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## Appointments

### Rebecca H. Allen, MD; Elisabeth D. Howard, PhD named associate professors of obstetrics and gynecology

PROVIDENCE—**REBECCA H. ALLEN, MD, MPH, FACOG**, staff physician in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Care Center at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, and **ELISABETH D. HOWARD, PHD, CNM, FACNM**, director of the Division of Nurse Midwifery at Women & Infants have both been promoted to the rank of associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Allen, of Providence, joined Women & Infants in 2007 after completing a fellowship in family planning and a research fellowship in medicine through Harvard Medical School at Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of Women's Health. She completed the dual medical degree - masters of public health degree program at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She fulfilled residency requirements at Brigham and Women's Hospital and is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Howard, of Warwick, joined the faculty and has been teaching at Women & Infants and Brown since 2004. 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. ❖

### Richard Gillerman, MD, PhD, named Lifespan's chief medical information officer

PROVIDENCE—**RICHARD G. GILLERMAN, MD, PhD**, has been named chief medical information officer (CMIO) and vice president at Lifespan, the state's largest health care system, effective September 4.

A pediatric anesthesiologist at Hasbro Children's Hospital for the last 20 years, Gillerman has been active in numerous information technology initiatives at the hospital and across Lifespan. He will be responsible for the oversight of medical informatics in the planning, implementation and advancement of information systems that span all Lifespan clinical and research programs. He will continue to work as



an anesthesiologist at Hasbro Children's Hospital on a part-time basis.

Gillerman, a resident of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, is a clinical assistant professor of surgery (anesthesiology) at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is board certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and the American Board of Pediatrics. He has a subspecialty certification in clinical informatics from the American Board of Preventative Medicine.

Gillerman serves on the Lifespan Physician Informatics Council and the Lifespan Clinical IT Committee, and is a board member of the Lifespan Physician Group.

"I am thrilled that Dr. Gillerman will

### John Holiver named CharterCARE CEO



PROVIDENCE—**JOHN J. HOLIVER, ACHE**, has been named Chief Executive Officer of CharterCARE Health Partners. Holiver most recently served as Interim President of Roger Williams Medical Center. He succeeds Lester Schindel, who has moved into the role of Chief Strategy and Development Officer for the New England region for Prospect Medical Holdings, the parent company.

As CEO, Holiver will lead the further development of CharterCARE, a joint venture company that operates two hospitals, an elder care services network, a major cancer treatment and research center, a leading behavioral health program, a home health agency and an independent physician association comprised of more than 200 Rhode Island primary care physicians and specialists. Specifically, Holiver will oversee the implementation of CharterCARE's strategic plan, which envisions an integrated, multi-level network of healthcare providers to provide convenient access to high quality care at lower costs. The complete network is expected to include urgent care centers, diagnostic services centers and additional physician groups.

Prior to joining Prospect Medical Holdings in 2015 as Chief Integration Officer, Holiver held several executive leadership positions in the Steward Health Care System. At Steward, he served as President of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, that system's flagship hospital, and in the same capacity at both Norwood and Good Samaritan Hospitals. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of Manet Community Health System in Massachusetts. Holiver is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). ❖

be leading this vital and complex component of Lifespan's information technology services. As a physician, he has seen firsthand how IT innovation within an integrated system can benefit clinicians, and understands its rich potential moving forward," said Cedric J. Priebe III, MD, Lifespan's senior vice president and chief information officer.

Priebe noted that Gillerman played an important role in the implementation of several programs tied to LifeChart, Lifespan's Epic-based electronic health record system launched in 2015.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work closely with our clinicians as we all strive to improve their IT experience, identify and resolve problems, and, of course, expand and refine the system's functionality," said Gillerman. ❖



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## Recognition

### Roger Williams recertified in Advanced Palliative Care

PROVIDENCE – Roger Williams Medical Center, the first and only hospital in Rhode Island to hold certification for Advanced Palliative Care, has been recertified following a June 29th survey from The Joint Commission.

The Palliative Care service is led by **DR. JOHN STOUKIDES** and **DR. MARIA AILEEN SORIANO-PISATURO**. The program is guided by a committee co-chaired by Dr. Soriano-Pisaturo and **LYNN LEAHEY, RN**, Director of Clinical Services, that includes members from a variety of clinical and complementary disciplines.

The Advanced Certification Program for Palliative Care emphasizes:

- A formal, organized palliative care program led by an interdisciplinary team whose members have advanced training in palliative care;
- Leadership endorsement and support of the program's goals for providing care, treatment and services;
- A special focus on patient and family engagement;
- Processes which support the coordination of care and communication among all care settings and providers;
- The use of evidence-based national guidelines or expert consensus to support patient care processes. ❖



### Linda Nelson named fellow of American Society of Health System Pharmacists

PROVIDENCE—**LINDA A. NELSON, PharmD, BCCCP**, of East Greenwich, a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Integrated Program for High-Risk Pregnancy at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, was recently named a fellow of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). Dr. Nelson is also co-director of Women & Infants' Antimicrobial Stewardship Program and an adjunct clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Rhode Island (URI) College of Pharmacy.

