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Care New England introduces Physician Leadership Academy

In April Care New England (CNE) kicked off a new Physician Leadership Academy intended to enhance physician leadership development within CNE through a program focused on the most common and complex issues facing the health care industry.

The inaugural class is comprised of the following 12 physicians from across CNE: KEVIN BAILL, MD (Butler Hospital); ADAM CZYNSKI, DO (Women & Infants Hospital); ANA FULTON, MD (Care New England); CHRIS FUREY, MD (Kent Hospital); JOHN GELZHISER, MD (Kent Hospital); AMY HALT, MD (Butler Hospital); ERICA HARDY, MD (Women & Infants Hospital); MELISSA MURPHY, MD (Kent Hospital); NAVEED RANA, MD (Kent Hospital); ROXANNE VREES, MD (Women & Infants Hospital); and JOANN WILKINSON, MD (Kent Hospital).

The Physician Leadership Academy program directors are JAMES E. FANALE, MD, president and chief executive officer, CNE; CHESTER HEDGEPETH, III, MD, PhD, executive chief of cardiology, CNE; MAUREEN PHIPPS, MD, executive chief of obstetrics and gynecology, CNE, and chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Brown University; and RAYMOND POWRIE, MD, executive chief of medicine, CNE.

“CNE is excited to be offering such an important training and development program for our physicians,” said Dr. Fanale. “Further investing in physician leaders will only serve to strengthen our system as a whole while creating a foundation of leadership for the future.”

The 12-month leadership academy curriculum includes implementing quality improvement initiatives while focusing on containing cost, changing payer relationships, the influence of accountable care organizations on population health and health care financing, bundled payment initiatives, Medicare and Medicaid finance, market consolidation, disparities in health outcomes, and funding for medical education and research.

Regional and national health care experts will participate as guest faculty presenters, while members of CNE’s executive leadership team will also serve as session presenters. CNE’s access to industry experts, combined with its clinical depth and rich array of nationally and regionally recognized clinicians, ensure academy participants are receiving the best possible training, while maintaining minimal costs to implement this educational opportunity.

In addition to the curriculum work, participants will be expected to participate in a significant team-based project currently underway or in development at CNE. Each participant will also be assigned an executive-level advisor who will work with them throughout the duration of the program.

“At the culmination of this enriching and educational opportunity, participants will be expected to have gained a greater level of insight into their personal leadership approach, better understand health care finance and funding mechanisms, have deeper knowledge of population health management and accountable care organizations, and understand aspects of hospital and medical group operations, among other health care-related expertise,” said Dr. Fanale. “This program is expected to help CNE develop emerging leaders and plan for continuity across leadership roles throughout CNE.”
Jeffrey Gaines, MD, named chief medical officer at Newport Hospital

Newport Hospital has appointed Jeffrey Gaines, MD, a veteran of the hospital’s emergency department, to serve as vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer, effective July 1.

Hospital President Crista F. Durand announced on Tuesday, April 16 that Gaines will succeed Thomas M. McGue, MD, who served as the chief medical officer from 2013 until January 2019.

“After a national search, Dr. Gaines emerged as the top talent to help champion our mission and move our quality platform forward,” said Durand. “His energy, vision and leadership skills, combined with his thorough understanding of the culture of Newport Hospital, make him an ideal choice. His years of clinical experience in emergency medicine, his dedication and empathy, and his service in numerous leadership roles throughout the hospital will prove a significant benefit for patients and staff alike. I’m delighted to welcome him to this new role.”

Gaines has worked in a full-time clinical role in the emergency department of Newport Hospital for the past 10 years. He served as medical staff president from 2016 to 2017.

“I am deeply honored to become part of Newport Hospital’s rich history,” Gaines said. “I’m passionate about upholding the hospital’s tradition of excellence while bringing innovative ideas to fruition. I welcome the opportunity to both serve, and lead, the hospital with the entire senior leadership team.”

Gaines is a clinical assistant professor in the emergency medicine department of The Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University.

