Kent introduces Advanced Valvular Heart Disease Clinic

WARWICK – Kent Hospital’s Division of Cardiology recently announced a new Advanced Valvular Heart Disease Clinic, to be directed by ALICE Y. KIM, MD, FACC, a new member of the Brigham and Women’s Cardiovascular Associates at Kent.

Dr. Kim is a board certified physician who specializes in consultative and noninvasive cardiology including cardiovascular medicine, transthoracic, transesophageal and stress echocardiography; nuclear cardiology; and vascular interpretation. Dr. Kim is also an attending physician in the departments of cardiology at both Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

“The addition of a new clinic is a huge gain for the patients of the community who have valvular heart disease and are in need of high quality care, which includes access to the best medical technology, clinical trials and complex treatment plans,” said Chester Hedgepeth, MD, PhD, executive chief of cardiology at Kent Hospital.

The clinic will offer services such as:

- Comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment planning for patients who may be candidates for advanced valve intervention
- Access to expertise with interventional cardiologists and cardiac surgeons at the advanced valvular and structural heart disease clinic at Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Appropriate multi-modality imaging including echocardiography, cardiac catheterization, and computer tomography
- Access to national research protocols for advanced valve disease

Kent Hospital announces new Sports Medicine Program

WARWICK – Kent Hospital recently announced the addition of Affinity Sports Medicine, an affiliate of Kent Hospital, which will be directed by JEFFREY D. MANNING, MD, and will offer specialized treatment and prevention of injuries and illness for all ages and abilities.

Dr. Manning is a board certified family physician with a certificate of added qualification in sports medicine. He specializes in primary care sports medicine, focusing on treating illness as well as injury.

He is a faculty member at the Alpert Medical School at Brown University and the University of Massachusetts. Prior to medical school, Dr. Manning was a high school science teacher and coached football and lacrosse.

“You do not have to be an athlete to benefit from sports medicine services,” says Dr. Manning. “For an individual who wishes to become active and begin an exercise program or someone who has musculoskeletal problems, sports medicine can be extremely beneficial. I am looking forward to bringing my sports medicine training and expertise to the local community.”

The program will offer clinical services such as:

- Concussion treatment
- Management of acute injuries [such as ankle sprains, muscle strains, shoulder and knee injuries, fractures]
- Management of overuse injuries [such as tendonitis and stress fractures]
- Splinting and casting
- Braces
- Throwing programs
- Customized physical therapy programs
- Coordination of care with primary care physicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists and surgeons [as needed]
- “Return to play” decisions following illness
- Counseling regarding nutrition and supplements
- Onsite X-ray and musculoskeletal ultrasound
- Access to MRI and CT scans