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Recognition

Leah Arsenault of South County Health named 2016 Oncology Nurse of the Year



South County Health staff: Tonia Williams, RN; Lisa Willis, receptionist; Donna Bell, medical assistant; Denise Linderson, medical assistant; Maria Monteiro, RN; Susan Pavao, lab technician; Leah Arsenault, oncology nurse navigator, award recipient; Debora Barber, RN; Gerald Colvin, DO.

WAKEFIELD – The Oncology Nursing Society—Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts chapter—named **LEAH ARSENAULT**, oncology nurse navigator at South County Health, the 2016 Oncology Nurse of the Year. She was awarded on Saturday, March 12 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

Oncology Nurse of the Year is presented annually to recognize an oncology nurse who shows the highest level of nursing excellence along with compassion and skill to care for cancer patients and their families. Arsenault has been a member of the local chapter for more than ten years, and is the former president.

Arsenault serves as South County Health's oncology nurse navigator, guiding patients from diagnosis through treatment. She acts as a source of knowledge and support for patients and their families. Arsenault is chemotherapy/biotherapy certified and has received a national certification in oncology nursing. She is also an End-Of-Life Education Consortium instructor.

To be chosen as Oncology Nurse of the Year, a person must be nominated and then selected by the community. Numerous letters of recommendations and nominations were submitted by healthcare professionals, cancer patients, survivors, and the community highlighting the exceptional care, compassion, and life-changing work Arsenault provides. ❖

Dr. Robert Leonard honored with outstanding service award

Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons bestows Leonard with Laurence E. Bouchard Award



CRANSTON – **DR. ROBERT LEONARD**, chief surgeon and founder of Leonard Hair Transplant Associates, was recently given the Laurence E. Bouchard Outstanding Service Award by the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (RISOPS), for his exceptional dedication and years of service.

Dr. Leonard is a longstanding RISOPS board member and former president. The Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons is committed to providing advocacy, education and support for physicians practicing the distinct philosophy of osteopathic medicine in Rhode Island and the patients they serve.

"Robert is an ardent supporter and advocate for our profession and I can think of no individual more deserving of this recognition," said **DR. JAMES GRIFFIN**, current President of RISOPS.

"As a long-standing member and former president of this wonderful organization, I am honored to receive this award," Leonard said. "I look forward to continuing the organization's goal of providing education, support and leadership for our members and patients."

The award was first given to its namesake, Laurence E. Bouchard in 2014. There are currently 98 active members in RISOPS. ❖



RI ACS Resident/Fellow Research Findings Contest

[L-R] Stephanie Dowd; Emily Dickinson, MD, recipient of the 2016 Andrew Dowd, MD Memorial Surgical Resident Research Award and second place finisher in the RI ACS Research Findings Contest; RI ACS President Jennifer Gass, MD; first place winner Eleanor Fagan, MD; Liudmila Muraveika, MD



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Recognition

Ellen Sturtevant receives Outstanding Pediatric Clinical Practice Award from American Physical Therapy Association

PROVIDENCE – **ELLEN STURTEVANT, PT, PCS**, a pediatric physical therapist at Hasbro Children's Hospital,



has received the 2016 Outstanding Pediatric Clinical Practice Award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Section on Pediatrics. The award is presented annually to an honoree who has demonstrated actions above and beyond typical

job expectations to exhibit creativity, adaptability, energy, dedication and innovation.

In its selection of Sturtevant, APTA praised her for "serving tirelessly as a clinician, advocate, mentor, researcher and innovator for more than 30 years." In her role as a clinical specialist in the Hasbro Children's Hospital rehabilitation department, Sturtevant was recognized for developing a variety of effective clinical programs and providing family-centered and evidence-based care that is goal driven and meaningful to patients.

Sturtevant, of Cranston, who is also an adjunct professor at the University of Rhode Island's physical therapy program, was nominated for the award by a group of physicians, physical therapists and patient families. She has been a member of APTA for more than 20 years, serving as a board member for the APTA Rhode Island chapter for seven of those years, where she has developed an evening lecture series with local speakers offering current and informative continuing education that is accessible and affordable to practitioners in the area.

"Ellen has served countless children and families in her work in children's rehabilitation at Hasbro Children's Hospital," said Patricia Wolfe, administrative director of Lifespan rehabilitation services. "She is also a valued colleague and resource to students who has dedicated herself to bettering the field of physical therapy." ❖

Lester Schindel, CEO of CharterCARE, named American Hospital Association "Grassroots Champion"



PROVIDENCE – **LESTER P. SCHINDEL**, CEO of CharterCARE Health Partners, will be honored as the Rhode Island "Grassroots Champion" by the American Hospital Association (AHA) in May. Schindel will be presented with the award at the AHA annual meeting in Washington, DC, and will also be recognized at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) annual meeting in November. Each year, HARI chooses one "champion" with a strong track record of grassroots activity within their hospital and community.

