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## Appointments

### Dr. Ibrahim Eid named Chief of Vascular Surgery at Roger Williams

PROVIDENCE – **IBRAHIM G. EID, MD**, has been appointed Chief of Vascular Surgery at Roger Williams Medical Center. Dr. Eid most recently held the title of Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Steward Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Mass. Previously, he was medical director of Vascular Services at Steward Saint Anne's Vascular Center.

Dr. Eid is board certified in surgery and vascular surgery. He completed his fellowship training at Temple Hospital University and residencies at Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, New York University Medical Center, and State University of New York at Stony Brook. He received his physician training at American University of Beirut.

Dr. Eid is the founder and chief medical officer for Expert Medical Navigation, Inc. and founder and chief of Primacare Center for Vascular Diseases. ❖



Ibrahim G. Eid, MD

ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER

### Dr. Melissa Simon joins Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Associates

PROVIDENCE – **MELISSA SIMON, MD**, has joined Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Associates, following completion of a fellowship at the Casey Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon.

Born in Brookline, MA, and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Simon received her BA from Yale University and her MD from the University of Pennsylvania. Her ophthalmology residency training was conducted at UMDNJ-Rutgers in Newark, N.J. She was fortunate to have the opportunity to volunteer abroad during her training in Argentina, India, and Peru.

Dr. Simon will see patients at both the Providence and East Greenwich location of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Associates. ❖



Melissa Simon, MD

PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY & STRABISMUS ASSOCIATES

### VantagePoint Healthcare Advisors welcomes Cristine Vogel

*Former OHCA Commissioner adds CON, ACA expertise to portfolio of consulting services*

HAMDEN, CT. – VantagePoint Healthcare Advisors (VantagePointconsult.com) has named **CRISTINE VOGEL, MPH**, as a senior consultant. She will be assisting clients with strategic planning and marketing initiatives in response to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and with the Certificate of Need (CON) process. Her addition supports the continued expansion of VantagePoint services that support health care clients dealing with mergers and affiliations, compliance and other challenges requiring specialized expertise.

About this new infusion of talent, Susan Prior, VantagePoint President and COO, says: "We are delighted to welcome Cristine to our team. She has a comprehensive understanding of the CON [Certificate Of Need] process. Her work within Connecticut health systems and as the former Commissioner of the Office of Health Care Access, as well as her national work with the Affordable Care Act will bring a tremendous depth of expertise to our firm and to our clients."

As Commissioner of OHCA for seven years, she ruled on over 300 Certificate of Need decisions, chaired several cabinet-level committees, conducted and published numerous research articles on issues such as inpatient hospital utilization, preventable hospitalizations, and hospital financial challenges. In addition, she developed and testified on behalf of proposed legislation that impacted patient access, provider viability and overall health system quality. As the Governor's Special Advisor for Health Care Reform, she was appointed as the lead person to implement the federal health care reform strategy and attended meetings organized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to initiate the designing of the Health Insurance Exchange for Connecticut. Recently she was providing consulting services related to the implementation of the ACA to state and federal government clients, providers and health plans. ❖



Cristine Vogel

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## Hospital Recognition

### South County Hospital's Orthopedics Center earns accreditation from The Joint Commission

WAKEFIELD – South County Hospital's Orthopedics Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its hip and knee replacement program. The certification recognizes the Orthopedic Center's compliance with national standards for healthcare quality and safety in a disease-specific care.

A team from the Joint Commission recently conducted a rigorous on-site review of the Hospital's joint replacement program that includes infection prevention and control, leadership, and medication management.

"Having The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval for our Orthopedics Center shows our commitment to the highest quality of care for our patients," said **ELAINE DESMARAIS, RN, CPHQ**, assistant vice president of quality and regulatory compliance at South County Hospital. "Every day our Orthopedics team of physicians, nurses, and technicians work to make certain the Commission's and the Hospital's high standards are continuously met."

Certification requirements address three core areas:

- Compliance with consensus-based national standards.
- Effective and consistent use of appropriate, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the hip, knee or shoulder replacement patient population.
- Collection and analysis of a minimum of four performance measures specific to the hip, knee or shoulder replacement patient population (a minimum of two performance measures must be clinical in nature). ❖

### Newport Hospital redesignated with Magnet nursing recognition

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital has again attained the distinguished Magnet hospital designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program. Considered the gold standard for nursing excellence, the voluntary hospital credentialing program recognizes nursing excellence and professionalism. It is the top international credential for outstanding nursing care. The unanimous decision to redesignate Newport Hospital was based on the hospital's continued adherence to rigorous national standards of nursing practice.

"It is a privilege for us to be honored for the third time with health care's most coveted recognition," said **DENISE SULLIVAN, RN**, vice president of nursing services, chief nursing officer/Magnet coordinator at Newport Hospital, "and to know that our team of talented and dedicated nurses continues to be recognized as among the best in the country for providing the highest quality patient care to the communities we serve."

The Magnet Model is designed to provide a framework for nursing practice, research and measurement of outcomes through which ANCC can gauge an organization's nursing

### Memorial Hospital offers Balloon Sinuplasty™ procedure

PAWTUCKET – **JOHN TARRO, MD**, an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist or ENT) at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, has a new treatment option that may help patients diagnosed with chronic sinusitis or have multiple sinus infections per year that are not helped with medications.

