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Recognition

Dr. John Buster inducted into ACOG Hall of Fame

JOHN E. BUSTER, MD, of Providence, a reproductive endocrinologist with Women & Infants Fertility Center and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). Dr. Buster was one of four inductees honored at ACOG’s Annual Meeting in May for their “indelible mark” on the profession of obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Buster is a well-known international lecturer and has authored more than 200 scientific papers in the field of reproductive endocrinology and infertility. He served as director for the Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists and chair of its Practice and Fellowship committees. He has also served on the Fellowship Committee for the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society and on the board for the American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

John Lonks, MD, named Outstanding Physician of the Year at Miriam

JOHN LONKS, MD, an infectious disease specialist, has been named the 2017 Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year at The Miriam Hospital.

Dr. Lonks, of North Providence, is a graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed his residency at The Miriam and the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University and an infectious disease fellowship at Brown and several medical centers, including The Miriam and Rhode Island Hospital. He is certified in infectious diseases and is a researcher and associate professor of medical science at Brown.

The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association and hospital administration are sponsors of the award, which recognizes physicians, nominated by their peers, for outstanding contributions to medicine, leadership, professionalism and patient care.

The award is named after Charles Carpenter, MD, who served as The Miriam’s physician-in-chief from 1986 to 1998 and became a leader in responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by establishing the hospital’s Immunology Center. He has served as director of the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and as a professor of medicine at Brown.

Josiah “Jody” Rich, MD, MPH, wins Kahn lifetime leadership award

JOSIAH “JODY” RICH, MD, MPH, an infectious disease specialist at The Miriam Hospital for the past 23 years and the director and co-founder of the hospital’s Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights, has been honored with the 2017 Charles “Bud” Kahn, MD, Lifetime Leadership Award.

As a leader in efforts to combat opioid abuse, Dr. Rich serves as an expert advisor to Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo’s Overtone Prevention and Intervention Task Force. Dr. Rich, who lives in Providence, is also a professor of medicine and epidemiology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

William Corwin, MD, the interim chief medical officer at The Miriam, commended Rich “for being our social conscience, reminding us that we are not working hard enough to prevent 300-plus overdose deaths a year in Rhode Island.”

The award, established in 2015, is named after Dr. Charles “Bud” Kahn, a retired endocrinologist who held leadership positions during his career at The Miriam. It is presented by The Miriam’s Medical Staff Association.

Jamsheed Vakharia, MD, receives teaching award at Miriam

JAMSHED VAKHARIA, MD, a member of University Surgical Associates specializing in general surgery and minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, has received the 2017 Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award at The Miriam Hospital.

The annual award recognizes a Miriam physician who teaches at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He serves as a clinical assistant professor of surgery at Brown.

Dr. Vakharia, a Barrington resident, is a 1990 graduate of Aga Khan University Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan, who arrived at The Miriam in 1992 as an intern in surgery and completed his residency in 1998. He is a former Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year honoree.
Appointments

Ilse Jenouri, MD, named new Emergency Department medical director at Miriam

PROVIDENCE – The Miriam Hospital has appointed Ilse Jenouri, MD, MBA, FACEP, as medical director of the Emergency Department, it became effective July 1.

Dr. Jenouri, who completed her residency in emergency medicine with The Warren Alpert Medical School, joined the medical staff of the hospital in 2002 as an attending physician. She has served as the associate medical director of the ED for the past six years.

“Dr. Jenouri is an outstanding clinician, educator, and administrator, and is well-prepared to move into the medical director role,” said Brian Zink, MD, physician-in-chief of emergency medicine at Rhode Island, The Miriam and Newport hospitals, as well as the president of the University Emergency Medicine Foundation [UEMF]. “She has served superbly as the associate medical director for the past six years.”

Calling Dr. Jenouri “a leader in our medical community,” he noted that she has served as co-chair of the Lifespan pharmacy and therapeutics committee, chair of The Miriam’s emergency preparedness committee, and as a member of the UEMF board of directors and its residency advisory committee. She has been an oral board examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine for the past 10 years.

“I am honored to be named the medical director of the ED of The Miriam,” said Dr. Jenouri. “Visits to the ED are at historic levels. People are drawn to the Miriam because of its top-notch medical expertise and the nurturing care they get from the entire staff. We will continue to work hard to maintain the high levels of quality that people have come to expect.”

Over the past six years, annual patient visits jumped nearly 20 percent and are projected to reach 70,000 in 2017.

UEMF presented her an “outstanding physician” award in 2013. In 2009, she was a recipient of a teaching recognition award from the Warren Alpert Medical School, where she is a clinical associate professor.

Dr. Jenouri succeeds Gary Bubly, MD, FACEP, who will assume the role of vice chair for clinical integration and innovation for UEMF.

