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Appointments

Dr. Fingleton to lead clinical cardiac surgery operations, quality at Lifespan
James G. Fingleton, MD, has been named chief of clinical cardiac surgery operations and quality at Lifespan’s Cardiovascular Institute beginning April 1.

The appointment is a homecoming for Dr. Fingleton, who was a member of The Miriam Hospital’s open-heart surgery program for 17 years and later was a key member of the combined Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam open-heart program.

Dr. Fingleton returns to Lifespan from Southcoast Health System, where he served as chief of cardiovascular surgery for five years.

His clinical interests include multiple arterial grafting, aortic aneurysm surgery, and minimally invasive valve repair and replacement.

Michael Souza takes the helm at Landmark, succeeding Charest
Michael Souza, former president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), has been appointed CEO of Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, and began his new position on March 27.

He replaces Richard Charest, who retired as both president and CEO of Landmark on Feb. 17.

Souza has served as HARI president since 2014. He previously worked at Signature Healthcare in Brockton, Mass., and was once the director of financial planning at Landmark.

Paiva Weed appointed president of HARI
M. Teresa Paiva Weed has been appointed president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), where she will oversee day-to-day operations of the association and direct member services. Paiva Weed joins HARI following the departure of Michael Souza who has served as president since 2014.

Paiva Weed was first elected to the Rhode Island Senate in 1992. In January 2009, she was elected by her colleagues to serve as president of the Senate. During her time as a legislator, she was a major developer of the Rite Care program, lead sponsor of legislation creating CurrentCare, and played a key role in several important public health bills including mental health, substance abuse, and lead poisoning. She is also an independent legal practitioner.

Dr. Iraklis Gerogiannis named chair of Southcoast cardiothoracic surgery
Dr. Iraklis Gerogiannis has been named Southcoast Health Chair of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Gerogiannis has served as the Medical Director of Cardiac Surgery for the last three years.

“Dr. Gerogiannis is a highly skilled cardiac surgeon with extensive experience in minimally invasive surgical procedures, TAVR, CABG and valve and arrhythmia surgery,” stated Dr. Margaret Ferrell, Physician-in-Chief of Cardiovascular Care Center at Southcoast Health.

Prior to joining Southcoast Health, he practiced in the Boston region and was an assistant professor of surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine.

John K. Findley, MD, named chief of Integrated Behavioral Health Services for CharterCARE
John K. Findley, MD, has been named Chief of Integrated Behavioral Health Services for CharterCARE Health Partners. In this position, Dr. Findley will provide direct oversight of the inpatient and outpatient behavioral health management programs while providing strategic leadership for all clinical and operational efforts in Behavioral Health throughout the CharterCARE system.

Dr. Findley has served as Medical Director of the Dual Diagnosis Unit and Geri-Psychiatry Unit at Roger Williams Medical Center since June 2012. He previously held clinical positions at Geisinger Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Whidden Hospital, Baldpate Hospital, North Shore Medical Center, and Tufts Medical Center, where he was Chief of Psychiatric Consultation from 2006–2009.

Dr. B. Star Hampton named vice chair of education for Dept. of OB/GYN
B. Star Hampton, MD, FACOG, of Providence, has recently accepted the position of vice chair of education for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University starting June 1, 2017.

Dr. Hampton is a board certified urogynecologist in the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Warren Alpert Medical School.
Drs. Smith, Pasqurello, Bica join University Orthopedics
University Orthopedics announced the addition of Drs. Matthew Smith, George Pasqurello and David Bica to its organization.

Matthew Smith, MD, EMHL, serves as Director of System Integration. Dr. Smith treats patients with cervical, thoracic and lumbar epidural spinal steroid injections, facet injections, medial branch blocks and radiofrequency ablation, sacroiliac joint injections and radiofrequency ablation. In addition, Dr. Smith treats patients with peripheral joint and soft tissue injections, peripheral nerve blocks, medicolegal consultations and electromyography and nerve conduction studies.

