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Recognition

Hasbro’s Phyllis A. Dennery, MD, honored with Distinguished Alumni Award by Howard University

PROVIDENCE – PHYLLIS A. DENNERY, MD, pediatrician-in-chief at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, has been awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Office of the Dean of the Howard University College of Medicine. She received the honor for “distinction in leadership, teaching, clinical care and research.”

Dr. Dennery was presented with the award at the recent Howard University College of Medicine 40th Annual Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner in Detroit, as part of the National Medical Association annual meeting.

Dr. Dennery, an ’84 alumna of the Howard University College of Medicine, joined Hasbro Children’s Hospital in April 2015, bringing more than 20 years of experience in pediatric care, teaching and research. In addition to her role as pediatrician-in-chief and medical director, she is also the Sylvia Kay Hassenfeld Chair of Pediatrics at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University and a professor of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry at Brown University.

At Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Dr. Dennery oversees all pediatric clinical programs, such as centers and clinics for pediatric imaging, hematology/oncology, asthma and allergies, neurodevelopment and cardiology.

Previously, Dr. Dennery served as the chief of the division of neonatology and newborn services at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Denney is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine), the Society for Pediatric Research, and the American Pediatric Society, among many others and also serves as an associate editor of the journal Pediatrics. She was recently elected to the Association of American Physicians, one of the highest honors in academic medicine.

Angelita Hensman, MS, named Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholar

PROVIDENCE – ANGELITA HENSMAN, MS, RNC-NIC, of Providence, is among 46 nurses from around the country this year to receive the Future of Nursing Scholars Program Award to support her doctorate study at the University of Rhode Island’s (URI) College of Nursing. The Future of Nursing Scholars program began last year with an inaugural cohort of 16 scholars. This new cohort brings the number of nurses it is supporting to 62.

Hensman’s scholarship is funded by a Rhode Island Foundation grant totaling $75,000 and a $50,000 scholarship from URI. The university selected her for the nursing scholars program.

Hensman began her career as a staff nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Women & Infants Hospital after receiving her bachelor of science degree in nursing from URI in 1985. She went on to become a research nurse and since 1991, has been the research coordinator for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development’s Neonatal Research Network at Women & Infants. She is also a research manager in the Pediatrics Department at the hospital, a role she has had since 2004, managing and coordinating all Neonatal Research Network trials – more than 60 studies to date – at Women & Infants.

“It is a tremendous honor to receive this scholarship,” said Hensman. “I have wanted to go back to school for a long time. When I graduated from nursing school we were encouraged to get practice experience before we began graduate studies. However, when you are working and raising a family, it is more difficult to stop working to attend school full time. I am very excited and humbled by this award, and I look forward to giving back to nursing and Rhode Island. I see teaching, research and scholarship as an integral part of my role in the future as a PhD prepared nurse.”

Her doctoral studies will focus on patient safety in the NICU, and she will be working with URI nursing professor Debra Erickson-Owens, CNM, PhD, who is a co-principal investigator on a federal grant looking into the benefits of delayed cord clamping for full-term infants.
Recognition

Women’s Medicine Collaborative earns Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition

Highest designation for care coordination, communication awarded by the National Committee for Quality Assurance

PROVIDENCE – The Women’s Medicine Collaborative primary care team has been designated a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The patient-centered medical home model of care emphasizes using coordination and communication to transform primary care to accommodate patients’ needs. Having a nurse care manager work one on one with high-risk patients who have chronic conditions leads to a higher quality, better patient experience and reduced costs. Level 3 is NCQA’s highest designation in its recognition program.

“Since the Women’s Medicine Collaborative opened its doors in 2011, our primary care team has been focused on achieving this important designation,” says PEG MILLER, MD, director of the Women’s Medicine Collaborative. “Our patients at the Women’s Medicine Collaborative expect personal, sensitive, individualized care, something everyone on our team focuses on each and every day. This designation recognizes those efforts and showcases our group as a model for delivering health with care.”

