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Appointments

Rick Majzun, FACHE, named president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants

Rick Majzun, FACHE, has been named president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants Hospital, effective July 23, 2018. Majzun, who has more than 25 years of leadership experience, comes to Women & Infants from Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

The appointment of Majzun follows a year-long national search during which the search committee, led by Care New England Senior Vice President of Planning and Finance Gail Robbins, engaged physicians, staff, and management.

“With a demonstrated track record of success in hospital operations, including 10 years of leadership in an organization that, like Women & Infants, provides services to women and newborns, Rick is a perfect complement to the strong leadership team at Women & Infants Hospital and across Care New England,” said James E. Fanale, MD, president and chief executive officer, Care New England. “I look forward to welcoming Rick to our team, and I’d like to offer my sincere appreciation to the entire search team for their diligence in finding the perfect leader to join our organization.”

“I have long admired the reputation and care offered at Women & Infants Hospital and am excited to lead this preeminent organization,” said Majzun. “My family and I look forward to relocating to Rhode Island and enjoying all that this beautiful state has to offer.”

Majzun has been associated with BJC Healthcare since 1999, serving as regional director of BJC Medical Group, executive director of strategic planning and then vice president of strategic planning at BJC HealthCare, and vice president of strategic operations and planning of St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Since 2013, he has served as vice president of operations at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and as vice president of the 212-bed Women & Infants Service at Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Barnes Jewish is a 1,300-bed adult facility, and St. Louis Children’s is a 430-bed pediatric hospital. During his leadership tenure, Majzun grew deliveries and neonatal intensive care unit admissions in a declining market; increased revenue, margin, and market share; improved major quality indicators; and achieved patient satisfaction goals. In addition, he worked with physician and nursing partners to create a process to align the cultures of three institutions.

A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Majzun earned a master of health administration at Washington University School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives [ACHE], from which he received the 2014 Service Award and the 2006 Early Career Healthcare Executive Regiment’s Award. He was a 2011 Eisenhower Fellow and studied pediatric health care systems for five weeks in Kenya and Sweden, and was selected as a “40 under 40” in 2006 by St. Louis Business Journal.

Majzun serves in a number of roles for the Children’s Hospital Association, including a member of the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, a member of its Chief Operating Officer Steering Committee, member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, and member of the Annual Leadership Conference Advisory Committee. He has spoken before the National Association of Health Services Executives, the Children’s Hospital Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the American Public Health Association.

Robert J. Haffey, MBA, MSN, RN, named new president, COO at Kent

Robert J. Haffey, MBA, MSN, RN, has been named president and chief operating officer of Kent Hospital, effective September 10, 2018. Haffey comes to Kent after serving as the president of Springfield, PA-based Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Taylor Hospital, and Crozer Keystone Health System Ambulatory Care Services since 2014.

Haffey’s appointment follows a national search led by Care New England senior leadership, physicians, staff, and management.

“With nearly 20 years of health care leadership experience, and a particular focus on quality in an acute care setting, Robert has a combination of skills and knowledge that stood out as we went through the process of selecting the right person for this important role,” said James E. Fanale, MD, president and chief executive officer, Care New England. “The diligence and hard work of our search team paid off, and we’re looking forward to Robert’s leadership at Kent as well as his role as part of the Care New England team.”

Dr. Fanale also expressed his thanks and appreciation to Raymond O. Powrie, MD, executive chief of medicine for Care New England, who is currently serving as interim president of Kent and chaired this search committee.

Haffey has been associated with Crozer Keystone Health System since 2012, serving as chief nursing officer for the five-hospital system before moving to his current role in 2014. His efforts during his tenure resulted in financial stability, recruitment of key specialty physicians, and an increased referral base. Haffey’s five years of bedside nursing experience also give him an important understanding of hospital operations. Crozer Keystone Health System was acquired by Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. in 2016.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to lead the tremendous group of dedicated professionals at Kent Hospital who remain focused on providing the highest quality, safest care for the patients and families in the surrounding communities,” said Haffey. “The next few years are critical for the future of both Kent and Care New England, and I’m thrilled to be part of it.”

