920-6041, or Renee Shanker at 718-920-5675, or email toyourhealth@montefiore.org.

#### **Montefiore Recognizes Associates' Anniversaries**

Montefiore recently recognized associates' service at special ceremonies at the Moses, Wakefield, Einstein and Yonkers Campuses. Associates celebrating five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service in 2013 were recognized. Associates received commemorative pins and certificates. To view photos from the event, visit the intranet.

### **EVENTS**

#### Motorcycle Run for Montefiore Sunday, June 15 | 10:30 am Registration West Garden, Moses Campus

Are you a motorcycle rider or enthusiast? Enjoy the second annual Motorcycle Run for Montefiore, with proceeds benefiting the Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care.

① Vito Salvatore at 914-906-8861

# Jennifer Lopez and Montefiore Launch the Center for a Healthy Childhood at Health Fair

Jennifer and Lynda Lopez, co-founders of the Lopez Family Foundation, and Montefiore Health System launched the Center for a Healthy Childhood at Montefiore's Community Health Fair June 1. The new initiative between the Lopez Family Foundation and Montefiore aims to promote healthy living through community health programming, reinforcing positive messages to raise children's self-image and fostering a healthy environment so every woman, child and family can achieve their full potential. During Jennifer Lopez's surprise visit to the health fair, the Lopez Family Foundation made a \$250,000 donation to Montefiore.

"We are proud to partner with Jennifer, Lynda and the entire Lopez Family Foundation to make a positive impact on the lives and futures of families in the Bronx," says Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. "Montefiore's work with the Lopez Family Foundation will begin by improving vital education, understanding and access to healthy eating and exercise. It is only through partnerships like this that we can ensure that every child has a healthy and nurturing childhood to achieve their full potential."

"We can do so much to make the Bronx, our hometown, a healthier place. We can exercise together and we can eat well together," says Jennifer Lopez. "The Center for a Healthy Childhood will help make

our vision a reality on every block. It feels good to come home and talk to moms and kids about making healthy lifestyle decisions—they can make changes now that will set them on a path for a long, happy life."

The Center will serve Montefiore patients and their families, as well as



Jennifer Lopez makes a surprise visit to Montefiore's Health Fair June 1.

the tens of thousands of children and families in the Bronx and beyond, through partnerships with the New York City Department of Education, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other health and social service providers.

#### SITES TO SEE

#### Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship | http://www.cham.org/hospitalmedicinefellowship

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore's Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine is home to the largest group of pediatric hospitalists in the New York tri-state area. Our Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship program is designed to develop excellent clinicians in the care of hospitalized children with both acute and complex chronic illnesses, as well as outstanding leaders in the field. If you're interested in applying to our fellowship program or know someone who might be, we invite you to learn more. Applications are being accepted for the program that begins on July 1, 2015.

#### The Center for a Healthy Childhood | http://www.montefiore.org/CHC

Montefiore and the Lopez Family Foundation have joined forces to establish the Center for a Healthy Childhood (CHC) to promote healthy living through community health programming, positive messages to raise children's self-image and fostering a healthy environment. The CHC will serve Montefiore patients and their families, as well as the tens of thousands of children and families in the Bronx, Westchester County and beyond.

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