

Montefiore Update

June 22, 2015 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

CHAM Ranks Among Top Children's Hospitals Nationally in 8 of 10 Specialties

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) was recently ranked among the top children's hospitals nationally in eight out of 10 specialties by *U.S. News & World Report*. CHAM garnered top marks for cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and GI surgery, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopaedics and urology.

The annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on clinical outcomes including patient survival, infection and complication rates, as well as the level and quality of hospital resources, such as technology, special services and programs tailored to particular illnesses and conditions, directly related to patient care. In addition, pediatric specialists nationwide are asked where they would send their sickest children.

"We are honored to be recognized by our outcomes—and our peers—as among the best hospitals in the country in eight critical pediatric specialties," says Judy Aschner, MD, Physician-in-Chief, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, and Professor and Michael I. Cohen, MD, University Chair of Pediatrics, Einstein. "Our highly-skilled and dedicated physicians and surgeons provide lifesaving care every day to children from the Bronx and beyond. We are committed to providing the highest quality care for the sickest and most vulnerable children and we are extraordinarily proud of the patient-care teams at CHAM."

Multidisciplinary teams focused on delivering the best outcomes in the safest environment form the backbone of CHAM's excellence. As a result of the teams' efforts, readmission rates for pediatric patients with diabetes have been reduced by more than 50 percent. Hospital admissions for pediatric patients with asthma and sickle cell disease have also been dramatically reduced. In addition, CHAM providers lead the country in best outcomes for some of the most complex medical and surgical procedures, including pediatric heart transplant patients (100 percent one-year survival rate) and pediatric liver transplants (100 percent three-year rate of survival).

Montefiore School Health Program Receives \$3 Million Grant from Jerome L. Greene Foundation

Montefiore's School Health Program (MSHP) recently received a \$3 million grant from the Jerome L. Greene Foundation, which is dedicated to furthering the causes of education, arts, health and social justice. The grant will support a new teen pregnancy prevention initiative in the Bronx, which has one of the nation's highest rates of teen pregnancy.

"Montefiore's School Health Program is a model for the nation, serving communities with unacceptably high rates of poverty and chronic disease, as well as an under-resourced educational system," says Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. "Funding from the Greene Foundation will strengthen our efforts to reach out to disadvantaged teens and prevent unintended pregnancies. We are proud to further our partnership with the Foundation to improve health outcomes in our community, especially for our kids."

As the nation's largest school health program, MSHP provides comprehensive medical, dental, mental and community health services to 40,000 elementary, middle and high school students at 23 campuses in the Bronx. The new teen pregnancy prevention initiative will build on MSHP's existing model, which has achieved a nearly 50 percent reduction in positive pregnancy test rates at one of the high school campuses, compared with students who do not have access to a health clinic in their school.

The new initiative will serve approximately 22,000 students in grades nine through 12, at 12 high school campuses in the most underserved Bronx communities. The three-year funding will further existing efforts to provide comprehensive reproductive health services with additional concentrated efforts to engage teens considered most at-risk; support community health organizers promoting education efforts through school-wide communications strategies; facilitate the recruitment of youth support workers; and underwrite research, allowing MSHP leadership to evaluate the initiative and set the stage for replication of the model on the city, state and national levels, if proven effective.

"This initiative will allow us to develop a more robust approach to screening, educating and communicating on how to improve sexual health practices and reduce unintended teen pregnancies," says David K. Appel, MD, Director, Montefiore School Health Program, and Associate Professor, Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Einstein.

Montefiore's International Office Opens its Doors

On Tuesday, June 2, Montefiore President and Chief Executive Officer Steven M. Safyer, MD, hosted His Excellency, Ambassador Ahmed Farouk, Consul General of Egypt in New York; His Excellency, Ambassador Khaled Al-Sharif, Consul General, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in New York, and Mrs. Rose Sager, Bahrain Trade Representative, along with several other esteemed guests from the embassies of Saudi Arabia, for the ribbon cutting ceremony of Montefiore's International Office, located on the second floor of Montefiore Hospital, Moses Campus.



Philip O. Ozuah, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Montefiore, cuts the inaugural ribbon with Peter Semczuk, DDS, Vice President, Clinical Services, Montefiore; His Excellency Ahmed Farouk, Consul General, Egypt; and His Excellency Khaled El-Sharif, Consul General, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"The event was a great success. Our international partners seem very enthusiastic about the office, which will be at their disposal and ready to assist with everything ranging from housing and translation services, as well as coordinating all aspects of patient care," said Irene Gebrael, PhD, Montefiore International Department Manager, and organizer of the event. The office will be home to several services aimed at assisting Montefiore's ever-growing community of international patients.

Specialty Practice Associates Learn Epic@Montefiore's Integrated Patient Care Workflows

Montefiore's successful deployment of its new, integrated electronic health record continues with a second go-live of Epic@Montefiore. Training for more than 2,500 clinicians, front desk, and operational associates at faculty practices started June 1 and will continue through July 24 at the Westchester Square Campus and the newly renovated training facility on Gun Hill Road.

In preparation for the second go-live, non-surgical clinicians specializing in cardiology, oncology, OB-GYN, rehabilitation and neurology care disciplines will be trained on integrated clinical workflows to provide greater levels of coordinated patient care. Front desk associates and schedulers will learn how to use Epic@Montefiore's integrated scheduling templates to directly access provider schedules, leading to more efficient scheduling of patient appointments.