Balloon Sinuplasty™ relieves the pain and pressure associated with chronic sinusitis.

The procedure treats chronic sinusitis patients who are not responding well to medications such as antibiotics, nasal steroids, or over-the-counter drugs, and are seeking relief from uncomfortable and painful sinusitis symptoms.

"The procedure is less invasive than traditional sinus surgery so it allows most patients to return to normal activities quickly," Dr. Tarro said. "Recovery time varies with each patient, but most patients return to work and normal activity within two days."

Similar to the way angioplasty uses balloons to open blocked arteries, Balloon Sinuplasty uses a system of FDA-cleared, catheter-based instruments to open blocked sinuses.

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John Tarro, MD



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## Obituaries

 **ANTHONY R. AMICARELLI, DMD, MD**, 84, of Smithfield, passed away August 16, 2014 at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center. He was the beloved husband of Ann M. (Fraser) Amicarelli for 62 years.



Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Biagio and Assunta (DeAmicis) Amicarelli.

Dr. Amicarelli was a 1948 graduate of Classical High School. He attended Providence College and continued his studies at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, graduating in 1956. He began his dental career as a Captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. After serving two years he opened his own dental practice in Cumberland. Dr. Amicarelli later graduated from the University of Bologna Medical School in Italy with a degree in medicine and went on to practice pediatrics in Pawtucket and Lincoln. He also practiced addiction medicine and was the Medical Director of CODAC, a substance abuse program, for more than 20 years. He was the recipient of the Nyswander-Dole Award in 1984.

Besides his wife he leaves four daughters, Cathy Wayne and her husband Robert, Ellen Amicarelli, Carolyn Ray and Lori McMenemy and her husband Michael. He was the beloved Papa to his seven cherished grandchildren, Vanessa and Jesse Wayne, Christopher and Derrick Ray, Thomas McMenemy, Carolyn McMenemy-Chirico and Anthony McMenemy. He was the brother of the late Rinda Eastman and Dina Cote.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

 **JOSEPH C. FLYNN, MD**, 74, a retired Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, of North Kingstown, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2014 at the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol. He was the beloved husband of Dianne E. (Rich) Flynn. They were married for 48 years.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Dr. Joseph C. and Eveline V. (Lynch) Flynn.

Dr. Flynn was a private practice OB-GYN at Kent County Hospital, retiring in 1998.

He served his country proudly in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and reserve duty. He was a graduate of the Assumption School, LaSalle Academy, Providence College,



and Loyola Medical School. He was a member of ACOG, RIMS, NEOGS and diplomate of the ABOG. He was a member of Potowomut Golf Club, Quidnessett Country Club, and Bear Lakes Country Club and served as a president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and was an avid cruciverbalist.

Besides his wife, he leaves his four children, Joseph Flynn, of Brooklyn, NY; Michael Flynn, and his wife Celia, of Tampa, FL; Kathleen Flynn, of Warwick, and Sean Flynn, and his wife, Deanna, of Coventry; two brothers, Gary and Christopher Flynn; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was the dear brother of the late Raymond Flynn and the late Maureen Lawson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Providence College Angel Fund, Harkins Hall 412, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918 or the Rhode Island Veteran's Home, 480 Metacom Ave, Bristol, RI 02809 in his memory would be appreciated.

 **PATRICK R. LEVESQUE, MD**, 85, of Old River Road, Lincoln, died Aug. 6, 2014 at Landmark Medical

Center, Woonsocket. He was the beloved husband of Andrée (Julien) Levesque. Dr. and Mrs. Levesque were married for 56 years.

Born in Quimby, Maine, a son of the late Louis and Antoinette (Cyr) Levesque, he lived in Cumberland for 34 years before moving to Lincoln 14 years ago. Dr. Levesque was a general practitioner in Cumberland. He was a graduate of Assumption College and received his medical degree from Montreal University. He was a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society. He was a Korean War Army veteran.

Dr. Levesque had two great loves in his life. His love of family and friends, and his love of his chosen profession, internal medicine. He came to Rhode Island in 1966 and joined the medical staff at Woonsocket Hospital, currently known as Landmark Medical Center, where he remained active throughout his career while maintaining a private practice. He retired from practice in 2000, but continued to care for nursing home patients until 2011, when sadly, health issues prevented him from continuing his career.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Melanie Madden and her husband, John of Lincoln; two sons, Philip Levesque and his husband, Tre of Los Angeles, CA, and Charles Levesque and his wife, Michelle of Scituate, MA; one sister, Thelma Guerin of Grafton, MA; three brothers, Yvon Levesque of Houlton, ME, Norman Levesque of East Longmeadow, MA and Richard Levesque of Wolfeboro, NH; five grandchildren, Sean and Danielle Madden, and Maddie, Sylvie and Ava Levesque; a sister-in-law Denise Jasmin, several in laws, nieces and nephews; and his very close friends, Fouad and Maureen Yazbak.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dr. Levesque's memory to Mount St. Rita's Health Centre, 15 Summer Brown Road, Cumberland, RI 02864, or a charity of your choice, would be appreciated.