Haffey received his master of business administration in health care administration from Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, and his master of science in nursing from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA.
Appointments

Larry Brown, MD, appointed director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Alpert Medical School

LARRY BROWN, MD, has been appointed director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and academic director of Bradley Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital’s Division of Child and Family Psychiatry.

“Dr. Brown is well known to our community, having been with the division for more than 25 years. We are very fortunate to have him leading the integration of our academic and research missions with our outstanding clinical programs,” said DAN WALL, president, Bradley Hospital.

Wall said Brown brings to the position a long track record of teaching, from supervising child and adolescent psychiatry fellows to mentoring countless post-doctoral candidates and junior faculty over the years. Brown has also been overseeing an ongoing federally-funded research training program for more than 10 years. He is also co-director of the Lifespan Young Adult Behavioral Health Program, which he helped create.

A resident of Providence, Brown succeeds Gregory Fritz, MD.

Brown was director of the consultation-liaison service at Hasbro Children’s for 10 years in the 1990s and also served as director of outpatient services at both Hasbro Children’s and Bradley hospitals. His research in adolescent risk behavior and HIV and sexually transmitted disease prevention is internationally recognized. He has been the principal investigator on 20 federal grants totaling more than $29 million and has published more than 150 articles and book chapters about HIV/AIDS education and prevention.

Brown earned his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed a residency and fellowship at Stanford University Medical Center.

Dr. Melissa Russo named to international, national organizations

MELISSA RUSSO, MD, a maternal-fetal medicine and clinical genetics specialist in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Women & Infants Hospital, has recently been named to a three-year term of the Genetics Committee of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; a three-year term on the Professional Advisory Board of the Marfan Foundation; and a nominated member of the International Research Society for Genetic Aortic Disease, the Montalcino Aortic Consortium, a consortium of prominent clinical, basic, and translational investigators around the world committed to diagnosing and managing aortic disorders and discovering their genetic causes and modifiers.

A magna cum laude graduate of Colgate University, Dr. Russo earned her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine and clinical genetics at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Russo is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, and genetics. Prior to joining Women & Infants, she was at Texas Children’s/Baylor University in Houston, TX, where she was an assistant professor of maternal-fetal medicine and human and molecular genetics.

Her research interests include prenatal genetics, reproductive and pregnancy outcomes in women with connective tissue disorders such as Marfan syndrome and Loeys-Dietz syndrome.

She is an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Elizabeth Lokich joins Women & Infants Program in Women’s Oncology

Gynecologic oncologist ELIZABETH LOIKICH, MD, has joined Care New England Medical Group and will be practicing at Women & Infants Hospital’s Program in Women’s Oncology. She is also an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

A graduate of Dartmouth College with a bachelor of art degree in molecular biology, Dr. Lokich earned a medical degree from The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Women & Infants. Prior to returning to Women & Infants, Dr. Lokich worked at the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center, where she was also an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology.

Board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and board-eligible in gynecologic oncology, Dr. Lokich is a member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
Care New England announces major expansion of orthopedics services

Care New England Health System is expanding its orthopedics services with the addition of six new physicians to its Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. The physicians, all members of the Care New England Medical Group, will practice out of Kent Hospital and see patients in Pawtucket and Lincoln and in Attleboro, MA.

The new physicians are Steven Blazar, MD, orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist; David Cicerchia, MD, orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist; Jonathan Gastel, MD, orthopedic surgeon and specialist in sports medicine and trauma; Steven Graff, MD, orthopedic surgeon and specialist in hand and upper extremity; Maher El-Khatib, MD, specialist in pain management; and Ana Mata-Fink, MD, orthopedic surgeon and shoulder and elbow specialist.

