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Recognition

RIMWA to honor Dr. Dennehuy at annual meeting May 24
Penelope H. Dennehuy, MD, will be honored by the Rhode Island Medical Women's Association (RIMWA) as Woman Physician of the Year 2017 at the organization's annual meeting. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 24, at the Providence Marriott Hotel. Reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the program and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. RSVP by May 5 to mbialek@rimed.org.

Dr. Dennehuy is a professor of pediatrics at the Alpert Medical School and vice chair of pediatrics, division of pediatric infectious diseases at Rhode Island Hospital.

Sarah M. Davis, MD, named to Brown/W&I scholar program
Sarah M. Davis, MD, was recently named the seventh scholar in the Brown University/Women & Infants Hospital Women’s Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) Career Development Program.

Dr. Davis has been a member of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Women & Infants since 2015. She was selected as a WRHR scholar to support her research to study causes of preterm birth, specifically on a study entitled “Mechanisms underlying obstetric pathobiology: The study of cell-free fetal DNA, TLR9 mediated inflammation, IL-10 and parturition using in vitro modeling.”

Dr. Deborah Myers honored by Society of Gynecologic Surgeons
Deborah L. Myers, MD, FACOG, director of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School has recently received the Distinguished Surgeon Award at the 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS).

Dr. Myers is vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and director of Continuing Medical Education at Women & Infants and chair of the promotions committee of the Department of Ob/Gyn at the Warren Alpert Medical School. She is past president of the national American Urogynecologic Society.

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South County Hospital earns A’s for hospital quality, patient safety
For the fifth consecutive year, South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI, part of South County Health, earned straight A’s for hospital quality and patient safety. The Leapfrog Group, the nation’s leading nonprofit watchdog on hospital quality and safety, made the announcement after completing a review of 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data. The performance measures produce a single score representing a hospital’s overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors. South County Hospital is one of only 63 hospitals nationwide to attain the straight A rating and the only hospital in Rhode Island to earn straight A’s for five consecutive years.

“The fact that we’re one of the few hospitals in the country to earn straight A’s in patient safety speaks to the efforts we make every day to ensure that patient care is our number one priority,” said Lou Giancola, president and CEO of South County Health.

Southcoast hospitals receive ‘A’ grades for patient safety
Southcoast Health has been awarded an “A” grade in the Spring 2017 Hospital Safety Grades, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections within the hospital. Southcoast Health’s three hospitals – St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford, Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River and Tobey Hospital in Wareham – were each recognized with the top rating.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide. St. Luke’s, Charlton Memorial and Tobey were three of 823 hospitals to receive an “A” for its commitment to reducing errors, infections, and accidents that can harm patients.

Miriam’s Center for Bariatric Surgery reaccredited
The Center for Bariatric Surgery at The Miriam Hospital has been reaccredited by the national board that evaluates medical centers specializing in surgery for severe obesity.

Siva Vithiananthan, MD, chief of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery for the center, a program of The Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals, announced that it had secured reaccreditation as a Comprehensive Center with Adolescent Qualifications by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®) a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBM).

To gain dual accreditation for adults and adolescents, the center demonstrated that it meets standards that ensure that bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program that improves patient outcomes and long-term success through preoperative and postoperative care designed specifically for patients.

While the demand for bariatric surgery is not necessarily on the rise nationally, according to Vithiananthan, he said the center based at The Miriam Hospital continues to see its numbers grow steadily, with the number of procedures increasing about 15 to 20 percent a year. The center, established in 2012, is on pace to perform nearly 400 in 2017.

Obituaries

DR. KHALIL BIDADI passed away peacefully on April 12, 2017 at the age of 71. He is survived by his beloved wife Nahideh Nina Bidadi, son Ben Bidadi and wife Sheila and grandson Louis, son Brian Bidadi and wife Daria, and precious daughter Natasha Bidadi.

He was a doctor in his native country of Iran, and he immigrated to America in search of freedom and a better life for his family. Dr. Bidadi trained as a psychiatrist at Butler Hospital, and worked as a psychiatrist at the ACI and Wyatt Detention Facility.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to honor the excellent care he received from Dr. Tony Mega, Dr. Fred Schifman, and their team can be made to the Miriam Hospital Foundation at P.O. Box H, Providence, RI 02901.

ABBY LEE MAIZEL, MD, PhD, 71, died peacefully on April 7, 2017. He was the husband of Gail [Raiken] Maizel.

Dr. Maizel was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine. He was the chief of pathology at Roger Williams Hospital, the principal owner of University Pathologists, a professor of pathology at Brown University and Boston University Medical Schools and a pioneer in genetic research including trailblazing research in immunotherapy.

His passions began with his wife, children and grandchildren, and included growing Bonsai trees, antiques, photography, boating and his pets. He was a generous philanthropist to numerous charities.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children Jennie Maizel-McKiernan and her husband Bill of East Greenwich and Rebecca Maizel of East Greenwich; his sisters Naomi Berne and her husband Bruce of Irvington, NY and Amy Maizel-Seeherman and her husband Les Brody of Newton, MA; his grandchildren Jonah and Ellie; and his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, 240 Shermantown Rd., Saunderstown, RI 02874 or your own local animal shelter.
DR. ARISTIDO V. SANTOPIETRO died on March 21, 2017. He was the husband of June M. (Altieri) Santopietro.

Dr. Santopietro was a graduate of the University of Maryland and Georgetown University, where he received his dental and orthodontic training. Dr. Santopietro had a private practice in Cranston for 30 years, retiring due to illness in 1995. He served as chief orthodontist at RI Hospital, Joseph Samuels Dental Clinic and held various positions in the Cranston and RI Dental Societies.

Dr. Santopietro served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1955.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Lori Fitzsimmons and her husband John of Cranston, Linda Santopietro of Scottsdale, AZ, Dina Quirk and her husband Kevin of Darien, CT; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 or to The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society (RI Chapter) 2348 Post Rd., Suite 202, Warwick, RI 02886.

RICHARD O. RECCHIA, MD, 82, of Johnston, passed away on April 17, 2017 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Paula (Rossignoli) Recchia for 56 years. He graduated from Harvard University and the University of Bologna Medical School. He interned at RI Hospital and did his residency at Providence Lyng-In Hospital. Dr. Recchia was an obstetrician and gynecologist for over 30 years.

He was a Fellow of the ACOG, member of the RI Medical Society and the University of Bologna Medical Alumni Association, and a former member of the Alpine Country Club. He also served in the United States Army RI National Guard. He was an avid member of the Cranston Fish and Game Club. Dr. Recchia was truly a Renaissance man. In addition to being a surgeon, he was a wine/champagne maker, connoisseur, chef, fisherman, hunter, pianist, poet, artist, friend, and was loved and respected by all.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three loving daughters, Lisa Dimitri and her husband William of Johnston, Mariesa Lane of Cranston and Donna Smith and her husband Steven of Providence. He was the cherished grandfather of Alicia and Nicholas Lane, Andrew and Angelica Dimitri and brother of Mary Lou Paolino and her husband Edward of Seekonk.

Donations in his memory made be made to Hope Hospice and Palliative Care of Rhode Island, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904.