The ASHP Practitioner Recognition Program recognizes excellence in pharmacy practice and promotes public awareness of pharmacists who have distinguished themselves in practice. Fellows have made significant contributions to health system pharmacy practice, have contributed extensively to the professional literature, and have presented at professional meetings and been involved in professional activities.

Dr. Nelson has devoted her career to creating functional, sustainable, value-added services that promote the unique and collaborative contributions of pharmacists in emergency medicine, ambulatory care, critical care, high-risk pregnancy, and antimicrobial stewardship. She has pioneered efforts in collaborative drug therapy management and has developed an ambulatory care specialty residency and a critical care residency. She has published in peer-reviewed journals and has been recognized for contributions to quality and safety in health care. Dr. Nelson is an active member of ASHP and is currently serving as chair of the ASHP Commission on Affiliate Relations. Prior to this, she served as a member of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists (SCSS) Educational Steering Committee and as a delegate to the ASHP House of Delegates. Dr. Nelson has served on the Rhode Island Society of Health System Pharmacists (RISHP) Board of Directors for six years. During her term as RISHP president in 2011, she collaborated with URI faculty to establish a statewide Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force. Dr. Nelson was recognized with the RISHP Health System Pharmacist of the Year Award in 2013.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Nelson earned a doctor of pharmacy degree at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. She achieved certification in advanced antimicrobial stewardship (MAD-ID) and is a specialist critical care pharmacist (BCCP). ❖

**Affinity Orthopedics & Sports Medicine hold high school pre-participation exams event**

PAWTUCKET – For the past 26 years, **DRS. ROBERT SHALVOY** and **RAZIB KHAUND** have been providing pre-participation exams for all athletes throughout Rhode Island and neighboring Massachusetts, and they continued this tradition at their practice at Memorial Hospital. Affinity Orthopedics & Sports Medicine (AOSM) held its second annual Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island pre-participation physicals July 30th. They had 20 volunteers assist with the physicals and 90 athletes were seen and obtained their physical examination for the upcoming scholastic season.

AOSM will also be providing high school injury and post-game injury clinics at Memorial Hospital. The injury clinics are designed to accommodate those athletes injured in competitive play. They are committed to offering state-of-the-art evaluation and treatment with or without previous appointment. Monday clinics are from 3 to 5 pm and Saturday clinics run from September 10, 2016 through November 12, 2016 from 8 to 11 am. ❖



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## Obituaries



**JOHN J. BERT, MD**, 67, of Warwick died unexpectedly, while fighting a courageous battle with cancer, on July 25, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Teresa C. (Punzi) Bert.

Born in New York City, he lived in the Edgewood section of Cranston for 21 years before moving to Warwick Neck 8 years ago. He was a graduate of Xavier High School in NY, Manhattan College and Georgetown University School of Medicine. He was in the US Air Force ROTC, a veteran of the Vietnam War and honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Dr. Bert practiced obstetrics and gynecology since graduating from residency in 1976. He was in private practice in Bristol, RI until he joined Ob-Gyn Association in Providence in 1989. As a senior partner, he was instrumental in bringing obstetrics into the Lifespan system. He was a Clinical Professor of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He loved teaching and caring for his patients through all the stages of their lives. He will be remembered for his skill as a healer and his kind compassion. He was a gentle man who loved to tell a story.

Dr. Bert loved reading, studying history, traveling and the arts. He was an avid photographer, cyclist and sailor who was happiest on the water. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Diane Ranes of Maine; two brothers, Robert Bert of Cranston and Dr. Arthur Bert of Providence; and two nieces, Brittany Bert and Jacqueline Bert. Contributions in his memory may be made to St Mary's Home for Children, North Providence, RI or to The Wounded Warrior Project.

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**NEIDA Q. OGDEN DIMEO, MD**, 93, died August 4, 2016 at Hallworth House in Providence. She was the wife of the late Alexander J. Dimeo.

Dr. Dimeo was a pediatrician, with an office in Westerly, practicing into her late sixties. Upon closing her practice in Westerly, she worked at the Providence Community Health Centers in Providence, retiring at eighty-six. She was deeply committed to her patients and practiced throughout her long career with compassion and dedication.

Dr. Dimeo was a graduate of the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Vassar College and McGill University Medical School in Montreal, Canada. She not only had a great love for science and the natural world but was a classicist, reading ancient Greek and Latin and was an avid reader, a passion which she maintained with vigor throughout her life.

