

## Hasbro Hospital Opens Pediatric Specialty Clinics in East Greenwich *Will be joined by a new Fall River pediatric specialty clinic later this year*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Hasbro Children’s Hospital has opened its new East Greenwich Specialty Clinic to provide high-level specialty care more conveniently to children in the community.

“We recognized that there is a significant need in our community for better access to pediatric subspecialties, such as GI or rehab services, which can require frequent visits,” said **PATRICIA FLANAGAN, MD**, interim pediatrician-in-chief and chief of clinical affairs at Hasbro Children’s Hospital. “Being able to provide the services of our specialists closer to home will allow more families seamless and convenient access to the care they need.”

This new East Greenwich location is the latest offering in Hasbro Children’s

Hospital’s evolution from a provider of acute care for the region’s children to a provider of health maintenance and wellness. The East Greenwich Specialty Clinic is part of an ambulatory clinic group that already includes an East Providence outpatient clinic for pediatric specialties, and will be joined by a new Fall River pediatric specialty clinic later this year.

“From the day that Hasbro Children’s Hospital opened its doors 20 years ago, we have tried to address the health care needs of children across the state and region,” said Dr. Flanagan. “This means that not only do families come to us at the hospital for world-class medical care, but also we as pediatric specialty providers can go out to

the families in their communities to meet their needs in partnership with their primary care providers.”

Several pediatric divisions and programs at Hasbro Children’s Hospital now offer additional clinics at the East Greenwich location, including:

- Gastrointestinal medicine
- Child and adolescent eating disorders
- Endocrinology
- Rehabilitation services
- Nephrology
- Pulmonology

The new East Greenwich Specialty Clinic is located at 1454 South County Trail in East Greenwich. ❖

## CNE Pilots Statewide Initiative for On-Call Recovery Coaches in EDs *Program implemented to help with drug overdose*

PROVIDENCE – In an ongoing effort to prevent drug overdose and substance abuse in Rhode Island and the region, The Providence Center, in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH), will provide on-call recovery coaches for patients in hospital emergency departments across Rhode Island with high rates of accidental opioid overdose.

The program, AnchorED, was first launched at Kent Hospital in Warwick last month and will expand to Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket. Other hospital emergency departments across the state will also be implementing the program.

The Providence Center, whose services include more than 40 programs and services for mental health and addiction treatment, offers AnchorED, a program intended to reduce the instance of accidental opioid overdose by connecting patients with certified recovery coaches. The program, was developed and funded by BHDDH and

will provide coaches on an on-call basis, in select emergency departments, every weekend from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday.

“We are extremely pleased to offer the AnchorED program to our patients in need at Kent Hospital helping to provide a tremendous resource of support, education and eventual recovery,” said **PETER GRAVES, MD**, chief of emergency services at Kent Hospital. “Drug overdose is a serious, ongoing occurrence in our emergency department, with a dramatic increase over the past few years in the number of patients we treat.”

CNE announced recently it is negotiating the terms of an official affiliation with The Providence Center. The formal agreement seeks to solidify the integration of behavioral health services across community-based and hospital-based systems in order to provide comprehensive treatment and support across the full continuum of care to patients with mental illness and substance use disorders.

“AnchorED offers a unique opportunity for specialized coaches to connect

with and help those suffering from addiction, offering places to turn to for help,” Jim Gillen, associate director, Anchor Recovery Community Center. “The goal of this program is to ensure patients and their families that addiction is a disease, and recovery is not only possible, it is a reality. The statistics of drug overdose in Rhode Island are alarming, so it is imperative we take the necessary steps to ensure emergency departments have the support they need to provide the best possible outcomes for their patients.”

The hours immediately after an overdose are medically risky, but also present a unique opportunity to connect with and help those suffering from addiction. Certified Recovery Coaches will:

- Link individuals to treatment and recovery resources
- Provide education on overdose, prevention, and obtaining Nalaxone
- Provide additional resources to patients and their family members
- -Contact the individual after they are released, with a follow-up call ❖