Montefiore and Nyack Hospital Announce Partnership

Montefiore's Board of Directors has approved a letter of intent with Nyack Hospital, under which Nyack Hospital will join Montefiore Health System.

Montefiore’s Board of Directors approved the letter of intent at its June 24 meeting. The Nyack Hospital Board of Trustees also voted in support of the decision on June 20.

“We see great opportunity in working with Nyack Hospital and enhancing its rich history of providing excellent care in the community,” says Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO, Montefiore. “Montefiore is focused on building a regional healthcare delivery system that is closely aligned with community physicians and groups.”

The letter of intent outlines plans to enhance care and offer new forms of population health services to Rockland County residents. As healthcare delivery reform continues its transformation, Montefiore is focused on improving care through increased strategic partnerships.

“Montefiore has a long history of both clinical excellence and innovative care delivery,” says David H. Freed, DHA, President and CEO, Nyack Hospital. “It will be an exemplary partner in developing the advanced models of care management and regional collaboration required to serve the Rockland community well under healthcare reform.” The formalization of the new agreement will be completed in the coming weeks, subject to regulatory approval.

Nurses Learn from the “Inside Out” Shadowing Paramedics

Through a highly innovative program, Montefiore’s newly hired Emergency Department (ED) nurses are spending a day riding with paramedics to gain a better understanding of what paramedics experience when they first encounter an emergency in the field.

“The EMS service in New York City is very advanced, and paramedics are often able to stabilize patients before they get to the ED,” says David Allan, RN, CEN, Administrative Nurse Manager, Emergency Medicine, Montefiore, who developed the program, called Inside Out. “The idea is that this process allows nurses to see the complete picture from beginning to end. Nurses don’t know that a patient is intubated in a shower stall, or carried down five flights of stairs, and they also don’t see the patients who never make it to the hospital.”

Jessica Makatura, RN, who works in the Moses Campus ED, is one of four nurses trained since the program began earlier this year. “It was helpful because I want to use all the knowledge I can to do the best job possible,” she says. “The program was especially helpful to see what it takes to actually get a patient to the ED. A couple of patients we saw were reluctant to go with the paramedics, and knowing that made me even more aware of the importance of providing top-quality, compassionate care when they arrive.”

Nurses choose one shift during their three month orientation period to complete the program. They spend the first four hours in triage to see how patients present when they are brought into the ED. The nurses then embark on an ambulance subcontracted to Montefiore for the remainder of their 12-hour shift.

Because ambulances go to hospitals throughout the city, the nurses are given the opportunity to experience different EDs and triage systems. “This program is essential for nurses to see how care begins long before the patient arrives at the ED,” Mr. Allan says. In the weeks to come, the program will expand to the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore ED.

Shop Honored for Supporting Montefiore New Rochelle

Montefiore New Rochelle recently hosted a reception recognizing Accents on Antiques, a vintage consignment shop based in Pelham, New York, for its support of Montefiore New Rochelle and the community it serves. Part of the shop’s proceeds benefit Montefiore New Rochelle. From left, Susan Green-Lorenzen, RN, Senior Vice President, Operations, Montefiore; Anthony Alfano, Vice President and Executive Director, Montefiore New Rochelle; and Accents on Antiques board members Ursula Huff, Ginny Cragin and Celeste Coughlin.

President’s Award Nomination Deadline July 9

The nomination period is open for the Montefiore President’s Award, the highest honor attainable for Montefiore associates. This esteemed award, created in 1981, recognizes associates who embody Montefiore’s values of teamwork, humanity, diversity, innovation and equity. Given annually, awards are bestowed upon associates who demonstrate extraordinary dedication to the highest standards of excellence. The nomination deadline is July 9. To nominate a colleague, please visit the home page of the intranet.
Translational Oncology Retreat A Success

The Department of Oncology at Montefiore, in partnership with Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, held its inaugural Translational Oncology Retreat this past spring. Departmental clinical faculty, oncology fellows and Einstein scientists attended. Ulrich Steidl, MD, PhD, Associate Chair, Translational Research, Oncology, Montefiore, and Associate Professor, Cell Biology, Einstein, organized the event. The retreat provided an opportunity for attendees to discuss advances in the treatment of a range of cancers, including colorectal, breast, prostate and blood cancers and foster collaborations between clinicians and laboratory scientists. The one-day event was co-chaired by Amit Verma, MD, Chief, Hematologic Oncology, Montefiore, and Associate Professor, Medicine (Oncology), Einstein; and Roman Perez-Soler, Chairman and Chief, Oncology, Montefiore, Deputy Director, Albert Einstein Cancer Center, Co-Leader, Experimental Therapeutics Program, Albert Einstein Cancer Center; and Professor, Medicine (Oncology), Einstein.

Pediatric Nurses Sought

Associates are encouraged to refer experienced registered nurses specializing in pediatrics to work in the Pediatric Critical Care Unit at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM). If the candidate is successfully hired, the referring associate will receive $5,000. Qualified candidates must have a New York State license, three to five years of experience in pediatric intensive care, cardiac surgical (adult or pediatric), or neonatal ICU experience and a desire to care for critically ill infants and children. To submit a referral, locate a staff nurse position in the CHAM 10 area/unit via the Talent Management portal and select “Refer a Friend.” All referrals must have a current resume attached at the time of referral.

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Moses/CHAM Cookbook Fundraiser

Montefiore welcomes recipes for a custom cookbook to be sold as a fundraiser. Submissions are open to all Moses/CHAM associates. The cookbook will be on sale this fall. For more information, or to submit a recipe, contact Fran O’Neill at foneill@montefiore.org or 718-920-4729.

Awards and Honors

Judy Aschner, MD, Physician-in-Chief, the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), and Professor and Michael I. Cohen University Chair of Pediatrics, Einstein, is the recipient of the Louise Kennedy Striver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Alexander Award. The Alexander Award is named for Duane Alexander, longtime director of the NICHD, and is bestowed upon a distinguished leader who exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership in training young scientists and promoting their career development. Dr. Aschner will receive the Alexander Award on August 15, 2014 at the 26th annual NICHD Young Investigator Conference in Chicago.

Michael Ushay, MD, Medical Director, Pediatric Critical Care Unit (PCCU), Montefiore, and Professor, Clinical Pediatrics, Einstein, recently accepted an award from the New York City Pediatric Disaster Coalition (NY PDC) on behalf of the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM). CHAM’s PCCU was the first in New York City to complete the 2014 Critical Care Unit-Full Scale Surge Exercise, used as an indicator of emergency preparedness. Dr. Ushay received the award at the NY PDC’s recent After Action Report conference.

Clinical Trial Spotlight

An Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability Study of Cariprazine 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 as an adjunctive treatment to antidepressant therapy (ADT) in patients with MDD.

Ages Eligible for Study: 18 Years to 65 Years

Genders Eligible for Study: Both

To learn more about this study, contact Eric Hollander, MD at 718-920-2933 or mahender@montefiore.org.

Events

World Breastfeeding Health Fair

Tuesday, August 12 | 11:00 am–3:00 pm
22 Westchester Square, Bronx

WIC Montefiore Medical Group is hosting a comprehensive health fair to promote the many health benefits of breastfeeding. Refreshments will be available.

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Sites to See

The Montefiore Headache Center | http://www.montefiore.org/headache-center

Migraine, tension-type headache, cluster headache—no matter what type of headache, they can all be very debilitating. The Montefiore Headache Center can help. A leader in the field, the Montefiore Headache Center is the world’s first center focused exclusively on the diagnosis and treatment of headache disorders and/or facial pain in adults and adolescents.

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