**DR. STEVEN BLAZAR** is board certified in orthopedic surgery, went to medical school at Boston University and was fellowship trained in spine surgery at Boston’s New England Baptist Hospital. Specializing in minimally invasive outpatient spine surgery, Dr. Blazar has more than 30 years of experience in adult inpatient deformity and reconstructive spine procedures from the neck to the low back. As the first spine surgeon in Rhode Island to implant an artificial disc, he has maintained his skills in the most advanced and evidence-based treatments for diseases of the spine. Dr. Blazar works collaboratively to incorporate a wide range of non-surgical services, including anesthesia pain management, non-narcotic medication trials, chiropractic, acupuncture, neuromuscular massage therapy, functional rehabilitation, and wellness behavioral intervention.

**DR. DAVID CICERCHIA** completed his medical and surgical training at Boston University, and a spine surgical fellowship at Boston’s New England Baptist Hospital. His advanced training and fellowship is in the surgery of the spine, which includes disorders of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar area, specializing in minimally invasive and robotic surgery as well as intra-operative computer navigation. Dr. Cicerchia is conservative in his approach, choosing to first exhaust the many non-operative treatments such as

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**Appointments**

Allan R. Tunkel, MD, named Senior Associate Dean For Medical Education; Michele G. Cyr, MD, named Senior Associate Dean For Academic Affairs

**ALLAN R. TUNKEL, MD, PhD,** has been promoted to Senior Associate Dean For Medical Education at the Alpert Medical School. He will continue his oversight of the Program in Liberal Medical Education, the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Medical Education, Student Affairs, Records and Registration, and other activities as they relate to the selection, education, and professional development of the medical students.

**MICHELE G. CYR, MD,** has been promoted to Senior Associate Dean For Academic Affairs at the medical school. In her new role, she will continue her current oversight of standards and criteria, diversity and inclusion, and other activities as they relate to the selection, education, and professional development of the Medical School faculty. This includes overseeing the Office of Women in Medicine and Science, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, and potential future programs.

Michael Garrity, DNP, named President-Elect of Rhode Island State Nurses Association

Fatima Hospital’s MICHAEL GARRITY, DNP, MSN, RN, CPHQ, has been named President-Elect of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association (RISNA). Michael, who serves in Fatima’s Nursing Education Department as an Evidence-Based Clinical Coordinator, is a long-time member of RISNA and was elected at the June 26 meeting. Michael is the membership assembly voting delegate for Rhode Island and participated in the American Nurses Association membership assembly in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. He has been at Fatima since 2017, initially as a nursing supervisor and now as an educator.
DR. JONATHAN GASTEL, who is board certified in orthopedics and subspecialty certified in sports medicine by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, has been practicing in Rhode Island since 1999. As a specialist in sports medicine, he has served as the orthopedic sports medicine team physician for Division I Bryant University since 2001, and previously as the Rhode Island College team physician. Dr. Gastel’s sports medicine and orthopedic trauma training includes orthopedic residency training at Brown University, sports medicine fellowship training at The Cleveland Clinic, and orthopedic trauma fellowship at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital. He received his medical school education at the University of Rochester where he was honored by admission to the Alpha-Omega-Alpha Honor Society and graduated magna cum laude from Yale University. Dr. Gastel treats a variety of conditions that are both sports and non-sports-related involving the upper and lower extremities, a majority of which involve the knee and shoulder. He also treats a variety of injuries/conditions including the elbow, hip, and foot including tennis elbow, tendinitis, ankle sprains, and fractures.

DR. STEVEN GRAFF is board certified in orthopedic surgery. He attended medical school at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, completed his internship in general surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School, and his fellowship at The Indiana Hand Center. He began his orthopedic practice in Rhode Island in 1994. He received a Certificate of Added Qualification in Hand and Microvascular Surgery from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1997. This additional certification designates him as an expert in the various aspects of upper extremity surgery. While his practice incorporates seeing all aspects of orthopedic surgery patients in the office, his surgical practice is strongly focused on the upper extremity from just below the shoulder to the hand. Conditions that he treats include but are not limited to fractures, dislocations, significant ligament injuries, significant tendon injuries including complete rupture and laceration, tendinitis, all forms of arthritis, neurologic problems involving the upper extremity including nerve compression syndromes and nerve trauma, the evaluation and treatment of abnormal lumps and bumps in the upper extremity, infections, and nail disorders.