To earn NCQA recognition, practices must meet rigorous standards for addressing patient needs, including:
- Patient-centered access: accommodating patients’ needs during and after hours, providing medical home information, and offering team-based care
- Team-based care – engaging all practice team members by providing patients comprehensive care and meeting cultural and linguistic patient needs
- Population health management – collecting and using data to help improve the care of our group of patients
- Care management and support – using evidence-based guidelines for preventive, acute care, and chronic care management and helping patients reach their health goals with the support of our nurse care manager
- Care coordination and care transitions – tracking and coordinating tests, referrals, and care transitions
- Performance measurement and quality improvement – tracking and using medical data for continuous improvement in the quality of our care

“The medical home model aims to meet patients’ individual health needs by providing comprehensive, coordinated and accessible care that is focused on quality and safety,” says IRIS TONG, MD, FACP, director of Women’s Primary Care at the Women’s Medicine Collaborative. “This team-based care model involves patients, primary care providers, medical assistants, patient service representatives and the nurse care manager, and as part of the Women’s Medicine Collaborative, Women’s Primary Care takes a team approach to all the care we provide – from assisting in coordinating appointments with specialists to guiding patients through the health care system.”

“In today’s world, it’s refreshing to be part of a medical organization that looks at the patient as a full package and truly cares about all aspects of the person,” DeAngelis says. “I believe that the Women’s Medicine Collaborative wants all of its patients to be happy and healthy.”

David Edmonson, MD, helps pioneer new approach to breast cancer treatment at W&I

Among first to adopt new device that can improve radiation treatment and cosmetic outcome after surgery

PROVIDENCE – A surgeon with the Breast Health Center at Women & Infants Hospital is among the first in New England to adopt an innovative new device that improves the treatment of breast cancer by more precisely targeting radiation treatment and providing for better follow-up exams.

DAVID EDMONSON, MD, has helped pioneer the use of the BioZorb™ marker, a three-dimensional device that is placed in the breast during a lumpectomy, the conservation surgery performed to remove only the cancer and not the entire breast. The BioZorb marker is the first device that identifies in a fixed, 3D manner where the tumor was removed, helping the radiation oncologist more reliably determine where to aim the radiation in follow-up treatments.

The marker consists of a spiral made of a bioabsorbable material that holds six titanium clips. The spiral slowly dissolves in the body over the course of a year or more, leaving the tiny marker clips in place so the surgical site can be viewed for long-term monitoring.

“We’ve now used the marker with more than 100 patients, and we’ve found it is useful with a wide variety of patients,” said Dr. Edmonson. “The marker has also allowed some women who would not previously have been candidates for breast conservation treatment to have a lumpectomy. This device helps us achieve better cosmetic outcomes and improves our communication with the radiation oncologist about the specific area of the breast to target with follow-up radiation.”

“Before the Biozorb device was available, we had to rely on techniques that gave us an inexact idea of where to aim the radiation,” said Darlene Gabeau, MD, PhD, medical director at 21st Century Oncology. “The new device is sutured right to the involved site providing a three-dimensional representation of the tumor bed allowing more precise treatments.”
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Aristides Cruz, Jr., MD
Dr. Cruz is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, specializing in the treatment of orthopedic conditions in children and adolescents. He completed a Pediatric Sports Fellowship from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. His areas of interest include traumatic injuries and fracture care, treatment of pediatric and adolescent sports related conditions, and general pediatric orthopedics.

Alan Daniels, MD
Dr. Daniels is a Brown University fellowship trained spine surgeon who specializes in complex spinal disorders. His practice focuses on patients who suffer from scoliosis, kyphosis, flatback syndrome, revision spinal surgery, degenerative spinal disease, as well as spinal trauma and spinal tumors in adult and pediatric patients.