George Pasqurello, DO, brings over 20 years of practice as a clinical specialist in neuromusculoskeletal medicine/osteopathic manipulative medicine and pain medicine.

David Bica, DO, performs osteopathic manipulative medicine for the treatment of neck and lower back pain, fluoroscopic spinal injections and both diagnostic and interventional musculoskeletal ultrasound.

Hasbro Children’s Hospital recognizes Brite Lites’ winners
Hasbro Children’s Hospital named this year’s winners of the annual Brite Lites awards. The honorees were among many employees nominated by patients and families who best exemplify the hospital’s ‘four Cs’ – caring, communication, cooperation and competence. The winners are:

Jodi Russell, BSN, RN, a pediatric transport nurse
Erica Chung, MD, a pediatric hospitalist
Christine Pham, MD, a pediatric resident
Anthony Fusco, CRT, a respiratory therapist
Julia Jacavone, BSN, RN, pediatric float novice nurse

Dr. Mermel receives Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award
The medical staff of Rhode Island Hospital recently honored Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM, with the 2016 Annual Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award. Dr. Mermel, an internationally noted expert in infectious diseases and infection control, is the medical director of Rhode Island Hospital’s Department of Epidemiology & Infection Control.

Fatima, RWMC employees of the year
Yvonne Britto and Kathryn “Bea” McCullough have been named 2016 Employees of the Year for Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Medical Center, respectively.

Yvonne is Lead Milieu Therapist for Behavioral Health and has been with Fatima since 2015. Bea is a social worker for Outpatient Addiction Medicine and has been with the organization since 2005. Both were recognized on March 15, 2017 along with other hospital Employees of the Year at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island’s “Celebration of Excellence” event.

Recognition
AMA honors former RI HHS Secretary, Elizabeth Roberts
The American Medical Association (AMA) recently presented Elizabeth H. Roberts, former Rhode Island Secretary of Health and Human Services, with the Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service. She was selected for the AMA’s top government service award for her commitment to working with the medical community to improve public health across her 20 years in public service.

Sharon Rounds, MD, to receive American Thoracic Society’s Trudeau Medal
Sharon Rounds, MD, will receive the American Thoracic Society’s Trudeau Medal at their 2017 international conference in May. The Trudeau Medal recognizes lifelong major contributions to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung disease through leadership in research, education, or clinical care.

Sharon Rounds, MD is Professor of Medicine and of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Brown Medical School and staff pulmonary/critical care physician at the Providence VA Medical Center.

Recognition
HARI honors ‘Hospital Heroes’

Individuals from throughout the state were recently honored at “Celebration of Excellence in Hospital Care,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI Board of Trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to health care. In addition, the recipient of the Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence was honored.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care include:

- **Micaela Condon,** Therapist, Butler Hospital
- **Yvonne Britto,** Lead Milieu Therapist, Fatima Hospital
- **Lisa Ferry,** Registered Nurse, Kent Hospital
- **Theresa Pinard,** Registered Nurse, Landmark Medical Center
- **Donald MacDonald,** Clinical Coordinator, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
- **Jill Lizotte,** Registered Nurse, Providence VA Medical Center
- **Kathryn McCullough,** MSW Social Worker, Roger Williams Medical Center
- **Barbara Renner,** Patient Financial Advocate, South County Hospital
- **Joanne Miller,** Patient Coordinator Team Leader, Westerly Hospital
- **Dana Ciolfi,** Medical Technologist, Women & Infants Hospital

**Fatima Hospital** was the recipient of the Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence. The award is a tribute to Edward Quinlan who championed quality improvement and patient safety initiatives while he served as president of HARI for two decades.

Total Joint Center at Miriam awarded second Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval

The Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Advanced Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement.

CNE staff honored by HARI

Four Care New England employees were recently honored at a “Celebration of Excellence in Hospital Care,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). The HARI Board of Trustees selected 10 employees from HARI’s member hospitals who exhibited exemplary performance and dedication to health care.

