

Montefiore Update

September 28, 2015 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

Montefiore and Bloomberg Intelligence Partner to Host Alzheimer's Panel

Montefiore and Bloomberg Intelligence co-hosted a panel titled "Clinical and Care Policy Developments in Alzheimer's and Related Dementias" on Monday, September 21 in the Tishman Learning Center of the Moses Campus. As a leading academic medical center and the University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore has long been on the frontlines of pioneering medical treatments, drawing upon the combination of exceptional scientists and clinicians. Montefiore centralized much of these efforts to treat aging-related disorders with the creation of the Montefiore Einstein Center for the Aging Brain. The Center for the Aging Brain—a collaborative effort between Montefiore and Albert Einstein College of Medicine—provides personalized and comprehensive treatment for a range of conditions facing older adults, and their caregivers, ranging from depression and dementia to pain and failure to thrive.

The recent panel explored timely pre-clinical, clinical and policy developments in care for Alzheimer's and related dementias. Mark Mehler, MD, Alpern Professor and University Chairman; Director, Institute for Brain Disorders and Neural Regeneration; Neurologist-in-Chief; and Professor, Neurology, Neuroscience, and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Montefiore and Einstein, kicked off the event on the pre-clinical panel. He discussed the exciting research being done by Neurology to gain increased understanding into the causes of nervous-system diseases, as well as to devise novel strategies to promote nerve-cell regeneration. Luciano D'Adamio, MD, PhD, Molecular Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration and Memory Loss Researcher, Montefiore, and Professor, Microbiology & Immunology, Einstein, discussed his pioneering work regarding the role of novel animal models in advancing scientific understanding of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Joe Verghese, MD, MBBS, Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for the Aging Brain; Chief, Integrated Divisions of Cognitive & Motor Aging (Neurology) and Geriatrics (Medicine), and Professor, Neurology and Medicine, Montefiore and Einstein, spoke on the importance of patient screening in the primary care setting, as well as the need for more specialized care centers. Dr. Verghese and Jessica Leigh Zwerling, MD, MS, Director, Memory Disorders Center and Associate Director, Montefiore

Einstein Center for the Aging Brain, explained in their clinical panel how the Center for the Aging Brain employs a multidisciplinary approach to care, with geriatricians, neurologists and neuropsychologists all involved in the creation and execution of patient care plans. Dr. Zwerling also emphasized the need to focus on the caregiver-patient dyad, in order to screen the caregivers with a validated caregiver stress questionnaire and offer group or one-on-one counseling at the Center for those caregivers.

Tia Powell, MD, Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics, and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Clinical Psychiatry, Einstein, spoke on the policy panel. Dr. Powell noted, "A number of factors, including the aging population, longer survival with more disability, and the lack of treatments likely to rapidly reduce the numbers of those with dementia, mean that we need to find better ways to care for the increasing number of patients with dementia in the years to come."



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ICD-10 Goes into Effect October 1, 2015

As of October 1, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will require transition of Montefiore's medical coding from the ICD-9 classification system to the updated and expanded ICD-10 classification system. If you have not done so already, please login to Talent Management and complete any training assigned to you. For training information, please email the Montefiore Learning Network at LearningNetwork@montefiore.org or call 718-920-8787. Associates in clinical areas should possess knowledge of the new billing process. All claims with dates of service of October 1, 2015 or later must be submitted with a valid ICD-10 code; ICD-9 codes will no longer be accepted for these dates of service. If you still have questions about billing process, please see your administrator. For more information on ICD-10, visit the Montefiore Intranet at Resources > The Transition to ICD-10.

Providers Prepare for Epic@Montefiore's Integrated Patient Care Workflows

In preparation for the third Epic@Montefiore ambulatory go-live, the Epic project team is ensuring that more than 80 faculty practices comprising Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Urology, Ophthalmology, Dental and Oral Surgery departments, as well as those in Radiation Oncology and other ambulatory care services, are able to successfully navigate workflows in the new, integrated electronic health record system to provide greater levels of coordinated patient care.

Since the July go-live, more than 2,700 workstations throughout the various faculty practices have been tested and are now ready for the Epic@Montefiore go-live in October. While 487 physicians are expected to be trained on the integrated system for this go-live to help providers further derive training benefits, they will have the opportunity to participate in personalization labs that are open sessions for providers to review Epic functionality and workflows with credentialed trainers, as well as learn end-user personalization tools.

The new workflows provide functionality that will help improve patient engagement, including providing clinicians with access to post electronic sticky notes in medical charts to record personal reminders about patients—such as noting a patient's hobby or name of a pet. Personalization lab sessions begin on October 12 and will occur at Montefiore's Hutchinson Campus, Moses Campus at the Tishman Learning Center (Room 1), and Gun Hill Road Epic training facility.