DR. MAHER EL-KHATIB is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management, and has more than 14 years of experience in established practices treating a wide range of conditions and all types of pain, cancer-related pain, and pain after surgery. He takes a holistic approach to treating his patients, with a goal of reducing pain as well as helping patients achieve a better quality of life, including increased physical activity, improved sleep, and overall life enjoyment. Dr. El-Khatib attended medical school at the American University of Beirut before completing both his residency and internship at Texas Tech University. Dr. El-Khatib feels strongly that patients do not need to live in pain. After diagnosis, he discusses optimal approaches to managing pain and potential treatment options such as physical therapy, medication, nerve blocks, injections, radio frequency ablation, kyphoplasty, spinal cord stimulators, or surgery.

DR. ANA MATA-FINK is a board eligible orthopedic surgeon with subspecialty fellowship training in shoulder and elbow surgery. She attended medical school at Harvard University and finished both her residency and internship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Mata-Fink has been practicing in Rhode Island since 2016, focusing on injuries and arthritis of the shoulder and elbow. Common conditions she treats include rotator cuff tears, shoulder instability, shoulder and elbow arthritis, and fractures. She has advanced training in conventional and reverse shoulder replacement, elbow replacement, and arthroscopic shoulder surgery.

Other providers include: RAZIB KHAUND, MD, director of sports medicine; NORMAN KORNWITZ, MD, specializing in total hip and knee replacement, arthroscopy, and fracture care; PHILIP REILLY, MD, specializing in sports medicine and arthroscopic treatment, particularly knee and shoulder; ROBERT SHALVOY, MD, executive chief of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine; JESSICA MORSE, PA-C, specializing in orthopedic surgery; and RICHARD PELOQUIN, PA-C, specializing in orthopedic surgery.

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Recognition

Fred Rotenberg, MD, receives 2018 Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award

Anesthesiologist FRED ROTENBERG, MD, has received the 2018 Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award, which recognizes a Miriam Hospital physician who teaches at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Rotenberg serves as a clinical assistant professor of surgery (anesthesiology) at Brown. Medical student Rachel Occhiogrosso nominated Rotenberg for the award.

“He took an interest in our personal and professional development and has years of wisdom to share. I particularly enjoyed his warmth and enthusiasm for working with medical students – a true gem of the Miriam Hospital,” Occhiogrosso wrote.

Rotenberg lives on the East Side of Providence, where he was born and raised.

He obtained his undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis and master’s degree in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Rhode Island. He earned his medical degree from the Warren Alpert Medical School and interned at The Miriam in 1981. Rotenberg completed his residency and fellowships at Massachusetts General Hospital. Rotenberg has been an attending anesthesiologist at The Miriam since 1986 and has taught Brown medical students for 32 years.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association, held at the hospital on June 14.

The Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award was created in 2007 by a gift from the Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman family to recognize excellence in teaching by a Miriam Hospital/Brown Medical School faculty member who is currently and actively involved in the education of medical students, resident physicians and other colleagues.

Ilse Jenouri, MD, named 2018 Outstanding Physician of the Year at Miriam

ILSE JENOURI, MD, MBA, FACEP, has been named the 2018 Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year at The Miriam Hospital.

Jenouri has served as the medical director of The Miriam’s Emergency Department since her appointment to the position in July 2017.

The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association sponsors the award, which is described as “the highest recognition that can be given to a member of our medical staff.” The award recognizes physicians for outstanding contributions to medicine, leadership, professionalism and patient care. Winners are nominated by their peers.

ALEX KEARNEY, MD, one of several physicians to nominate Jenouri, wrote that she has “been a champion for both patient care and physician/employee wellness. She is always working to make sure that patients are getting the best care possible and that physicians feel supported.”