All three surgeons are on the faculty of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and will perform surgery at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

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Appointments

Kamran Manzoor, MD, appointed to Memorial Hospital

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed Kamran Manzoor, MD, to its medical staff in the Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care. Dr. Manzoor is a member of Affinity Physicians and will work out of Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Manzoor earned his medical degree from Nishtar Medical College, Multan, Pakistan. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center / Mount Sinai Medical Center. He also served as chief resident in his final year. Dr. Manzoor went on to complete a fellowship in pulmonary medicine from the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN and a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

Dr. Manzoor is a member of the American College of Physicians, American Thoracic Society and American College of Chest Physicians. His clinical and research interests include: Sepsis, Endothelial dysfunction, inflammatory cell markers and ARDS. He is fluent in Urdu and Hindi.

Beth Cronin, MD, selected for Apgo Scholars and Leaders Program

PROVIDENCE – BETH CRONIN, MD, of Providence, a physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital, and assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been accepted into the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics’ (APGO) Scholars and Leaders Program. The Program is an initiative to enhance education in obstetrics and gynecology by preparing and equipping the physicians with the necessary skills and knowledge to be outstanding teachers and administrators in the field.

Starting January 2016, Dr. Cronin will begin the 15-month program that focuses on curriculum design, instructional theory, group instruction, clinical instruction, evaluation of teaching, feedback on performance, assessment of simulated and workplace clinical skills, educational research designs, management/leadership skills, team building, and organization change and conflict management.

Dr. Cronin’s selection was based on her leadership position at the institution, scholarship in education, current educational activities, teaching recognition, APGO participation, mentoring and advising roles, and departmental support.

Dr. Cronin received her medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her residency at Women & Infants Hospital and Brown University. Currently, Dr. Cronin serves as the co-director of the Women’s Dysplasia Program and director of the Pelvic Pain Program at the Women’s Primary Care Center of Women & Infants.

Lauren Goddard, MD, joins Newport Hospital

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital announced that Lauren Goddard, MD, has joined the Newport Hospital medical staff as part of Jamestown Family Practice and NHCC Medical Associates. She began seeing patients on September 9.

Dr. Goddard received her medical degree from The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and completed her family medicine residency at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. She is board eligible and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

“I’m really looking forward to working one on one with a diverse group of area residents and providing them and their families with coordinated, comprehensive health care tailored to their individual health needs – whether that is pediatrics or geriatrics,” said Dr. Goddard.
Appointments

Cedric J. Priebe, MD, named Lifespan senior vice president and chief information officer

PROVIDENCE – CEDRIC J. PRIEBE, MD, has been appointed senior vice president and chief information officer of Lifespan, effective November 1, 2015.

Dr. Priebe joins Lifespan from Partners HealthCare – Massachusetts’ largest health care system – where he served as vice president and chief information officer for Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, as well as provided oversight for IT at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

While at Partners, Dr. Priebe successfully implemented its new electronic health record system at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, Partners HealthCare at Home and at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The system, called Partners eCare, is an Epic-based electronic health record system similar to Lifespan’s recently launched LifeChart.

Prior to his role at Partners, he was senior vice president and CIO at Care New England, where he led major clinical information system initiatives for Women & Infants, Kent and Butler hospitals.

Dr. Priebe will direct the planning and implementation of IT systems in support of Lifespan’s strategic plan and business needs. He will be responsible for all aspects of the organization’s information technology and systems, as well as for ensuring that the highest level of effective and cost-beneficial technology service is provided to the organization, its clinicians and employees.

As a medical researcher, Dr. Priebe has focused on the impact of clinical information software and networks have on the quality of care being delivered, as well as the influence it has on medical education.

During his tenure with Care New England, he was active and well known within Rhode Island’s health care and IT sectors. He was instrumental in the early work that led to the creation of Rhode Island’s health information exchange, CurrentCare.

Dr. Priebe earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. A pediatrician, he plans to have a clinical role at Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

Mary Elizabeth Hanley, DO, appointed director of Kent’s Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship program

WARWICK – Kent Hospital has appointed MARY ELIZABETH HANLEY, DO, as director of its Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship program.

Dr. Hanley was Kent Hospital’s first Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine fellow, after completing a family medicine residency at Kent Hospital from 2009-2011, and served as chief resident from 2010-2011. Prior to coming to Kent Hospital, Dr. Hanley completed her first residency in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland where she was also chief resident. She was then appointed to the faculty of The Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Medicine. Dr. Hanley also served as medical director of the Narragansett Indian Health Center in Charlestown, RI, from 2012-2013.