Dr. Ogden was prominent in many civic and other organizations and was a member of the Rhode Island Woman's Medical Association, being named Physician of the Year in 2003.

Born in New York, New York she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Neida Quackenbush Ogden. She lived in South Kingstown for thirty-five years moving to Providence twenty-five years ago. In South Kingstown, Dr. Ogden and her late husband maintained a two hundred acre farm, an idyllic haven for their cherished family and friends, which Dr. Ogden maintained for many years after her husband's death. She was an avid sailor, spending many afternoons on Narragansett Bay on her boat, "Quest" and was passionate about swimming, tennis and squash. She is survived by her daughter, Lindsay Dimeo Daskalopoulos and her beloved grandchildren, Alexander J. and Dimitrios A. Daskalopoulos, all of East Greenwich and her son, Jonathan L. Q. Dimeo of Providence. She was the mother of the late Alexander P.O. Dimeo.

Her legacy is a lifetime of devoted service, to her patients, community, and to her family. Donations in her memory may be made to Hallworth House, 66 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02904.

**DR. RUTH E. TRIEDMAN** passed away in her home on August 15, 2016 at the age of 83 surrounded by her loving family.

She was the wife of the late Dr. M. Howard Triedman, the daughter of the late Mary and Saul Seiden of Jamaica Estates, New York and the sister of the late George Seiden of Bow, New Hampshire. She was the mother of Karen Triedman (Ronald C. Markoff), Nancy Goldman (Louis) and Russell Triedman (Melissa). She is also survived by her dear friend, Dr. John Yashar and her grandchildren, Sidra and Allegra Scharff, Stephanie Cohen (Charles) and Miranda, Thomas and Eleanor Triedman. She will be missed by all of her devoted caregivers especially Courtney Whynter and Gina Robinson.

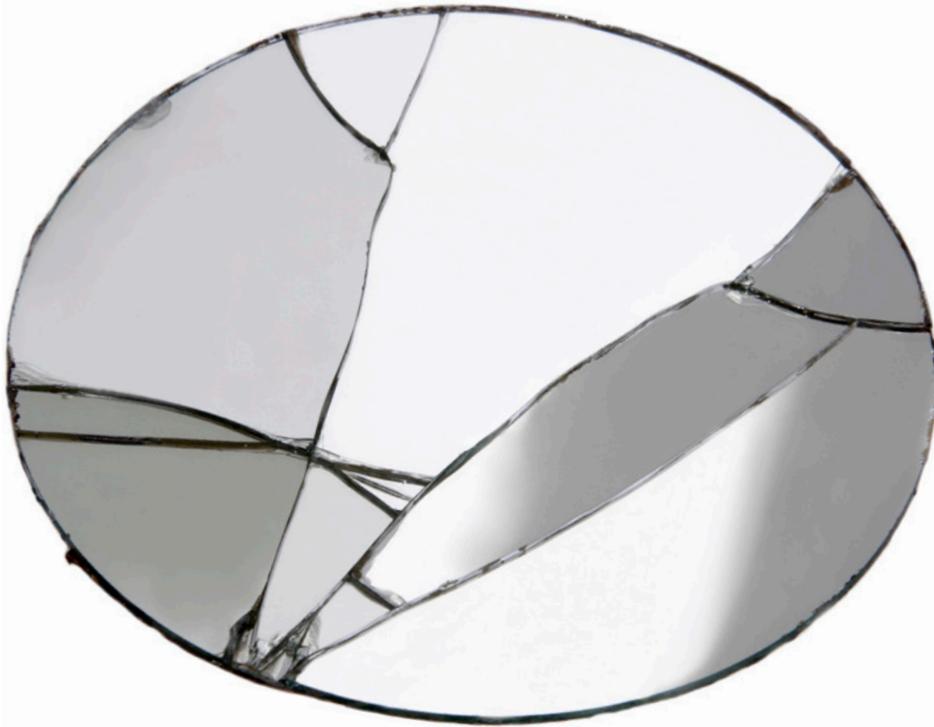
A graduate of Wellesley College, Dr. Triedman went on to receive her medical degree from Columbia University School of Physicians and Surgeons as one of a few women in her class. She then completed her residency at the Harvard Combined Dermatology Residency Training Program.

Dr. Triedman spent over thirty years in private practice in Providence as a dermatologist and served on the staff of the Miriam Hospital. In addition, she served on the faculty of the Brown University Medical School.

She was a long-time member of the board of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and was the first physician to serve as President and recently received their lifetime achievement award. She also served on the Board of the Samaritans for many years.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Miriam Hospital or to your favorite charity may be made in her memory.

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