Schindel joined CharterCARE in November 2015, following five years of service as CEO and President of Steward Holy Family and Merrimack Valley Hospital. He has led further development of the system and has been instrumental in building CharterCARE's innovative model of coordinated regional care including a thriving independent practice association.

Prior to leading Steward Holy Family and Merrimack Valley Hospital, Schindel was CEO of Merrimack Valley Hospital, COO of Metrowest Medical Center in Natick, MA and COO of Leonard Morse Hospital, also in Natick.

Schindel is a graduate of Rutgers University and received a Master's degree in Health Care Administration from George Washington University. A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), Schindel has delivered numerous addresses to a variety of national and regional health care organizations. ❖

Thomas G. Catena, MD, to receive honorary degree at Brown *Dr. Catena is the medical director, surgeon at Mother of Mercy Hospital in Sudan*

PROVIDENCE – **THOMAS G. CATENA, MD**, Brown '86, will receive an honorary doctorate at this year's Brown commencement. He is one of eight candidates in a variety of fields to be honored.

Cited as one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential people of 2015, Dr. Catena is the medical director and sole surgeon at Mother of Mercy Hospital in Sudan, a 435-bed institution that is the only surgical hospital in an area with a population close to one million people.

After completing pre-medical studies at Siena College, he entered Duke University School of Medicine in 1988 and proceeded to complete his internship in internal medicine at the U.S. Navy's medical center in San Diego.

After completing his Navy obligation and working in mission hospitals in Kenya, Catena became medical director at Mother of Mercy Hospital, which he helped to establish. On opening day in 2008, he saw more than 200 patients at the hospital, which lies in an area where humanitarian organizations are not allowed to deliver aid. He has rarely paused from treating patients since then, managing everything from malaria to leprosy to brain surgery.

In addition to the very public honor from TIME in 2015, Dr. Catena was awarded the Duke University Medical Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award in October 2014, the Brown University Alumni Association William Rogers Award in 2014, and the National Football Foundation Gold Medal Award in December 2014. In November 2010, Catholic Digest named Catena one of 12 Catholic Heroes for America and the World. ❖



Recognition

Thomas Puleo, MD, receives CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award



CRANSTON – Cranston pediatrician **THOMAS PULEO, MD**, recently received The CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award for the state of Rhode Island, given jointly by the CDC Foundation and CDC, to honor individuals who are doing an exemplary job or going above and beyond to promote childhood immunizations in their communities.

Dr. Puleo earned his medical degree from Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara; his experiences in Mexico helped him understand the socio-cultural barriers faced by his Hispanic patients. By personalizing his outreach and education efforts, Dr. Puleo is able to effectively communicate the importance and benefits of vaccination. He has championed the idea of meeting people where they are by using their native language and recognizing their unique customs. For example, he has educational materials translated for his Spanish-speaking patients. Dr. Puleo is also learning two languages, Tamil and Telugu, in order to communicate with the Indian families he serves. His open-minded communication strategy has contributed to the high childhood vaccination coverage rates within his practice. ❖

Kenath Shamir, MD, honored as 2016 Community Clinician of the Year by the Bristol South District Medical Society



FALL RIVER, MASS. – **KENATH SHAMIR, MD**, a member of the Southcoast Physicians Group, has been selected by his peers of the Bristol South District Medical Society as the 2016 Community Clinician of the Year, an honor recognizing his professionalism and contributions as a physician.

Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Shamir served as chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Charlton Memorial Hospital from 1999 to 2003, and has been chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee since 1999. He has been a primary care physician with Truesdale Health since 1990, and a member of the Truesdale Clinic Board of Directors since 1998.

Dr. Shamir joined the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1983 and has served the organization in several capacities. Since 2006, he has been a member of the Society's governing body, its House of Delegates, and has served on its District Leadership Council. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Shamir received a combined Bachelor of Arts/Medical Degree from Boston University's six-year program in 1987.

The Community Clinician of the Year award was established in 1998 by the Massachusetts Medical Society to recognize a physician from each of the Society's 20 district medical societies and recognizes member physicians for their significant contributions to their patients and the community. ❖


Southcoast Health named one of Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ Recipients

Distinction places Southcoast Health among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the U.S.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. — Southcoast Health recently announced that it has achieved the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award, a designation that recognizes superior performance in hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. The distinction places Southcoast Health among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation for its excellent performance as evaluated by Healthgrades.