“Dr. Jenouri has been a dynamic leader, keeping a positive attitude and supporting her colleagues, staff, and advocating for patients,” wrote another colleague ANDREW MUSITS, MD. “The new clinical decision unit has also opened under her leadership, allowing for a new avenue to better care for patients.”

VICTORIA LEYTIN, MD, added, “She assumed the leadership position with competence and grace. On a near daily basis, she is found walking the department, problem-solving, and making sure that all is running as smoothly as possible.”

Jenouri completed her residency in emergency medicine with The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and joined the medical staff of The Miriam Hospital in 2002 as an attending physician. She served as the associate medical director of the ED for six years.

In 2018 and 2017, Jenouri was recognized as a “Top Doc” for emergency medicine by Rhode Island Monthly magazine. University Emergency Medicine Foundation 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.

Jenouri is a graduate of the State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine and completed her residency in emergency medicine with The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Jenouri was presented the outstanding physician award at the annual meeting of the Medical Staff Association, held at The Miriam Hospital on June 14.

The award is named after Charles Carpenter, M.D., 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. He achieved widespread recognition for his work in treating diseases in developing countries and for training a generation of researchers in the field of international health.
Peter Monti, PhD, receives 10th Annual NIAAA Jack Mendelson Award

PETER M. MONTI, PhD, the Donald G. Millar Distinguished Professor of Alcohol and Addiction Studies, professor of behavioral and social sciences, and director of the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies in the Brown University School of Public Health, has been awarded the 10th Annual Jack Mendelson Award from the National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

Each year, the award’s recipient is selected by NIAAA staff scientists and awarded to “an outstanding alcohol investigator whose clinical research makes a substantial contribution toward increasing our understanding of the effects of alcohol on health and well-being, and improving the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of alcohol-related problems.”

Dr. Monti will deliver an Honorary Lecture on October 23, in Bethesda, Maryland.

Amanda Morse, a Navy Veteran, watches her drive from an Ottobock sit-to-stand sporting power chair Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Button Hole Golf Course in Providence during the golf expo of the VA New England Healthcare System’s ninth annual Summer Sports Clinic, hosted by the Providence VA Medical Center and the Boston VA Health Care System. This was Morse’s first summer sports clinic. “This is amazing! We don’t get a lot of recreation,” she said. “It helps you realize you can still do the things you want to do.” More than 40 disabled Veterans traveled to Rhode Island for the special rehabilitation-related sporting clinic, which ran July 16 through 19, and featured adaptive sporting events including golf, archery, cycling, kayaking, sailing and deep sea fishing.

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Butler Hospital Foundation raises $80,000 to support Zero Suicide Initiative

PROVIDENCE – Butler Hospital Foundation raised more than $80,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, and silent auction at A Masterpiece of Hope, hosted at the Providence Art Club on May 16. The gathering generated awareness for Butler Hospital’s services and research, and raised funds to support the launch of its Zero Suicide Initiative. Approximately 130 community members and Butler and Care New England clinicians, researchers, and staff were in attendance to honor MICHAEL N. MATONE as Corporation Member of the Year and PAUL M. COTE with the Lila M. Sapinsley Community Service Award. The event was co-chaired by John Sinnott and Kelly Doern.

Matone has worked with the hospital for nearly two decades, serving as chair of the Butler Hospital Foundation in 2014 and 2015. He has participated in capital campaigns and fundraising events and is a strong advocate for Butler’s mission and services. Matone received the award at a board meeting earlier in the month as he was unable to attend the fundraiser.

Cote is a longtime supporter of Butler’s Memory and Aging Program (MAP), with which he became associated through his father’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease. He is also a volunteer member of the hospital’s Art and History Committee, and one of his paintings hangs in the hospital’s Arboretum. He hosts fundraising events to support MAP and the Alzheimer’s Association Rhode Island Chapter.

