

# Montefiore Update

December 22, 2014 KEEPING ASSOCIATES IN THE KNOW

## Montefiore and Project SEARCH Prepare Students for Healthcare Careers

Montefiore is partnering with nonprofit agencies to prepare youth with developmental disabilities for the workplace, as part of Project SEARCH, at its Moses Campus and at Montefiore New Rochelle.

A nationally-recognized, total immersion model for transitioning high school



Cindy Munguia, a student from New Rochelle High School, pictured in the EKG and Phlebotomy offices at Montefiore New Rochelle, as part of Project SEARCH.

students with developmental disabilities to the professional world, Project SEARCH launched at the Moses Campus this past fall, and has been at Montefiore New Rochelle (MNR) for four years. The project is offered in conjunction with FECS Health and Human Services at the Moses Campus and in partnership with Westchester Institute for Human Development and Westchester Disabled on the Move at MNR.

This academic year, 12 students from Bronx High School P721X, are participating in the program at the Moses Campus. Each day, the students receive one hour of work readiness skills education from a New York City Department of Education instructor and log four hours daily at their internship site, which include the Departments of Radiology, Nutrition and Environmental Services, to develop their practical training. A FECS Integrated Employment Specialist also works in the classroom alongside the teacher and

job coaches to provide the students with on-site job coaching and support.

Students rotate through three different internships at the Moses Campus, remaining at each for 10 to 12 weeks, in order to develop an increasingly progressive set of concrete occupational skills and key soft skills, such as interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, says Dana Politis, Manager, Professional and Workforce Development Programs, Montefiore.

"This unique partnership advances the missions of Montefiore and FECS, in preparing young people with the requisite skillset to succeed professionally, while also developing a more robust, highly-trained workforce, that can contribute to advancing the field of healthcare," says Ms. Politis.

Montefiore New Rochelle (MNR) is hosting five students this year as part of Project SEARCH, says Josephine Catalano, Volunteer Coordinator, Montefiore New

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### Did You Get Your Shot?

The New York State Commissioner of Health has declared influenza to be prevalent in New York State. Associates not vaccinated against the flu for the current season must wear a surgical or procedure mask while in areas where patients or residents may be present. This will remain in effect until the Commissioner declares influenza no longer prevalent in New York State. To view flu shot schedules and more information about the flu, visit the "Flu HQ" section of the Intranet.

I Got  
My Shot

### 'Tis the Season for Giving at Montefiore

The holidays can be tough for kids in the hospital. Thankfully, the team at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore's Phoebe H. Stein Child Life Program are there to make things a bit better. But they can't do it alone.

Toys and other child-friendly goodies—playroom supplies, teaching tools and holiday gifts for patients—come from the generosity of those who are kind enough to donate.

Visit <http://mmcny.org/1G9mnFo> to purchase and donate an item today.

For more ways to give back, visit the **Community Champions** group in **Yammer**.





Aboubakre Fofana, a student at P721X and an intern in Central Supply on the Moses Campus, assembles a kit for the Emergency Department.

Rochelle. In partnership with the New Rochelle School District, the program has hosted 20 students since the program's inception, she says.

"Project SEARCH has a direct positive effect on the students' skills and confidence," says Ms. Catalano. "Their transformation during the program is amazing and we are a part of it. Staff who have direct contact with the students are very happy to mentor and set a good example. Everyone wins in this partnership."

Departments on the Moses Campus that wish to host Project SEARCH interns should contact Dana Politis at 718-920-6212, or [dpolitis@montefiore.org](mailto:dpolitis@montefiore.org), for more information.

## EVENTS

### Hyponatremia Detection & Management in a Hospital Setting

Free Web Course:

This CME-certified web course is for all hospital-certified clinicians who commonly encounter patients with hyponatremia.

[www.rockpointe.com/Einstein/Montefiore/Hyponatremia](http://www.rockpointe.com/Einstein/Montefiore/Hyponatremia)

This activity has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**

For CME inquiries, please contact [cme@montefiore.org](mailto:cme@montefiore.org).

### Free Diabetes Management Workshop Multiple Locations | January through March

Do you or a family member have diabetes? Come to one of our free workshops to learn how diabetes can be managed.

No registration required.

Visit [www.montefiore.org/workshops](http://www.montefiore.org/workshops) for schedule & information.

📞 Questions? Call 1-800-MD-MONTE (1-800-636-6683)

## NEWS

### Clinical Trial Spotlight

#### An Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability Study of Cariprazine (Drug) as an Adjunctive Treatment to Antidepressant Therapy (ADT) in Patients With Major Depressive Disorder (MDD)

The objective of this study is to evaluate the efficacy, safety and tolerability of cariprazine (drug) as an adjunctive treatment to antidepressant therapy (ADT) in patients with MDD.

Ages Eligible for Study: 18 to 65

Genders Eligible for Study: Male and Female

📞 Eric Hollander, MD, at 718-920-2933 or [mahender@montefiore.org](mailto:mahender@montefiore.org)

### "I Got My Shot" Recycling Campaign

Now that you've gotten your flu shot for the 2014 season, what should you do with last year's "I Got My Shot" pink badge? Bring the badge to the Occupational Health Services (OHS) office at any Montefiore Campus where shots are being administered and mention that you would like to recycle last year's badge. The badges are being collected in large recycling receptacles. The campaign will continue throughout the winter, says Jeff Hogan, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Montefiore. One of Montefiore's medical waste vendors, Approved Storage & Waste Hauling, will then recycle the badges into industrial grade plastics, says Mr. Hogan.

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### Montefiore New Rochelle Celebrates Breastfeeding Day



Montefiore New Rochelle (MNR) celebrated Breastfeeding Day on November 19. New Rochelle City Council member Ivar Hyden presented a proclamation in honor of MNR's commitment to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. He is flanked by Iris Rosario, Administrator, WIC Services, MNR; Celia Bertuzzi, Maternal Child Health, MNR; Yogangi Malhotra, MD, Neonatologist and Co-chair of the Breastfeeding Committee at MNR; Sheri Nemerofsky, MD, Director, Newborn Services, Montefiore; Lillian Gonzalez, MD, Pediatrician and Co-chair of the Breastfeeding Committee at MNR; and Richard Barone, MD, Medical Director, MNR.