Southcoast Health was listed as one of just eight hospitals in Massachusetts to receive the award in a new study released by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

During the study period (2012–2014), Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipient hospitals performed with excellence in providing safety for patients in the Medicare population, as measured by objective outcomes (risk-adjusted patient safety indicator rates) for 13 patient safety indicators defined by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). ❖



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Appointments



David Wazer, MD, named director of the Lifespan Comprehensive Cancer Center
Internationally recognized expert will lead cancer services across three hospitals

PROVIDENCE – **DAVID E. WAZER, MD**, has been appointed director of the Lifespan Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC). In this role, Wazer will oversee

cancer services across Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital to deepen Lifespan's capabilities in cancer care, broaden its research, and ensure the highest standards of care and support for patients and families.

Wazer, an internationally recognized expert in radiation oncology, has served as interim director of the CCC since November 2014. During that time, Wazer has been integral to advancing a proposed partnership between Lifespan and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. That partnership is yet another approach to ensuring access to the best possible care for patients through every phase of their cancer treatment and recovery.

Wazer will continue in his role as radiation oncologist-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital. He also serves as professor and chairman of the department of radiation oncology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Wazer has published more than 250 scientific articles and authored several books. In addition, he is editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Clinical Oncology* and serves as associate editor of the journals *Brachytherapy*, *Frontiers in Oncology* and *Breast Diseases: a Yearbook Quarterly*. Wazer serves on the board of directors and as immediate past-president of the American Brachytherapy Society and as a member of the Radiation Oncology Commission for the American College of Radiology. He has also held a number of faculty and research positions at Tufts University, Brown University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a fellow of the American Society for Radiation Oncology, the American College of Radiology, and the American College of Radiation Oncology, and is a member of numerous societies, including the Radiation Research Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Radiology Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Wazer earned his medical degree (with honors) from the New York University School of Medicine, and completed his residencies in internal medicine at Brown University and radiation oncology at Tufts University. ❖



Sidney Migliori, MD, joins Ortho Rhode Island-South County Orthopedics

WAKEFIELD – **SIDNEY MIGLIORI, MD**, has joined Ortho Rhode Island-South County Orthopedics. As an American Board of Orthopedic Surgery-certified surgeon, Dr. Migliori provides sports-related surgeries for shoulders, knees, and rotator cuffs, and age-related replacement surgeries for shoulders, knees, and hips.

Dr. Migliori began medical school and completed her orthopedics residency at the University of Minnesota. Upon graduation she worked at a Level 1 Trauma hospital in St. Paul, MN.

When asked why she chose orthopedics, Dr. Migliori said, "I can have an immediate impact on a patient's life. I'm able to make people functional again and restore their quality of life, which I really enjoy."

Dr. Migliori and her family moved to Rhode Island where she began working at a group practice of three in North Providence, before joining a group in Cranston where she practiced for 15 years.

When she isn't at the office, Dr. Migliori is usually enjoying the outdoors with her husband and three children. She enjoys skiing, running and paddle boarding. She also covers the Providence College women's home hockey games. ❖



Paul J. Adler named Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Lifespan

PROVIDENCE – **PAUL J. ADLER** has been named Lifespan's new Senior Vice President and General Counsel, effective June 1, 2016. Adler, currently Lifespan's Deputy General Counsel, will succeed Kenneth E. Arnold, who will retire in June. Adler's appointment follows a nationwide search.

Adler has been with Lifespan for more than 20 years. In his new role, he will be responsible for all aspects of the health system's legal affairs, including leading Lifespan's legal team, overseeing all outside legal services, legal defense and strategies, governance, business review, labor law, regulatory corporate law, and advising on compliance and physician relations.

Adler will serve on Lifespan's senior leadership team, reporting directly to Lifespan President and CEO Timothy J. Babineau, MD.

A graduate of Duke University and the Boston University School of Law, Adler started his career at a medium-sized law firm in Providence concentrating in health care law and municipal finance law. He is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association. Adler also serves on the Board of Trustees of Moses Brown School and on the Trustees Committee. ❖

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Appointments

Elisabeth D. Howard, PhD, named director of nurse midwifery at W&I

PROVIDENCE — **ELISABETH D. HOWARD, PhD, CNM, FACNM**, of Warwick, has been named the director of nurse midwifery in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



Dr. Howard joined the faculty and has been a clinical teaching associate at Women & Infants and Brown since 2004. She was promoted to assistant professor (clinical)

in 2008. A graduate of William Smith College in Geneva, NY, Howard completed her midwifery training at the Yale University School of Nursing and her PhD in nursing science from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She has served as interim director of midwifery since 2014.