The Zero Suicide Initiative is a national effort to conceptualize suicide deaths as a preventable medical error in health care environments. Butler Hospital is taking initial steps to adopt a goal of zero suicide deaths in its inpatient and partial hospital treatment programs and for 30 days post-discharge.

It will take several years to implement employee education, evaluate new interventions, and establish a community safety network. Clinical and research teams will work together to develop data collection and measurement processes; to educate staff on an evidence-based suicide risk assessment tool; to define consistent language to frame suicide risk and related behaviors; to establish post-discharge communication protocols for patients’ primary care and other community-based providers for a stronger safety net; and to engage insurance companies in developing special payment models to cover the post-discharge care as part of a treatment plan.

Congressman Joseph Kennedy named 2017 Southcoast Health–Hero for Health Award recipient

NEW BEDFORD, MASS – Southcoast® Health announced that Congressman JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III, has been named the recipient of the 2017 Southcoast Health–Hero for Health Award.

The annual Southcoast Health–Hero for Health Award is presented to outstanding leaders who, through their work, advocate for optimal health and wellness in our region, state and country and thus exemplify the mission of Southcoast Health.

“Congressman Kennedy represents the true meaning of the Southcoast Health–Hero for Health Award,” said KEITH A. HOVAN, President & CEO of Southcoast Health. “He believes that access to quality healthcare is a right that belongs to every American. And he demonstrates that belief everyday, as he fights tirelessly for legislation that supports mental health care and substance abuse disorder treatment, and ensures that hospitals like Southcoast Health can serve the most vulnerable populations.”
Kent Hospital receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

WARWICK – Kent Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Kent Hospital earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

“Kent Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative,” said ARSHAD IQBAL, MD, chief of neurology and director of the Stroke Center at Kent Hospital. “The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes.”

Kent Hospital additionally received the association’s Target: Stroke Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient’s arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

Fatima receives stroke care achievement award

Fatima Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s “Get With The Guidelines” Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award.

Fatima earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period.

“Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates,” said DAVID KOBIS, Fatima Hospital President.

Women & Infants Fertility Center awarded Ultrasound Practice Accreditation

Women & Infants Fertility Center has been awarded ultrasound practice accreditation in the area[s] of gynecologic ultrasound and first-trimester obstetric ultrasound by the Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

Women & Infants Fertility Center achieved this recognition by meeting rigorous voluntary guidelines set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. All facets of the practice were assessed, including the training and qualifications of physicians and sonographers; ultrasound equipment maintenance; documentation; storage, and record-keeping practices; policies and procedures to protect patients and staff; quality assurance methods; and the thoroughness, technical quality and interpretation of the sonograms the practice performs.

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South County Health President & CEO Louis Giancola to retire

WAKEFIELD – After eighteen years serving as President & CEO of South County Health, LOUIS GIANCOLA has announced his intention to retire to the Board of Trustees. As the Board begins the process to select his successor, he will continue in his role to ensure a smooth transition.

“The decision was not an easy one because of my deep connection to the organization, staff, and the community,” said Giancola. “It has been my privilege and honor to be part of South County Health.”

Giancola’s contributions have led to significant improvements in South County Health’s ability to provide exceptional patient care while expanding the breadth and scope of healthcare and medical services into Washington County.

“Lou has made a generational impact on South County Health,” said DENNIS LYNCH, Chair of the Board of Trustees, South County Health. “The legacy he leaves is one of a robust, financially stable, independent healthcare system delivering high quality care across Washington County and beyond. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and the entire community, we thank him and wish Lou every happiness going forward.”

Mr. Giancola was appointed to the role of President & CEO of South County Health in 2000. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer at Lahey Health and Women & Infants Hospital. His experience in healthcare dates back to 1969 when he helped establish community health centers in the West. He then served in several director capacities before coming to Rhode Island in 1992.

“I am blessed to be ending my 50-year career in a place, and among people, that I care for so deeply,” said Giancola. “While I am excited about my upcoming retirement, I remain fully committed to advancing South County Health and working alongside those who have made this such a special place.”