Kent Hospital’s Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine fellowship was established in 2010.

The Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Kent is regional referral center that treats diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, ostomy problems, bone infections and other chronic concerns. The center’s nationally accredited advanced hyperbaric oxygen chambers are available 24-hours a day for emergency referrals needing immediate intervention.

Betty Sadaniantz, DNP, RN, named Dean of St. Joseph School of Nursing

NORTH PROVIDENCE – BETTY SADANIANTZ, DNP, RN, has been named the Dean of the St. Joseph School of Nursing. She has been a full-time faculty member of the School of Nursing since 2009 and freshman level chairperson since 2013, where her teaching responsibilities included nursing diagnosis, legal aspects of nursing care, and pharmacology.

Sadaniantz brings experience in management, education, publishing, and clinical practice to the role of Dean. She has served on numerous national and regional boards, including the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and the American Heart Association. Her diverse clinical practice experience has been in the areas of intensive care, coronary care, and medical-surgical nursing, as well as labor and delivery.

A graduate of RI College, she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice [DNP] degree from the University of Rhode Island. Sadaniantz earned her Master of Science in Nursing in nursing administration from the Medical University of South Carolina. She has made numerous publications and presentations on topics related to nursing, health care, and leadership.

Sadaniantz focused her DNP clinical hours and capstone project on the Institute of Medicine Report of 2011: The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. She has been involved in the implementation of these IOM recommendations for the transformation of health care through work with the Rhode Island Action Coalition of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Campaign for Action and as Project Director for the Rhode Island Center for Nursing Excellence.
Dr. Raymond O. Powrie named Chief of Medicine at Women & Infants Hospital

PROVIDENCE – RAYMOND O. PORIE, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, of Brookline, MA, has been named chief of medicine at Women & Infants Hospital, and will also be taking on a new role as the hospital’s senior vice president for population health. Dr. Powrie is also chief medical quality officer for Care New England, is an attending physician on Women & Infants’ obstetric and consultative medicine service, and is a professor of medicine and obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Powrie has served as interim chief of medicine since 2012, overseeing the clinical and academic work of the Department of Medicine, which includes primary care, women’s behavioral health, women’s gastrointestinal health, and obstetric and consultative medicine. Under his leadership, the Department of Medicine experienced tremendous growth, including the recruiting of world-class physicians and providers, the introduction of New England’s only Integrated Program for High-Risk Pregnancy in coordination with the Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and the development of an Obesity in Pregnancy Program.

Dr. Powrie earned his medical degree from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine in Edmonton, Canada, where he also completed his residency in internal medicine. He completed his fellowship in obstetric and consultative medicine at Women & Infants Hospital. Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Powrie is also an instructor for the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as well as a founding leader of the International Society of Obstetric Medicine.

Dr. Powrie has published numerous articles and a textbook, has been the recipient of local and national teaching awards, and has an international reputation as a leader in the field of medical illness in pregnancy. His research and clinical interests include education, quality and safety, medical problems in pregnancy, and perioperative consultation.

Nancy Fogarty named Director of Quality for CharterCARE Health Partners

PROVIDENCE – NANCY FOGARTY has been named Director of Quality and Performance Improvement for CharterCARE Health Partners. Since 2003, she has served in a similar role at Roger Williams Medical Center, a CharterCARE affiliate. She previously held quality assurance and management roles for St. Joseph Health Services and Lifespan.

A graduate of Providence College with a BS in Health Services Administration, Fogarty is professionally certified in healthcare quality and electronic medical records. She is a member of the Rhode Island chapter of the National Association for Health Care Quality, having previously served in a number of leadership roles including president.

In this new system-level position, Fogarty will be responsible for coordinating performance improvement and quality initiatives supporting operational goals. She will also work with the hospital presidents to develop and implement Joint Commission and other regulatory agency guidelines to promote compliance with performance and quality improvement requirements.