To help associates derive further training benefits, Epic@Montefiore Super Users will now have the opportunity to actively demonstrate and reinforce their new workflow knowledge in peer-to-peer training sessions and will shadow Montefiore Medical Group associates at initial go-live sites to effectively prepare for the second go-live. Montefiore leadership, along with the Epic@Montefiore project team, is committed to providing the necessary support for associates to utilize Epic@Montefiore to provide patients with a seamless, patient-centered healthcare experience.

Read more about Epic@Montefiore on the intranet.

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Appointments & Accolades



Jeffrey Hogan, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Montefiore, was named one of the Westchester Business Council's "Rising Stars—Westchester's 40 Under 40," a distinction that acknowledges individuals in Westchester who are making their mark on their industries at a young age.



Frederick J. Kaskel, MD, PhD, Director, Division & Training Program, Pediatric Nephrology, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, and Professor and Vice Chair, Pediatrics, Einstein, was recognized by the Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation with the "Stone Crusher of the Year 2015" for his outstanding service and dedication to a cure for kidney disorders in children. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health.



Richard Lipton, MD, Director, Montefiore Headache Center; Edwin S. Lowe Chair in Neurology; Vice Chair and Professor, The Saul R. Korey Department of Neurology; Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Epidemiology & Population Health, Einstein, was noted among the top 400 core biomedical researchers in a listing of highly influential researchers published in the *European Journal of Clinical Investigation*. He has published eight books and more than 650 original articles and reviews.



Sharmila K. Makhija, MD, MBA, has been appointed The Chella and Moise Safra Chair, Professor and University Chair, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health, Montefiore and Einstein.



Giles Peek, MD, has been named Chief, Division of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery; Co-Director, Pediatric Heart Center, Montefiore, and Professor, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Einstein.



Tamar Rubinstein, MD, MS, Fellow, Pediatric Rheumatology, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, was recognized by the Lupus Foundation of America with a Career Development Award for her study in mood disorders and cognitive dysfunction in lupus patients and potential serum biomarkers.



Jeniece Trast, RN, Montefiore, presented research titled "Liraglutide reduces post-prandial hyperglycemia in a closed loop system" at the 75th Scientific Session of the American Diabetes Association. The research was led by **Rubina Heptulla, MD**, Division Chief, Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, Montefiore, and Professor, Pediatrics and Medicine, Einstein. The abstract was selected as an oral presentation for this year's meeting.

Montefiore's Wakefield Campus, Montefiore Mount Vernon and Montefiore New Rochelle received Partner Recognition Awards from Practice Greenhealth. They were honored for their environmentally-responsible practices for maintaining a minimum 10 percent recycling rate for their total waste output.

Clinical Trial Spotlight

Adolescent AIDS Program Invites Healthy Young Women to Participate in Study

The Adolescent AIDS Program at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) is conducting a research study to examine the safety and acceptability of a vaginal ring containing dapivirine (an anti-retroviral medication) in young women ages 15–17. This dapivirine-containing vaginal ring has already been studied extensively in women ages 18 and older and has proven to be safe.

Study visits will include physical examinations, HIV education and sexual and reproductive health counseling. Parental consent is required. Compensation will be provided to all participants.

For more information, contact the Adolescent AIDS Program at 347-346-1535.

Duo Says "I Do" at Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care

The Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care recently hosted a wedding ceremony for a patient and his longtime love.

Patient Care Coordinator Karen Wright, RN, Moses, beamed when recounting how the team came together to create this special day, noting how Montefiore's Inpatient Oncology Adult Unit works to meet all the needs of patients and their families.



Vincent Bulus, PhD, Chaplain, Religious Affairs, officiated the ceremony in the Einstein Center for Cancer Care.

Interested in Deepening Your Clinical Research Skills?

If you're a CRTP graduate from Einstein or another CTSA institution, you may be interested in a new program called PCOR PRIME. During the six-to-eight month online, on-demand course, you will learn the tools needed to design and conduct patient-centered outcomes research. The course is free for those who qualify. Visit the intranet for more information and apply by July 15.

Montefiore's 2015 President's Award Nomination Period Opens June 22

The nomination period for the Montefiore President's Award is fast approaching. Be sure to visit the President's Award link on the intranet as of June 22 and nominate your colleagues for the recognition they deserve.

This esteemed award, created in 1981, recognizes associates who embody Montefiore's values of teamwork, humanity, diversity, innovation and equity. These awards are given annually to associates who demonstrate extraordinary dedication to the highest standards of excellence and who create the best experience possible for patients and associates.

Nominees represent a broad cross-section of associates, including direct caregivers, support staff and administrators. As innovators, these nominees actively assess their department's procedures and processes, offering suggestions on how to improve practices and maximize value.

EVENTS

Bronx Zoo Corporate Weekend

The New York Zoos & Aquarium are offering free admission for all associates and up to three guests each upon presenting a valid Montefiore ID.

Saturday, June 27–28 | 10:00 am–5:30 pm
2300 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York

For directions and more information, please visit www.bronxzoo.com. Parking and admission to rides, theater and special exhibits are not included.

Hutchinson Campus Hosts Open House for Montefiore Medical Group Providers

Montefiore's Hutchinson Campus will be hosting an Open House for Montefiore Medical Group providers and their staff.

Tuesday, July 7 | 5:30–7:30 pm
1250 Waters Place, Tower Two
Bronx, New York

For more information, contact Lissen Simonsen at lsimonse@montefiore.org.