Gaines graduated from Wayne State University cum laude with honors and earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at University of Pittsburgh Affiliated, where he was named chief resident, and is a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He serves on the staff of Brown Emergency Physicians.

Gaines is currently working toward a master’s degree in health care management at Harvard University.

Gaines lives in Barrington with his wife, Sarah, an emergency medicine physician at The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. They have two daughters.

Prabjot Channa, MD; Andrew Young, MD, MPH, join LPG Ophthalmology

Lifespan Physician Group Ophthalmology (LPG) recently welcomed two new physicians to its team.

Prabot Channa, MD, an Associate Professor of Surgery, Clinical Educator at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, is the Director of the Cornea Service at Rhode Island Hospital. Her areas of expertise include cornea and external disease and cataract surgery.

Dr. Channa, a board-certified ophthalmologist, received her MBBS from Goa Medical College, Goa, India and completed her ophthalmology residency there. She completed her fellowship in Cornea and External Disease at the Arvind Eye Hospital. She then completed a Cornea, External Disease, and Uveitis fellowship at the Francis Proctor Foundation at the University of California, San Francisco and residency in Ophthalmology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York. Before moving to Providence, she was Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

Andrew Young, MD, MPH, provides primary eye care and diagnoses and treats common eye conditions. His areas of expertise include the medical and laser treatment of glaucoma. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

A board-certified ophthalmologist, he received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the Alpert Medical School of Brown University’s PLME program. He completed his internship in internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and his ophthalmology residency at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He subsequently completed his fellowship in glaucoma at the University of California, San Diego. He received his MPH in Community Health Sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to returning to Providence, he was Assistant Clinical Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Young speaks Spanish and German.
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Recognition

Sharon Rounds, MD, to receive ATS Foundation 2019 Breathing for Life Award

SHARON ROUNDS, MD, will receive the 2019 Breathing for Life Award – the highest honor given to an American Thoracic Society (ATS) member for philanthropy – during the Eleventh Annual ATS Foundation Research Program Benefit on Saturday, May 18, which will follow the Opening Ceremony at ATS 2019, Dallas, Texas.

As ATS president in 2004–2005, Dr. Rounds championed the formation of the ATS Foundation. Since then, the Foundation has given donors the confidence that one hundred percent of all donations for research support the ATS Foundation Research Program. In addition to being one of the most generous supporters of the Foundation, she served on the Foundation’s board from 2012 until 2018.

A distinguished researcher on the pulmonary circulation, Dr. Rounds has supported the Foundation’s efforts to advance the careers of promising young investigators in other ways. She chaired the ATS committee that selects grant recipients. Then, she told an interviewer, “We could double the number of grant recipients and not lose one iota of the quality of the research we fund.”

At Brown University, Dr. Rounds is a professor of medicine and of pathology and laboratory medicine and associate dean for clinical affairs. From 2006–2015, she was chief of the medical service at the Providence VA Medical Center. As an educator, she has been recognized more than a dozen times for her excellence in teaching and mentorship, including receiving the Elizabeth A. Rich, MD, Award from the ATS.

Throughout her career, she has pressed for more opportunities for women and minorities in the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, both at Brown and the ATS. Along with Alvin Thomas, MD, and Estelle Gauda, MD, she created the ATS Minority Trainee Development Scholarships program two decades ago. At Brown, for many years she was the principal investigator of an NIH-funded program to increase diversity in health-related research.

“This is the history of the United States of America: we’re only as good as our diversity,” she says. “It makes us better health care professionals, and it makes our research more relevant to the needs of the community.”

QING LU, DVM, PhD, began working with Dr. Rounds as a post-doc 16 years ago and is now associate professor at Brown funded by a National Institutes of Health RO1 Grant. “Sharon wants other people to be successful,” says Dr. Lu. “Without her support and confidence in me, I wouldn’t be in academic medicine today.”

ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, PhD, considers Dr. Rounds a pioneer. Sharon was among the few women “to do many things during her career in a very male dominated field,” says Dr. Harrington, who is co-director with Dr. Rounds of the CardioPulmonary Vascular Biology Center for Biomedical Research Excellence, an NIH-funded effort to build vascular biology expertise in Rhode Island. “She is an excellent researcher and selfless mentor whose successes are an inspiration to many others following in her footsteps.”

At a time of life when many consider retiring, Dr. Rounds remains active as a mentor, researcher, and clinician. She also remains active in the ATS.

Her long involvement with the ATS has its origins in her first presentation at the International Conference, given “on the afternoon of the last day,” when her mentor, the legendary head of Denver’s pulmonary and critical care program, Tom Petty, took a seat in the middle of the front row right before she began to talk. “It was a life-changing experience,” she recalls.

One might think that her many committee assignments and leadership roles within ATS are a way of paying the Society back for helping to launch her career. But Dr. Rounds, characteristically, offers a humbler explanation.

“I view my time contribution to ATS, not as work, but as fun,” she says. “The ATS is interesting and engaging and keeps my mind off things that I might find boring.”
Charlton recognized as Baby-Friendly Birth Facility by Baby-Friendly USA, Inc.

FALL RIVER – Charlton Memorial Hospital has received recognition as a designated Baby-Friendly birth facility by Baby-Friendly USA, Inc. This designation makes Southcoast Health an entirely Baby Friendly system. Tobey Hospital received Baby Friendly designation in 2011 and St. Luke’s Hospital in 2018.

“Baby Friendly designation is a very special accomplishment that we are all very proud of for many reasons. It is a special designation, first and foremost, as it is the very best way to treat, educate, and support our families,” said Jennifer Bloom, nurse manager of the family centered unit at Charlton Memorial Hospital. “Baby Friendly USA practices at Southcoast ensure that moms and babies receive the best possible care and promotes their best possible health.”

Baby Friendly USA designation facilities offer breast feeding education before, during and after child birth. Designated facilities promote and practice policies such as optimal early bonding care via skin to skin contact with mother and baby immediately after childbirth and keeping babies in room to help prepare parents for going home.

“This was a five-year journey for our unit. There were a lot of practice changes and change is always difficult at first,” said Terri Martin, RN, lactation consultant at Charlton Memorial’s family-centered unit. “The nurses on this unit were really the backbone of our success in obtaining this accreditation. Their dedication to provide continued support to our families was evident during this process.”

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The event will be held at the Marriott Providence Downtown, One Orms Street, on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 pm. It is open to both the medical and non-medical communities. To reserve a seat, contact Marc Bialek, mbialek@rimed.org or 401-331-1337. Information may also be found at www.rimedicalsociety.org/rhode-island-medical-women-s-association.html.

Megan L. Ranney, MD, named 2019 Woman Physician of the Year

The Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association (RIMWA) will honor MEGAN L. RANNEY, MD, MPH, FACEP, as Woman Physician of the Year on May 21 at its annual meeting. This award is given annually to a Rhode Island female physician who excels in both her field of medicine and her dedication to the betterment of our community.

Ranney obtained her undergraduate degree at Harvard College and received her medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, NY. Her residency training in Emergency Medicine was at Brown University in Providence, RI, where she was Chief Resident. Along with her residency training, Ranney pursued an Injury Prevention Research Fellowship and a Masters in Public Health, both at Brown University.

In addition to being a practicing emergency physician, Ranney is nationally known for her research and advocacy in the field of gun safety. She is Chief Researcher and Co-Founder of The American Foundation for Firearm Injury Reduction in Medicine (AFFIRM), comprised of healthcare professionals and researchers working together to curb the epidemic of firearm violence across the United States. She was appointed by Governor Gina Raimondo to Co-chair the Governor’s Gun Safety Work Group and is the Rhode Island Representative to a multi-state Governors’ Work Group on Firearm Injury Research.

Ranney’s awards and accolades include the “Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award,” Alpert Medical School, Brown University, “Forty Under Forty in Rhode Island” award, Providence Business News, the “Bruce Selya Research Award,” Lifespan Health System, and the “Technology Innovation Award,” University Emergency Medicine Foundation, Providence.