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Obituaries

**MICHAEL GARY EHRLICH, MD**, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2018 at his home in Providence.

He attended medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he graduated Alpha Omega Alpha. After starting his career in New York City, he moved to Massachusetts in 1972 where he served as the Chief of Pediatric Orthopedics at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School for 18 years. For the next three decades he served as the Vincent Zecchino Professor and Chairman of Orthopedics at Brown University and Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals. He also served as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Lifespan Health System.

Over the course of his long and distinguished career, he was the recipient of countless honors and awards including the Milton W. Hamolsky, MD Outstanding Physician of the Year and the President’s Pursuit of Excellence Lifetime Champion Award in 2015. He recently became an Inaugural Fellow of the Orthopedic Research Society.

He was known for his tireless work ethic, signature bow ties, wry sense of humor and love of sailing. His legacy will live on through the countless students he mentored, the numerous medical teaching and research facilities that bear his name and the Michael G. Ehrlich, MD Endowed Chair in Orthopedic Research. He will also be remembered by the literally thousands of patients whose lives he touched as their physician.

He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Band Ehrlich, who was his partner in achieving his many accomplishments. He leaves behind his two sons, Christopher and Timothy, their wives, Sara and Isabella and five grandchildren, Charlotte, August, Julian, Harrison and June.

The Michael G. Ehrlich, M.D. Fund for Orthopedic Research has been established to support his lifelong passion and commitment to medicine. In his memory, contributions to the fund via the Rhode Island Foundation ([www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org)) would be greatly appreciated.

**DR. ALFREDO R. ESPARZA**, 85, died on July 1, 2018. Born in Mexico, he has been a Providence resident for several decades. Dr. Esparza was the chief of Pathology at Rhode Island Hospital for many years. He was also an artist and a longtime member of the Providence Art Club.

He leaves a sister, Diana R. Esparza of Providence. Donations in his memory may be made to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul or to the Providence Art Club.

**CASIMIRO GIAMPAOLO, MD**, died on June 25, 2018, at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, after a 10-year battle with a rare disease, Primary Amyloidosis (AL), an acquired plasma cell disorder.

Dr. Giampaolo was born on March 27, 1943 in New York City. He is survived by his loving wife, Jo Ellen Mistarz, and daughter, Giorgina (Gina) Giampaolo, Providence; his brother Joseph (Eileen Koretz), New York City; and sister Mary (Frank) Lacava, Congers, NY; and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Giampaolo practiced medicine for more than 45 years. He retired as Chairman, Department of Pathology, South County Hospital, Wakefield RI, where he served on the Executive Committee. After retiring in 2010, he continued a private pathology practice until 2016. Previously, Dr. Giampaolo served as Chairman, Department of Pathology, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth, NJ; Associate Professor of Pathology and Director, Pathology Residency Program, Mercy Hospital, Chicago; and Assistant Chief of Pathology, Boston City Hospital, among other positions. Dr. Giampaolo also worked as an Anatomic Pathologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, where he served after being drafted and deferring for education, achieving the rank of Major.

Dr. Giampaolo particularly loved working with medical residents and students and sharing his knowledge. He held numerous academic appointments, including: Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology at University of Illinois School of Medicine; Associate Professor at Boston University School of Medicine, and at Mallory Institute of Pathology. Dr. Giampaolo was an exceptional student who earned his medical degree at the University of Chicago and completed his residency at Harvard-affiliated hospitals in Boston. He earned his B.S. in mathematics, magna cum laude, at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. He ranked first in his class at Xavier High School in New York City. Dr. Giampaolo had an amazing memory and could recall virtually everything he had ever learned, although he would say that he could not. He continues to be an inspiration to his family.

In his memory, the family requests donations to be made to the Amyloid Research Fund at [http://www.bu.edu/amyloid/donate/](http://www.bu.edu/amyloid/donate/) at Boston University School of Medicine. Donations also can be mailed to: The Amyloidosis Center, 72 E. Concord Street, K503, Boston, MA 02118.