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Keeping Associates in the Know

Montefiore Celebrates President’s Award Nominees

Montefiore is pleased to announce this year’s 31 outstanding President’s Award nominees. Representing a diverse cross-section of associates from clinical and non-clinical areas, these candidates exemplify Montefiore’s highest values—teamwork, humanity, diversity, innovation and equity. Created in 1981, the President’s Award is the highest honor attainable by Montefiore associates.

Winners will be announced this fall. Take a moment to congratulate this year’s nominees, who have been recognized by their colleagues across the organization for their extraordinary contributions.

NOMINEES

Adebisi Adeyeye, RN
Nora Averilla, RN
Helen Ayoe, RN
Margaret Catarco
Seedy Ceecay, RN
Adriana Centrone
Steven Diaz
Melissa Fuslier
Leorona Gashi
Ngoc Lan Ha, RN
Othelia Hamilton, RN
Fritz Joseph
Sylvia Knox
Janice Korenblatt, LCSW
Melody McKeever-Lawrence, LPN
Gina McManus, RN
Alice Minter
Joan O’Brien, RN
Avis Plummer, RN
Leonard Prlesi, RN
Renzey Rajan, RN
Sheraine Reid-Walters, LPN
Maria Reyes
Nancy Ruiz
Prane Samanyaphon, RN
Kelly Schneider, RN
Ann Sestak, RN
Ibrahimah Sylia
Lynn Taylor-McCoy
Louis Tinglinsi, RN
Carol Whittaker

Montefiore Course Guides Faculty on Career Advancement

The Department of Pediatrics’ Leadership, Engagement and Diversity (LEAD) Office is hosting a career development course for junior and mid-level faculty at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) in partnership with Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The course is titled, “Navigating Your Career: Using the Promotion Process as Your Guide.”

“We conducted a survey late last year to identify the needs of pediatric faculty, and what rose to the top was the need for further academic enrichment within pediatrics,” says Nora Esteban, MD, Director, LEAD, Division Chief, Pediatric Hospital Medicine, CHAM, and Professor, Pediatrics, Einstein.

In the new course, 20 participants are receiving hands-on guidance from senior faculty on research, teaching, developing curriculum, promotions and other topics, with the goal of helping them define and achieve career success.

Dr. Esteban and Suzette Oyeku, MD, MPH, Associate Director, LEAD, Associate Division Chief for Academic Affairs, Division of General Pediatrics, CHAM, and Associate Professor, Clinical Pediatrics, Einstein, created a series of interactive workshops that allow faculty to explore what’s necessary to succeed academically. They partnered with Penny Grossman, Edd, MPH, Associate Professor, Family & Social Medicine, Einstein, and Christina Coyle, MD, MS, Assistant Dean for Faculty Development, Einstein, who established the program at Einstein.

In the first session, leaders reviewed promotion tracks and criteria for promotion. Participants worked on defining their academic goals and focused on steps they needed to take to achieve those goals.

“It can be an eye opener for junior faculty,” Dr. Esteban says. “Just as we have rigor in research, our mission is to emphasize that there is rigor in education and career development as well.”

Clinicians Validate Content for an Interdisciplinary, One Care Plan Approach

Since August 12, Montefiore’s Epic headquarters in Yonkers has been the center of activity for a steady influx of Montefiore clinicians as they arrive onsite to validate Elsevier Clinical Practice Management (CPM) content tools. Integrating more than 300 care plans and 65 risk screens into Epic, Elsevier CPM introduces an electronic, single-source care plan for collating and sharing clinical content.

Through the Elsevier CPM framework of evidence-based clinical content tools, a patient’s care plan will be integrated across multiple care disciplines, allowing for an interdisciplinary, one care plan approach.

“As an evidence-based tool, Elsevier’s CPM framework ensures that content created in Epic adheres to the best clinical practice models,” says Susan Grossman, Director of Nursing, Epic, Montefiore. “It’s where technology and practice come together to provide better care for patients, across various disciplines and scopes of practice.”

Through August 21, clinicians will continue evaluating CPM content tools and validating a variety of workflows to determine the best way to leverage pre-configured content into Epic and to achieve the best outcome for implementation.
New Chief of Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Named

The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) and Albert Einstein College of Medicine have named Betsy Herold, MD, Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, CHAM and Einstein. Dr. Herold serves as Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Pediatrics at CHAM and Einstein. She is also Professor of Pediatrics, Microbiology and Immunology, and Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women’s Health and holds the Harold and Muriel Block Chair of Pediatrics at Einstein.

“Dr. Herold is a world renowned physician scientist and academic leader known for her innovative and ground breaking translational research in the prevention of viral infections,” says Judith Aschner, MD, Physician-in-Chief, CHAM, and Professor and Michael I. Cohen, MD, University Chair, Pediatrics, Einstein. “This appointment is a tribute to her numerous academic accomplishments and I feel fortunate to have her as part of CHAM’s leadership team. “

Dr. Herold joined Montefiore in 2007 after serving as the Division Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. At Einstein, she built and directs the Translational Prevention Research Center. A board-certified pediatric infectious disease specialist, she has more than 20 years’ experience caring for children with infectious diseases. In her new role at Montefiore and Einstein, Dr. Herold will oversee the clinical, educational and research missions of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and will be responsible for further developing the clinical, translational and basic science research portfolio.

Montefiore Recognized As One of ‘Most Wired’ Hospitals

Montefiore has been recognized by Hospitals & Health Networks’ 16th Annual Most Wired Survey for its progressiveness in adopting technology to support clinical care, patient safety and privacy. The designation also recognizes Montefiore’s innovation in integrating technology into its infrastructure and business and administrative management. A leader in integrating technology into patient care, Montefiore has used electronic medical records for more than a decade.

Clinical Trial Spotlight
Research Study for Children with Autism

Montefiore is conducting a study to test whether an investigational medication is safe and effective in managing irritability in children and teenagers with autism.

Your child may be eligible to participate if they are:

• Ages 6–17
• Diagnosed with autism
• Experiencing irritability symptoms of autism, including aggression, tantrums or rapidly changing moods

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A Powerful Outcome

The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) celebrated the groundbreaking recovery of formerly conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aguirre, separated 10 years ago, with a special ceremony earlier this month. The Aguirres, now 12-years-old, were craniopagus twins, or twins joined at the head. Here, Carl Aguirre is all smiles during the event.

Fetal Medicine

For an expectant mother, few things are as worrisome as finding out their unborn child may need of medical interventions. But the good news is that many of the conditions once considered untreatable can now be treated before the baby is born and some may even be corrected in utero. Montefiore’s fetal medicine physicians are leaders in their fields. Visit the site to learn more.