Care New England recipients included: **Micaela Condon,** therapist, Butler Hospital, from Riverside; **Lisa Ferry,** registered nurse, Kent Hospital, from Warwick; **Donald MacDonald,** clinical coordinator, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, from Attleboro; and **Dana Ciolfi,** medical technologist, Women & Infants, from Narragansett.
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PAUL E. BARBER, SR., MD, 95, passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Barbara A. (Mendes) Barber, with whom he would have celebrated his 32nd wedding anniversary on March 30, 2017, and the late Josephine A. (Gregoire) Barber.

Paul was a graduate of West Warwick High School class of 1939 where he was an accomplished basketball and baseball letterman, he then received his Bachelor’s Degree from the Rhode Island State College in April of 1943, served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from July 1943 to November 1945, and then graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1946 and followed on to a rotating internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital until 1947 when he was then enlisted into active duty in the U.S. Navy Medical Corp and served in French Morocco.

He finished his residency in Obstetrics at the Providence Lying-In Hospital in 1950. He was a member of the active staff of Kent Hospital from 1951 to 1995. However, his daily involvement at Kent Hospital continued until present day. He was also a member of The American Medical Association, R.I. Medical Society, Kent County Medical Society, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He was also a member on the Board of Trustees for Kent Hospital and Blue Cross. For more than half a century, Dr. Barber devoted his entire career to the health and wellbeing of the families of Kent County. Following graduation from Medical School, Military service, and completion of his residency, Dr. Barber opened a private practice in West Warwick where he had continued to care for his patients for more than sixty years. Dr. Barber made everyone feel special and always took the time to stop and talk.

He was the father of the late Deborah A. Grandchamp, Gregory P. (Geraldine) Barber, John A. (Barbara) Barber, Paul E. Barber Jr., Claudia A. Greene, Heidi A. (Brad) Austin, Kim A. Barber and Jill A. Legault. Paul was the stepfather of Anita M. (Steven) Forest, Patricia A. Houle and the late Richard N. “Rick” Houle. He was the brother of the late Arthur, Roland, Leo, Albert, and Doris Barber. Dr. Barber is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Dr. Paul E. Barber Sr. West Warwick High School Scholarship Fund, C/O Centreville Bank, 1218 Main St., West Warwick, RI 02893 will be appreciated.

JAMES R. GUTHRIE, MD, of Saunders-town, passed away on March 17, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Sybil (Waters) Guthrie for sixty-five years. He was retired from the University of Rhode Island, where he served as medical director and physician at Student Health Services.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from New York University and graduated from New York University College of Medicine in 1948. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a physician. In 1971, Dr. Guthrie moved to Rhode Island to become medical director of the University of Rhode Island Student Health Services, where he worked for 26 years before retiring in 1997. Dr. Guthrie was also on the staff of the Emergency Department at South County Hospital. He was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Newport Preservation Society and the Naval War College Foundation.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his four children: Keith R. Guthrie and his wife Kathleen of Marietta, GA, Donald C. Guthrie of Lawrenceville, GA, Ellen G. Smiley and her husband Philip of South Kingstown, and Ann G. Hourahan and her husband Donald of Saunderstown; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders [www.doctorswithoutborders.org].

ARTURO LONGOBARDI, MD, passed away on Feb. 16, 2017 in Ft. Myers FL. He was born in Campagna Italy on June 14, 1928. He leaves behind his wife Mary (Dudas) of 58 years; his sons, Steven Longobardi, MD; Vito Longobardi, MD, and daughter Eva Longobardi; his grandchildren, Stefan, Nicolas, Anton, Christian, Marcus, Andreas, Danika and Angeline Longobardi, and daughters-in-law Yen and Melissa.

He was educated in Italy, graduating from the University of Naples School of Medicine in 1954. After two years in the Italian Army, he immigrated to the United States to serve an internship at the St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, FL, where he met his future wife. They traveled to and settled in Rhode Island where he completed an internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at local hospitals. After 44 years of private practice in the Pawtucket and Central Falls area, he retired to Fort Myers, FL.