"Dr. Howard is a highly valued member of our department and is recognized for her clinical experience, her national leadership, her dedication to teaching, and her effective, collaborative leadership style," said **MAUREEN G. PHIPPS, MD, MPH**, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants. ❖



Dr. Diane Lipscombe named director of Brown Institute for Brain Science

PROVIDENCE — Brown University has named **DIANE LIPSCOMBE, PhD**, professor of neuroscience, to lead the Brown Institute for Brain Science in its multidisciplinary mission of advancing research, technology and education in areas ranging from basic science to the clinic. A scientist, researcher and award-winning teacher, Lipscombe has served as interim director of BIBS since January 2015.

BIBS comprises a community of 120 scholars at the University and in its affiliated hospitals. Multidisciplinary by nature, the Institute includes not only psychiatrists, neuroscientists, neurologists and psychologists, but also faculty members in engineering, biology, mathematics and the humanities. Lipscombe will oversee day-to-day operations, provide intellectual leadership for the community of scholars and represent the Institute around Brown and the world.

"Dr. Lipscombe is an exceptional scientist, committed educator and proven effective, collaborative leader," said Provost **RICHARD M. LOCKE**. "Since arriving at Brown in the department of neuroscience in 1990, she has won numerous teaching awards, directed graduate study in neuroscience, and consistently secured funding to conduct research on the basic properties of calcium channels of neurons and their role in migraines, pain and other conditions.

"The Lipscombe laboratory is internationally recognized for its research, has shared hundreds of research materials developed at Brown with investigators across the globe, and collaborates with colleagues both within and outside of Brown," Locke added.

In an announcement of Lipscombe's appointment to the campus community, Locke credited her with achieving significant gains for BIBS during her 15 months as interim director. She has helped to lead the development of a strategic plan, for example, and to raise \$6 million in philanthropic giving.

Lipscombe said she is excited to continue her work on behalf of brain science research and teaching at Brown.

"I'm honored to have been asked to lead the Institute," Lipscombe said. "There is no better place to be a brain scientist than right here at Brown. BIBS faculty, basic and clinical scientists, students and staff are outstanding and highly collaborative. The integrative research and scholarship that characterizes BIBS foster innovation, creativity and discovery. I'm thrilled to be part of the next exciting decade of brain science at Brown."

Lipscombe's research centers on the expression, regulation and function of voltage-gated calcium ion channels in different regions of the nervous system, with a specific focus on their role in chronic pain and psychiatric disorders. She earned a bachelor's degree and PhD in pharmacology from University College London. Before joining Brown, she studied as a postdoctoral associate at Yale School of Medicine and Stanford University's medical school. ❖

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Obituaries



CHARLES FRANCIS ALLENDORF, MD, 73, of Warwick passed away on April 19, 2016 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the beloved husband for more than 46 years of Elaine M. (Erickson) Allendorf.

Dr. Allendorf graduated from Georgetown University and its School of Medicine and was board certified in internal medicine. He served as a physician in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander during the Vietnam War Era. He practiced internal and occupational medicine in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for 40 years.

He was a communicant of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston. Gifts in his memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 85 Astor Ave., Suite 2, Norwood, MA 02062 would be appreciated. ❖



DR. MOHAMMAD A. KHAN

unexpectedly passed away at his home on Saturday, April 9, 2016. He was the devoted husband of Sheila Khan and loving father of A. Edward Khan, Alam Khan, Saleem Khan and his wife Meredith, and Kamran Khan and his wife Erin; and doting grandfather to Alayna, Madison, Silas, Quentin and Chace.

Dr. Khan was born in India, and later moved to Pakistan when the country was newly formed. He was a graduate of the prestigious King Edward Medical College and moved to the United States in 1959 to complete his medical training at Harvard Medical School and also to fully embrace the freedoms of America, of which he always stated were greater than what he ever imagined.

Along with Dr. Myron Stein, Dr. Khan established the pulmonary and respiratory therapy departments in several Massachusetts and Rhode Island hospitals in the 1960s before settling down with his growing family and entering private practice in Pawtucket, RI, with an affiliation with Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island for over 40 years.

He was also a long-term clinical faculty on the Brown University Medical School teaching staff. Famous for spending inordinate amounts of time with each of his patients, Dr. Khan was also notorious for equally long wait-times in his waiting room. But, as Dr. Khan was always loyal to his patients, practicing medicine right until the end, his patients were always loyal to him, in return.

A private burial was held at the Seekonk Town Cemetery. A memorial will be held in Dr. Khan's honor at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, MA, at 2 pm on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Family, friends, patients, colleagues, and all else are invited. Please RSVP by May 5 at MAKMemorial@gmail.com or call 508-951-9038. ❖