Dr. Maureen Phipps elected vice president of Foundation For Exxcellence in Women’s Health

MAUREEN G. PHIPPS, MD, MPH, of Wrentham, MA, has been elected vice president of the Foundation for Excellence in Women’s Health. Dr. Phipps is chair and Chace-Joukowsky Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and assistant dean for Teaching and Research in Women’s Health at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, professor of epidemiology at the Brown University School of Public Health, and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and Care New England Health System.

The Foundation for Excellence in Women’s Health was originally founded by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) in 2004 to improve women’s health through innovation in education, research, and technology. Today, the Foundation brings information and resources to ob/gyn physicians that they can use to impact care, through helping women stay healthy and strengthening and supporting families and communities.

Dr. Phipps’ research focuses on improving the health of vulnerable populations. Her research interests include adolescent pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, postpartum depression, prenatal care, contraception, and reducing disparities. She is an associate editor for the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and past chair of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women.

Rhode Island Hospital physicians Dr. Anthony Chu, left, and Dr. Karuppiah Arunachalam, stand in front of a research poster they presented at the European Heart Rhythm Association CARDIOSTIM conference, held in Vienna, Austria, recently. The poster reported on the incidence, and demographic and racial variations in patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrests for the year 2012-2013 based on the National Inpatient Sample database.
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Nicola Francalancia, MD, cardiac surgeon, joins Southcoast

FALL RIVER, MASS — Southcoast Health announced on July 17 that NICOLA FRANCALANCIA, MD, cardiac surgeon, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group.

Prior to joining Southcoast Health, Dr. Francalancia was a member of Chicago-based Cardiac Surgery Associates and the Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Ill. He also concurrently served as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at Loyola University.

Dr. Francalancia holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University and obtained his MD from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed residency in general surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center before completing a thoracic surgery fellowship at Deaconess Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He also completed a research fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and a clinical fellowship in Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Francalancia is certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

G. Dean Roye, MD, named new chief medical officer at Miriam

PROVIDENCE – The Miriam Hospital has appointed G. DEAN ROYE, MD, a veteran surgeon at the hospital, as senior vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer, effective August 7, 2017.

Dr. Roye joined Lifespan in 2000 as an attending surgeon for The Miriam and Rhode Island hospitals, with a specialty in laparoscopic and bariatric surgery. For the past four years, he has served as director of general surgery for the hospital and previously he was the director of the bariatric surgery program at Rhode Island Hospital.

A graduate of the University of Miami Medical School, Dr. Roye completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Alabama and his fellowship in laparoscopic surgery at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Throughout his career, he has devoted himself to training future generations of medical practitioners. That has earned him the “Dean’s Teaching Excellence Awards” at the Alpert Medical School, where he is an associate professor of surgery, as well as the Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award at The Miriam. He is also an adjunct clinical assistant professor at Bryant University’s physician assistant program.

“I’m honored to be appointed as The Miriam’s new chief medical officer,” Dr. Roye said. “My clinical experience as a surgeon and my administrative experience as the director of surgery will add value to my role as the chief medical officer. I’ll have a seat at the table and be able to weigh in on system-wide solutions to problems and move things in a direction that I think are helpful.”

He added that surgery is “in my DNA” and he hopes to continue to do so in his new role.

Dr. Roye succeeds William Corwin, MD, who served as The Miriam’s chief medical officer from 2008 to 2013 and again, on an interim basis, since 2016.

Dr. Roye lives in the Edgewood section of Cranston with his wife and four children.

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Obituaries

**DR. ERNESTO D’AGOSTINO**, 93, of Narragansett, passed away peacefully on June 28. He was the husband of Judith [Papa] D’Agostino for 52 years. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dr. D’Agostino worked at South County and Newport Hospitals for many years before retiring. He was an avid beachgoer, world traveler and loved to read, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children Gregory and Cristina D’Agostino and his loving grandchildren Abigail and Olivia Sweet.

Donations in his memory can be made to Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, South Team, 143 Main Street, Wakefield, RI, 02879.

**GISELA WALTRAUD (BLASBERG) RYAN, MD,** 85, died peacefully on July 11, 2017, at Southgate Assisted Living in Shrewsbury, Mass. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Robert M. Ryan. Born near Cologne, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Max Blasberg and Elfriede [Hindrichs] Conrads. She lived in Barrington for 36 years, and worked locally as a radiologist at several private practices and the Providence VA Medical Center.

She was an avid walker, skier, skater and bicyclist, enjoyed track and field, and danced at Festival Ballet, whose Nutcracker she attended regularly.

She is survived by her son, Michael Ryan, of Providence; her daughter, Maura E. Ryan, MD, of Chicago, and her sister-in-law, Sister Patricia Ryan, CSJ, of Brentwood, NY.

Gifts in her honor can be given to the JHC Hospice of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at http://jewishhealthcarecenter.com/make-a-donation.