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Keith Hovan, chief executive officer for Southcoast Health, congratulates Baby Friendly taskforce, Charlton Memorial Hospital’s family-centered unit nurses and staff, Fall River community partner, WIC, and lactation specialist at Charlton Memorial Hospital for receiving recognition as a designated Baby-Friendly birth facility by Baby-Friendly USA, Inc.
Appointments

Jennifer Anderson, Certified Nurse Midwife, joins Southcoast Health Obstetrics & Gynecology

NEW BEDFORD – Southcoast Physicians Group welcomes JENNIFER ANDERSON, Certified Nurse Midwife to Southcoast Health Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Jennifer Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and a Master of Science degree, specializing in Midwifery, from the Columbia University School of Nursing in New York, N.Y. She has been a practicing Certified Nurse Midwife since 2007. Jennifer has experience caring for women with uncomplicated and high-risk pregnancies, as well as providing routine gynecologic and family planning services.

Jennifer is a member the American College of Nurse Midwives. Her clinical interests include the role of nutrition in health and disease, substance use disorders, and improving postpartum care and support for women and families.

Recognition

Kent Hospital Rehabilitation Program and Laboratory achieve accreditation

Kent Hospital has recently earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks). Each accreditation followed a rigorous survey and assessment.

The Rehabilitation Center at Kent has received CARF accreditation based on a survey of the hospital’s adult rehabilitation program, amputation specialty program, and stroke specialty program.

The Kent Hospital Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine has been accredited by the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, which the federal government recognizes as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s own inspection program. During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory’s records, standard operating procedures and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

The department has also been granted AABB accreditation for its transfusion service. Accreditation for AABB follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained AABB assessors and establishes that the level of technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds standards set by AABB.

Obituary

NAEEM MUHAMMAD SIDDIQI, MD, a urologist, refined poet, proud Rhode Islander, and lover of all things family, died on April 6, 2019, at the age of 84, surrounded by loved ones, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

One of nine children, he was born in Lucknow, India, the son of Hakim and Hafsina Siddiqi.

Dr. Siddiqi graduated from Aligarh Muslim University in India, and King Edward Medical College in Pakistan. After graduation it was his dream to train and practice in the United States. Through his characteristic hustle, he secured an internship at Lowell General Hospital and moved to the U.S. in 1959. Recognition of his intellect and unrivalled work ethic landed him a urology residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He then served in multiple academic positions including as a teaching fellow at Harvard Medical School and as a research fellow at Roger Williams Hospital.

In 1968, he married Nishat T. Siddiqi, and moved to Montreal to complete a MSc in Experimental Surgery at McGill University. He eventually settled in Cumberland, Rhode Island, where he worked at Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket for nearly 30 years, holding the positions of Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Chief of Urology on two separate occasions. He was also a Clinical Instructor of Surgery at Brown University.

In retirement, he was a voracious reader, frequent blogger, and avid Facebook poster. He loved anything that challenged him, taking up the clarinet and painting late in life and achieving success in both. He loved dining with friends and family, philosophizing about humanity, and reminding all that “life is good.” His most cherished role of all was that of grandfather to his two grandchildren. His favorite times were the one dedicated week each summer spent with his immediate family in beautiful locations throughout New England, always the one dedicated week each summer spent with his immediate family in beautiful locations throughout New England, always in beautiful locations throughout New England, always in beautiful locations throughout New England, always his treat. His generosity knew no bounds, having sponsored the education of numerous students throughout the world.

In addition to his wife of 51 years, Dr. Siddiqi is survived by eldest son Faraaz Siddiqi of Los Angeles, CA, youngest son Dr. Omar Siddiqi and his wife Elizabeth McCarthy, two grandchildren, Akayla Siddiqi and Zain Siddiqi, all living in Lusaka, Zambia.

Those who wish to make a gift in his memory can donate to his son Omar’s nonprofit organization providing neurological care in Zambia at neurologyz.com.
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