

# Montefiore Update

December 8, 2014 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

## Montefiore Supports Healthy Relationships

Montefiore's Supporting Healthy Relationships program, designed to enhance and strengthen the relationships of low-income families in the Bronx, has received renewed funding from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. The program is managed through Montefiore's University Behavioral Associates (UBA), a behavioral management organization founded by the Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Montefiore and Einstein.

"People who lack financial resources can require couples counseling as much as any couple with resources," says Jantra Coll, PsyD, Program Director, Supporting Healthy Relationships, UBA/Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Montefiore. "The problem is a lack of access because of long wait lists or prohibitive costs. And there is a stigma surrounding the need for help." Supporting Healthy Relationships offers a free workshop, "Strengthen Your Relationship," to qualifying families.

Led by psychologists and mental health counselors, couples with children, as well as pregnant women and their partners, are given the opportunity to develop skills that could help them achieve greater family and financial stability. "We offer communication and conflict management skills, counseling to couples in distress and employment services to help the unemployed and underemployed," Dr. Coll says.

Participants are required to attend weekly sessions for approximately nine weeks. They could be eligible for childcare reimbursement and MetroCard discounts. Since its inception in 2006, nearly 2,000 couples have participated in the program.

To qualify, both partners must be at least 18 years old, be in a committed relationship, and have at least one child under 18 living at home or be expecting a child.

For more information, contact UBA at 718-401-5050.



## Children's Hospital at Montefiore Shares Best Practices with International Dignitaries

Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), consistently ranked as one of the nation's top pediatric specialty hospitals in *U.S. News & World Report*, recently hosted dignitaries from the Danish Consulate. The visit highlighted Montefiore's innovative approach to pediatric chronic disease management. The occasion was also illustrative of an increasingly global knowledge exchange within the healthcare industry, with Montefiore serving as a key resource.

"We were proud to provide an overview of our pediatric-focused comprehensive care services and demonstrate how our clinical and translational research has advanced treatments for children suffering from serious and chronic diseases," says Judy Aschner, MD, Physician-in-Chief, CHAM, and Professor and Michael I. Cohen, MD, University Chair, Pediatrics, Einstein.

During the visit, Danish dignitaries met with CHAM leadership to learn more about its comprehensive care model, quality-of-care research and pediatric support services.

## EPIC@Montefiore

### Training Prepares Associates for April Go-Live

To prepare for Epic@Montefiore's go-live in April, associate training registration is in progress through January 15. Training registration is a crucial first step for associates gaining access to Epic@Montefiore, Montefiore's new electronic health record (EHR) system.

Training Registration Leads (TRLs) are responsible for registering all associates and coordinating associates' training schedules. Once registered, associates will be required to take onsite, instructor-led training as well as online tutorials. Onsite training, slated for February, will be held at Montefiore Westchester Square.

To learn more about the Epic@Montefiore training timeline, visit [intranet/Epic](#).

## Financial Accounting Department Moves to Tarrytown Campus

Montefiore's Financial Accounting Department has moved to the Tarrytown Campus, Building A, First Floor, effective December 8. Payroll and Human Resources' Benefits, Central Leave Administration, Compensation and HCM Operations groups will move to Tarrytown in February 2015.

For more information about the Financial Accounting Department's move, including an updated phone list, visit the Financial Accounting Department intranet page.

### Federal Reserve Bank Visit Highlights Montefiore's Community Commitment

Federal Reserve Bank of New York President William C. Dudley, right, recently met with Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore, and Mosholu Preservation Corporation staff to discuss Montefiore's deep investment in providing vital health resources to the local community. President Dudley learned more about Montefiore's innovative health and outreach programs and its strategic vision to enrich the economic vitality and quality of life for residents in and around the Bronx.



Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore, left, with William C. Dudley, President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

### Clinical Trial Spotlight

#### Safety, Tolerability and Activity Study of Ibudilast in Subjects With Progressive Multiple Sclerosis

This study is designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and activity of ibudilast in subjects with primary or secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

Ages Eligible for Study: 21 to 65

Genders Eligible for Study: Both

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### Montefiore New Rochelle Presents \$25,000 Grant to HOPE Community Services



From left, Steve Otis, New York State Assemblyman; Ivar Hyden, New Rochelle Councilman; Carole Troum, Executive Director, HOPE Community Services; Anthony Alfano, Vice President and Executive Director, Montefiore New Rochelle; Noam Bramson, Mayor, New Rochelle; Susan Green-Lorenzen, RN, Senior Vice President, Operations, Montefiore; and Lynn Richmond, NP, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Montefiore.

Montefiore New Rochelle recently presented a \$25,000 grant to HOPE Community Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating homelessness in New Rochelle. The program offers a safe haven for homeless individuals and provides them with counseling and referral services. The funds will support HOPE's 24-hour Homeless Resource Center and allow the organization to hire a housing counselor to work with the homeless to secure housing, as well as assist with employment services and other resources.

"Montefiore New Rochelle is excited to join the City of New Rochelle, HOPE Community Services and other community organizations to serve our homeless population and provide the services they need to become vibrant members of our community," says Anthony Alfano, Vice President and Executive Director, Montefiore New Rochelle. "We stand with our partners to offer financial support to our community while, at the same time, provide the highest quality of care to our patients and their families."

### EVENT

#### Medical Staff Dinner

Tuesday, December 9 | 5:30–7:00 pm

Tishman Learning Center, Moses Campus

Active medical staff members are encouraged to attend.

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