

Montefiore Update

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Montefiore Enhances Sustainability Measures

As energy-intensive facilities, medical centers can literally save millions in operating costs by reducing energy consumption and minimizing their carbon footprint.

Earlier this year, Montefiore, a longtime leader in sustainability, received the AEE Regional Corporate Energy Management award from the Westchester Green Business Challenge, a consortium of Westchester County-area organizations focused on maximizing environmental sustainability while improving performance.

"Our involvement with the Westchester Green Business Challenge, which allows organizations to track metrics such as energy and water consumption, waste generation, and environmentally-preferable purchasing, reflects our commitment to the environment and providing communities with sustainable healthcare facilities," says Jeffrey Hogan, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Montefiore.

Earlier this year, Montefiore implemented electric vehicle charging stations at its Moses and Wakefield campuses to allow drivers to charge their electric cars.

In addition, Montefiore's Facilities Department is expanding its recycling initiatives to the main Montefiore hospital campuses in the Bronx,

as well as Montefiore Mount Vernon and Montefiore New Rochelle. Montefiore's current recycling program incorporates the following components: disposal of document waste (paperwork); recyclable waste (cardboard); regulated medical waste (medical devices, such as needles and syringes) and universal waste (batteries).

"We are continually looking to expand these initiatives across our current campuses and new acquisitions," Mr. Hogan says.

Additionally, he notes, Montefiore's Engineering Department has implemented technologies that provide enhanced control of its building, heating and cooling systems, as well as LED lighting, which helps improve light quality in hallways, patient rooms and ORs.

"We know that the enhanced efficiency of our building systems can lead to increased patient and staff comfort, which increases patient satisfaction and associate productivity," Mr. Hogan says.



New Speech and Language Pathology Office Opens

Montefiore's Division of Speech and Language Pathology hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony August 13 to celebrate its opening.

Members of Montefiore's speech and language team will provide comprehensive diagnostic evaluations, consultations and caregiver counseling to adults and children suffering from speech disorders, feeding and swallowing problems, fluency disorders such as stuttering, and other communication deficits. The new Ambulatory Care Center houses state-of-the-art equipment designed to produce the best outcomes for patients.

Located at 3199 Bainbridge Avenue, fourth floor, appointments are available Monday through Friday.

📞 Division of Speech and Language Pathology at 718-920-6664



From left, Matthew N. Bartels, MD, MPH, Chair, Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine, Montefiore, and Chair and Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Einstein; Mary Reilly, MS, CCC-SLP, Former Director, Division of Speech and Language Pathology, Montefiore; Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore; Philip O. Ozuah, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President and COO, Montefiore; and Marvin P. Fried, MD, Chair, Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Montefiore, and Professor and Chair, Otorhinolaryngology, Einstein.

Building Blocks of Montefiore's Epic System

As the Epic build progresses, Montefiore's Epic project directors are meeting with Montefiore's vice presidents to report on the status of the Epic implementation. More than 25 percent of the Epic build has been completed since Phase 3 of the Epic system build began June 23. To help track this progress, application analysts are using toolsets that provide build tasks and application-specific milestones to complete during the implementation. These tasks are further broken down by workflow and content to help demonstrate how each application ties into building an integrated electronic health record.

The Epic team is still finalizing complex workflows. While multiple workflows are being configured into Epic, clinicians and care providers continue validating content that will be modified and built into the system. In addition, Montefiore's Epic team is concurrently developing workflow scripts that reflect actual workflow scenarios to test how Montefiore clinicians and end-users will experience applications in Epic.

Application conversion into Epic from existing systems and its subsequent testing has begun ahead of schedule. Montefiore's Epic software interface team is configuring the language that Epic's integrated applications use to communicate with each other. The team has also successfully pre-tested workflows for patients' Admission, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) process. As more workflows and content are built into Epic, more testing scripts will be created to further test and improve Montefiore's Epic system.

Montefiore Plans *To Your Health!* Site Transition

On October 1, Montefiore's *To Your Health!* program will have a new online wellness site, still accessible through toyourhealth.montefiore.org. The new site will offer more comprehensive online workshops, health education resources and fitness and nutrition challenges.

Associates who have earned gift cards for completing their Health Risk Assessment through the current site will have until September 30 to redeem their cards. Associates can begin earning gift cards through the new site beginning January 1, 2015.

📧 toyourhealth@montefiore.org

Tarrytown Café Opens

The newly renovated café on the lower level of Building A in Montefiore's Tarrytown facility opens September 3. The café, open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm, will be grab-and-go. Featured items will include breakfast options, hot entrees, assorted beverages and a full grill.



Clinical Trial Spotlight

A Study of Drug RG7314 to Investigate Efficacy and Safety in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

This multi-center, randomized, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled, proof of concept study will investigate the efficacy and safety of RG7314 in adult patients with autism spectrum disorders.

Participants Eligible for Study: Males Ages 18–45

📧 Bonnie Taylor at botaylor@montefiore.org

Clinical Documentation Improvement Week

The goal of Clinical Documentation Improvement Week is to increase awareness of Montefiore's Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) program.

Associates are encouraged to meet with their CDI specialist and answer clinical documentation trivia for a chance to win an iPad Mini:

Tuesday, September 16 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Across from Cafeteria, Wakefield Campus

Wednesday, September 17 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fourth Floor, Cafeteria Entrance, Einstein Campus

Thursday, September 18 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Rear of Food Pavilion, Moses Campus

📞 Simon Small at 929-234-4752



Community Events

Montefiore and its health partners regularly host events throughout the year to educate, engage and inform members of the communities it serves.

This regular, hands-on outreach is critical. It's typically the first step toward fostering the relationships and understanding needed to improve the overall health and wellness of people who might not otherwise have immediate healthcare access.

Associates are encouraged to attend a health-related event in their community.

Family Fun Day at Bronx House

Saturday, September 13, 2014 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South, Bronx, New York

Montefiore, in conjunction with HealthFirst, is sponsoring this event bringing community healthcare outreach to attendees through activities and offerings, including food, music, games, interactive dance performances, face painting and more.

13th Annual Jerome-Gun Hill BID Fall Festival

Saturday, September 20 | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Jerome Avenue between Mosholu Parkway and East Gun Hill Road

Montefiore is a proud sponsor of this annual event that brings members of the community together for a day of engagement centered on health and wellness, education, outreach and kid-friendly activities, including:

- Radio Disney Children's Jamboree
- Chess lessons/domino tournament
- Special community awards presentations

This rain-or-shine event is presented in collaboration with the *New York Daily News*, Radio Disney, News 12 Bronx and Bronxnet.



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Montefiore in the Community | www.montefiore.org/montefiore-community-events-and-activities

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