Visit the Intranet for more information about Epic@Montefiore.

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Montefiore Associates Celebrate Bronx Healthcare Learning Collaborative Completion

Six Montefiore associates who recently completed the Colloquium Series Program, part of the Bronx Healthcare Learning Collaborative (BHLC), were honored with a celebratory breakfast on the Moses Campus. The BHLC is a labor-management partnership between Montefiore, several independent employers and the 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East



The Montefiore associates who recently completed the Colloquium Series Program pose together after being honored. From left to right: Rosana Jimenez, Tirzah Caraballo, Radharana Jimenez, Jamal Brito, Julie Bisono-Tapia and Joan Frances.

local union, with Steven M. Safyer, MD, Montefiore Medicine President and CEO, serving as a co-chair. The BHLC implements initiatives to increase healthcare workforce diversity, including the number of bilingual Spanish-speakers entering the professional and paraprofessional healthcare workforce in the Bronx. The Colloquium Series, which helps Latino healthcare workers in the Bronx access allied health education programs, won the National Excelencia en Educación award in 2014.

For more information, contact Raquel Batista at raquel.batista@1199funds.org or 718-562-3667, ext. 8212.

Awards and Honors

Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care (MECCC) and the NCI-designated Albert Einstein Cancer Center (AECC) received a \$3.93 million grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the prestigious Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology. This competitive NIH Institutional Research Career Development grant provides MECCC and AECC an average of \$786,000 annually over five years, the largest amount given to any participating institution in the country. The Calabresi Program selects highly-qualified clinical and translational investigators committed to careers in patient-oriented clinical and translational research with a focus on cancer therapeutics. **Roman Perez-Soler, MD**, Chairman, Oncology; Chief, Medical Oncology; Deputy Director, Albert Einstein Cancer Center; and Guttman Professor, Medicine and Molecular Pharmacology, Montefiore and Einstein, is the program's Principal Investigator. The four new Calabresi scholars selected for this application period are **Thomas Ow, MD**, **Akiva Novetsky, MD, MS**, **Benjamin Gartrell, MD**, and **Haejin In, MD**.

Shalom Kalnicki, MD, Professor and Chairman, Radiation Oncology, Montefiore and Einstein; **Jana Fox, MD**, Attending Physician, Radiation Oncology, Montefiore, and Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, Einstein, and **Shiv Desai, MD**, Radiation Oncology Resident, Montefiore, were chosen to present their work on the Oncotype DCIS test at the ASCO Breast Cancer Symposium on September 25 in San Francisco.

Sharmila Makhija, MD, MBA, The Chella and Moise Safra Chair, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health, and Professor and University Chair, Montefiore and Einstein, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Women's Voices for Change, a not-for-profit organization working to change cultural views on menopause and older women.

Clinical Trial Spotlight

Research Study for Latina Breast Cancer Survivors

Researchers at Montefiore need your help to investigate whether new educational material will help promote follow-up care in Latina breast cancer survivors.

To take part, you must be:

- 21–74 years of age
- Identify yourself as a Latina or Hispanic
- Completed primary treatment three–48 months ago

Participants will be compensated for their time.

To learn more, contact Rita Rivera at 646-627-6972 or rita.rivera@einstein.yu.edu.

To search for other clinical studies being conducted at Montefiore, visit www.montefiore.org/clinicaltrials.

EVENTS

Moving Beyond Dr. Google: Distilling Fact from Fiction about Hip & Knee Surgery

A free lecture by board-certified Orthopaedic Surgeon Steven Zelicof, MD, presented by Montefiore New Rochelle and The New Jewish Home/Sarah Neuman Center.

Wednesday, September 30 | 5:30–7:00 pm
Sarah Neuman Center, Tisch Auditorium
845 Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York

Email Bruce Nathanson at bnathanson@jewishhome.org.

1st Annual Organ Donor Enrollment Day

LiveOnNY is launching the first-ever Organ Donor Enrollment Day. This inaugural event is being executed with one goal in mind: to enroll as many willing New Yorkers as possible as organ donors in a single eight-hour time period.

Tuesday, October 6 | 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Moses Food Pavilion | CHAM Lobby | Weiler Cafeteria
Wakefield Cafeteria | Mount Vernon Cafeteria

For more information, contact Leo Trevino at ltrevino@montefiore.org.

Healing Loss Workshop

This three-day residential workshop is a powerful experiential and didactic program providing participants with the opportunity to work through and let go of some of the grief, loss and other burdens that often occur in caregivers' lives. Limited to 24 participants, all meals and sleeping accommodations provided. CEU credits available.

Wednesday, October 21–23
Stony Point Retreat Center, Stony Point, New York

To complete an application, visit www.montefiore.org/healingarts-events.

For more information, contact HealingArts@montefiore.org or 718-920-6576.

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