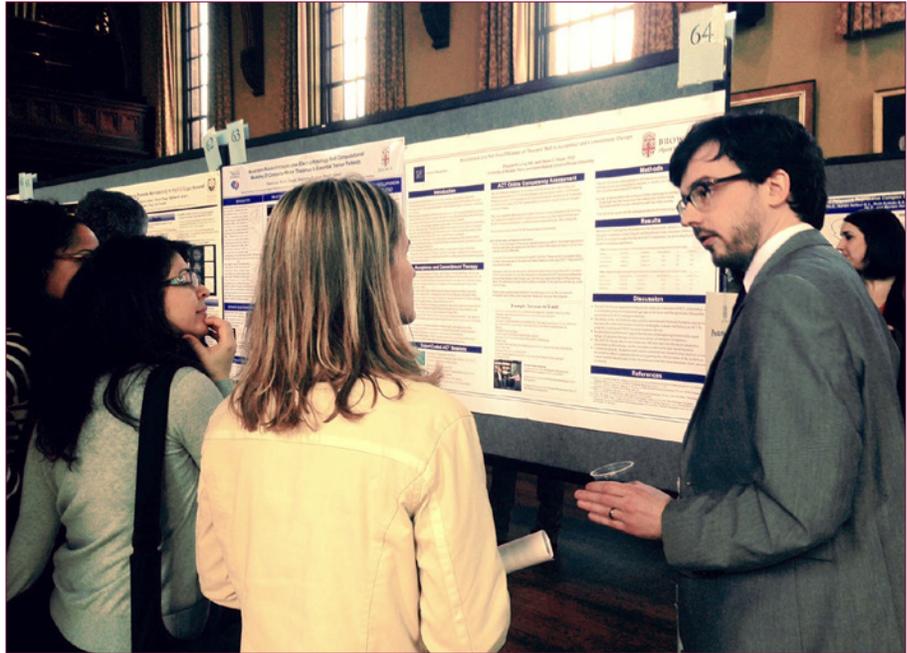


olfactory bulb in the brain, which is then translated by other parts of the brain, forming a pattern.

The recognition of odors is translated into an internal representation of sensory quality in the brain and, according to Dr. Axel, this leads to meaningful thoughts and behavior, allowing humans and animals to distinguish good smells from bad ones; i.e., a bad clam or a fragrant lilac or a burning building.

After the keynote address, winners of the poster competition were announced.

The event was sponsored by the Brown Institute for Brain Science; the Norman Prince Neurosciences Institute (NPNI); the Departments of Neurology; Neurosurgery; Neuroscience; Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology and Biotechnology (MPPB); and Psychiatry and Human Behavior. ❖



Poster 64, by clinical psychology resident Douglas Long, MA, et al, described the development of a new measure of therapist skill in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Kent Hospital Receives State Approval to Perform Coronary Angioplasty

WARWICK – Care New England has received approval from the Rhode Island Department of Health to develop and implement a coronary angioplasty program at Kent Hospital in Warwick.

It is expected the elective angioplasty program will be operational after several months of clinical preparation including staff training at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Also, the 24-hour, emergency angioplasty service would follow approximately six months later upon the completion of construction of a second cardiac catheterization lab.

"On behalf of Care New England and Kent Hospital, I would like to thank the Rhode Island Department of Health for its thorough review and approval of our application for a certificate of need to perform coronary angioplasty at Kent Hospital," said **MICHAEL DACEY, JR, MD**, Kent Hospital president and COO. "This standard-of-care procedure will result in lives saved because of decreased travel time to access this critical treatment."

Data presented to the state Department of Health during the approval process demonstrated that patients residing south of the metro Providence area (more than 300,000 Rhode Islanders) would benefit greatly from expanded access to coronary angioplasty via the new program at Kent Hospital.

Data presented during the approval process also showed that for many patients in parts of Kent County and further south it is possible that transportation to a current facility capable of providing this treatment could add upwards of 20 minutes travel beyond Kent Hospital, thereby delaying critical treatment for some 300,000 Rhode Islanders.

"For patients having a heart attack, 20 minutes and even 10 minutes, is an enormous amount of time and can be the difference between someone living or dying. Reducing this time to open a closed artery will clearly save lives starting in year one," said **CHES-TER HEDGEPEETH, MD, PHD.**, chief of

cardiology at Kent and the leader of the Brigham and Women's Cardiovascular Associates at Care New England, executive chief of cardiology at CNE.

"As the second largest hospital in Rhode Island and with nearly 70,000 emergency department visits annually, it is vitally important that we be able to provide this life-saving service to the more than 300,000 people in the immediate service area of Kent and points south. We look forward, through our clinical affiliation with Brigham and Women's Hospital, to developing this critical program for our community," said Dr. Dacey.

"The cardiology program across Care New England, and here at Kent, has grown tremendously over the past several years to provide access to and treatment for general and complex cardiovascular care. Today's approval is another important step in providing the community and patients with the best possible care close to home," said Dr. Hedgepeth. ❖