Christina Bandera, MD, named chief of OB/GYN at Rhode Island, Miriam hospitals
Also leads gynecologic oncology program at the Women’s Medicine Collaborative

PROVIDENCE – CHRISTINA BANDERA, MD, has been appointed chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals. In this role she will provide medical, administrative and quality oversight of the department. She assumed her new post on July 1, 2013.

Dr. Bandera is board-certified in both obstetrics and gynecology, as well as gynecologic oncology, and her clinical and research interests include treatment and prevention of gynecologic cancers. She also has a special interest in minimally invasive and robotic surgery.

“Our goal is to provide coordinated, multi-specialty care for woman at all stages of their life,” said Karen Rosene Montella, MD, Lifespan’s senior vice president for women’s services and clinical integration. “Dr. Bandera is an accomplished physician, surgeon and educator, and her leadership, vision and unquestioned expertise will provide new dimensions to the enhanced OB/GYN program.”

Dr. Bandera also leads the Center for Gynecologic Cancers at the Women’s Medicine Collaborative, Rhode Island’s largest multidisciplinary center dedicated to the unique health needs of women. The Center provides specialized, cutting-edge surgical and non-surgical options for women diagnosed with, or at high risk for, cancers of the reproductive system, including cervical, uterine, ovarian, vaginal, vulvar and fallopian tube cancers.

The Center for Gynecologic Cancers partners with the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital, offering patients access to a vast array of resources and clinical expertise.

This spring, Lifespan and the Women’s Medicine Collaborative announced a new partnership with OB/GYN Associates, Inc., one of the state’s largest obstetrics and gynecology practices. The providers will officially join Lifespan on August 1.

Dr. Bandera is a member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists and the American Association for Gynecologic Laparoscopy, and is also the gynecologic oncology editor for the international journal Gynecologic and Obstetric Investigation.

A graduate of Harvard University, she received her medical degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed her postgraduate training at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Bandera also held fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. She was previously the director of robotic surgery at Women & Infants Hospital, and has won numerous teaching awards for her work with medical students and residents.

RWMC names Dr. Roberts Director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit

PROVIDENCE – TODD F. ROBERTS, MD, MSc., has been named director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit and Section of Hematologic Malignancies at Roger Williams Medical Center. Dr. Roberts most recently led the Hematologic Malignancy group at Southcoast Center for Cancer Care and was Associate Attending in the Blood & Marrow Transplant program at Tufts Medical Center, Boston.

Prior to this position, he was a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Tulane University Hospital, New Orleans. Previously, he had served as director of the Blood & Marrow Transplant Program at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans. He has special expertise and interest in stem cell transplantation and treatment of leukemia, myelodysplasia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma.

“Dr. Roberts’ training and experience make him an ideal physician leader for our Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit,” said Dr. Steven M. Sepe, chairman of the Department of Medicine. “Our transplantation service is one of the reasons Roger Williams is a recognized regional leader in cancer care.”

Dr. Roberts completed a Fellowship in Bone Marrow Transplantation at Tufts Medical Center, Boston. He underwent his medical school training at the University of Toronto. Subsequently, he also completed his residency and medical oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto. Dr. Roberts is a member of the Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, American Society of Clinical Oncology, and American Society of Hematology and is board certified in Medical Oncology. Dr. Roberts also is involved in clinical cancer trials in the areas of reduced-intensity (“mini”) stem cell transplant approaches as well as clinical trials in leukemias and lymphomas.
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT S.L. “BOB” KINDER, MD, 84, of Jamestown passed away July 28, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Betty R. [Yeager] Kinder. He graduated from Moses Brown, Brown University, and George Washington University (MD with distinction). He completed his residency and fellowship in ophthalmology at Jackson Memorial Hospital and Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. 

Dr. Kinder served as an executive officer and navigator on the USS, LST 532, United States Navy. His past appointments include Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Brown University; Surgeon-in-Chief, Department of Ophthalmology at Rhode Island Hospital; Governor’s Advisory for the Blind; Health Services Council for the State of RI; and president of the medical staff at Rhode Island Hospital. 

He was a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons. Since 1968 he volunteered yearly providing eye care to the St. Lucia community at St. Jude Hospital, West Indies. The clinic at the hospital was named Robert S.L. Kinder Eye Clinic. In 2008, Dr. Kinder received the St. Lucia Metal of Merit (Gold), the only non-St. Lucian to receive this metal.

He was the father of Robert, Chris and the late Jeffrey Kinder; step-father of Richard, Scott [Susan], Jason [Rayanne], and Jennifer Coombs and brother of Joseph G. Kinder. 

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904 will be appreciated.

ROBERT V. LEWIS, MD, passed away at the age of 96 on July 6, 2013 in the home in which he lived for more than 60 years, in the company of his children who loved him deeply. He was married to Edith [Irey] Lewis for 43 years before her death in 1986. Dr. Lewis was born in Pawtucket, RI on May 23, 1917, the son of the late Alfred Ernest and Harriet Frances [Maxcy] Lewis. He attended the public schools in Pawtucket, RI and graduated from Brown University (1939) and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School (1943). He interned at Lankenau Hospital Germantown section of Philadelphia and the Rhode Island Hospital and from 1944 to 1947 served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the European theater. 

He returned to Providence in 1947 and was awarded a two-year Haffenraffer Research Fellowship at the Rhode Island Hospital from which he grew his deep and abiding interest in internal medicine which he practiced with great distinction in Providence on Angell Street until his retirement at the age of 90. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 1964 and a Life Member in 1969.

Dr. Lewis was staff physician at the Rhode Island Hospital and served as president of the house staff there in 1971. He was for many years a prolific contributor to the Rhode Island Medical Journal, and a lifelong member of the Rhode Island Medical Society which he served as president in 1971. He was a member of the Providence Art Club, the University Club, the Hope Club and the Review Club, and served as Surgeon General and renowned essayist for the numerous heritage societies in which he celebrated his maternal Maxcy lineage. 

He is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dr. Lewis’s memory to the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1 Bungtown Rd., Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 would be appreciated.

RAYMON S. RILEY, MD, 81, of Seekonk, Mass., passed away on July 12, 2013. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth “Betty” [Christopher] Riley. They were married 58 years. Dr. Riley was born in Providence, and was a graduate of Providence College, and Tufts University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Navy as a medical officer for three years. 

Dr. Riley practiced cardiology in Providence for over 40 years. During that time he was a member of the medical staff of Rhode Island Hospital. He was a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine at Brown University School of Medicine. 

Besides his wife, Dr. Riley is survived by his children, Linda Riley and Bahram Nassershariif of East Greenwich; Kathleen Andreozzi and her husband Peter; Marylouise Moran and her husband Todd; Susan Johnson and her husband Mark; and Raymond C. Riley, all of Seekonk, Massachusetts. He also leaves his six grandchildren.

EUGENE A. RUSSO, SR, MD, 80, of Narragansett, passed away June 29, 2013 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Patricia [MacDonald] Russo. 

Dr. Russo was a neurosurgeon at St. Joseph’s Hospital for 40 years until his retirement. He was a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society, New England Neurosurgical Society, and Syracuse Medical Alumni Association. He received his medical degree from the University of Louvain, Belgium. 

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three children and grandchildren. 

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