Appointments

Dr. C. James Sung appointed to leadership roles in Pathology And Laboratory Medicine at Women & Infants, Care New England, Brown

C. JAMES SUNG, MD, FCAP, has been appointed chief of pathology and laboratory medicine at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, executive chief of pathology and laboratory medicine at Care New England, and vice chair of pathology and laboratory medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Sung has served as interim chief since 2017.

“Dr. Sung has been an integral member of the leadership team of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for 20 years. For the past two years, he has led the entire department in an interim role, further stabilizing its operations, and modernizing and consolidating laboratory service across Care New England,” said JAMES E. FANALE, MD, president and chief executive officer, Care New England. “We are very pleased that he has accepted this most important role as we continue our work to best serve the needs of our communities.”

“Dr. Sung has done a wonderful job expanding the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine’s national reputation for excellence in diagnostic pathology,” said JONATHAN KURTIS, MD, PhD, Chair, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Stanley M. Aronson Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. “We look forward to continued growth in the department under Dr. Sung’s leadership, including ongoing investments in research and academic medicine.”

Previously, Dr. Sung served as vice chief of pathology and director of clinical pathology at Women & Infants and director of clinical pathology and laboratory informatics at Care New England. He is a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School, program director of the Stuart C. Lauchlan and International Visiting Fellowships in Women’s Pathology at Women & Infants/Brown, faculty liaison for the Brown University-National Cheng Kung University College of Medicine Exchange Program, and division commissioner for Rhode Island and Connecticut for the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Commission on Laboratory Accreditation.

Dr. Sung has authored or co-authored more than 90 publications and book chapters. An award-winning educator, Dr. Sung lectures locally and internationally and has been recognized by medical students, residents and fellows through a number of awards including the Dean’s Teaching Excellence Awards, Calvin Oyer Teaching Award, and Outstanding Teacher Awards.

Heather A. Smith, MD, MPH, reappointed to AMA legislative Council

The American Medical Association Board reappointed HEATHER A. SMITH, MD, MPH, a member of the AMA Foundation Board, to the Council on Legislation (COL). Her new one-year term begins July 1.

An obstetrician/gynecologist affiliated with Women and Infants Hospital, she is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Boston University School of Public Health.

Dr. Smith earned her medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and a certificate of health sciences research at Yale University. She completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital – Massachusetts General Hospital and is a graduate of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at Yale.
Above] The Medical School Procession marched down to the First Unitarian Church, where the Medical School Ceremony and awarding of degrees took place on May 26. Members of the Class of 2019 exiting the First Unitarian Church after graduating.

On the cover: The Class of 2019 Warren Alpert Medical School Procession paused for a group ‘selfie’ as they marched down to the First Unitarian Church, where the Medical School Commencement Ceremony and awarding of degrees took place on May 26th. Dr. Jack A. Elias, senior vice president for health affairs and dean of medicine and biological sciences, presided.

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Abigail Cope Davies, MD, a recipient of the Rhode Island Medical Society Herbert Rakatansky Prize, and a member of the Gold Humanism Society, will pursue a career in ob/gyn in Providence at Women & Infants Hospital. She is shown here with RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD.

Jonathan A Staloff, MD, the Rhode Island Medical Society Amos Throop Award recipient, and a member of the Gold Humanism Society is congratulated at this year’s commencement ceremony by RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD.

PHOTOS: RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Aaron Maury Shapiro, MD, MPH, Founder of Citizen Physicians, a 501(c)(3) and recipient of the US Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Award, celebrates graduation day. He will continue his residency training in Primary Care/Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the New York City.
Recognition

Twenty-three from Care New England graduate from RN to BS Program

In 2014, Care New England committed to the 80/20 plan for nurses with bachelor of science (BS) in nursing degrees in its workforce. The goal of this plan is to ensure that 80% of CNE’s nursing community holds a BS or higher by 2020. Later that year, CNE introduced an “RN to BS Program” in cooperation with the University of Rhode Island.

Recently, 23 nurses from across Care New England graduated from the URI College of Nursing. DEBORAH M. O’BRIEN, BS, RN, MPA, senior vice president of nursing for Care New England and president and chief operating officer at The Providence Center, offered opening remarks at the graduation. She told the graduates, “As the health care system transforms, it will breed new opportunities. And you will be able to shape the future with the skills you have learned in this program.”

She asked some of the graduates what they learned from the program, and found that many learned more than they thought they would, even those who have been a nurse for many years. They found that topics for new, unexpected learning included evidence-based practice, research, social justice, diversity, patient engagement, effective leadership skills, and an interest in developing new opportunities to better serve patients.

She concluded by saying, “Remember that during this era of health care transformation, you will be at the forefront of nurses and nurse leaders who will help to imagine new opportunities that revolutionize how we understand the health of our patients and how we can transform our communities.”

Below is the list of this year’s graduates from CNE:

- Lenna Bailey, Butler Hospital
- Melissa Blais, Women & Infants Hospital
- Nancy Braga, Women & Infants Hospital
- Michele Casavant, Women & Infants Hospital
- Lori-Ann Cook, Women & Infants Hospital
- Sandra Cook, Women & Infants Hospital
- Brenda Dolan, Kent Hospital
- Amy Fraser, Kent Hospital
- Elizabeth Gallagher, Butler Hospital
- Eric Gallagher, Butler Hospital
- Bianca Garnett, Women & Infants Hospital
- Melissa Imondi, Women & Infants Hospital
- Annmarie Izzo, Women & Infants Hospital
- Susan Lamora, Women & Infants Hospital
- Jennifer MacBain, Women & Infants Hospital
- Pamela McConnell, VNA of CNE
- Malgorzata Raczkowska, The Providence Center
- Nancy Sabetta, Women & Infants Hospital
- Carine Saint Felix, Butler Hospital
- Knarik Sarkisian, Kent Hospital
- Yunxia Toolan, VNA of CNE
- Toni Vale, VNA of CNE
- Elisa Vieira, Women & Infants Hospital
Recognition

Sarah Fessler, MD, receives CDC Childhood Immunization Awards

SARAH FESSLER, MD, received the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award, given jointly by the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and CDC, during National Infant Immunization Week, April 27–May 4, 2019.

Dr. Fessler, Medical Director at East Bay Community Action Health Services, volunteers on Rhode Island’s Vaccine Advisory Committee to provide guidance on issues related to vaccine policy and other activities related to the control of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Women & Infants Fertility Center named Nursing Center of Excellence

The Fertility Center at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island has been named a Nursing Center of Excellence by the Nurses’ Professional Group of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM).

The Fertility Center is the only such program in Rhode Island to achieve this recognition for nursing care.

“Nurses play a key role in providing compassionate, comprehensive care to patients, not to mention their importance in patient and family education and satisfaction,” said MATT QUIN, RN, interim chief operating officer and chief nursing officer at Women & Infants. “We are so proud of the nurses in our Fertility Center on this achievement.”

A center may achieve center of excellence designation if at least 50 percent of the practice’s registered nurses and/or nurse practitioners are experienced in reproductive endocrinology nursing and have completed additional training through ASRM. At Women & Infants’ Fertility Center, 70 percent of their nursing staff – 14 out of 20 registered nurses – completed the certificate examination. Additional nurses have already begun the coursework and preparation for the exam.

Women & Infants’ Fertility Center is a full-service reproductive endocrinology and fertility clinic. The Center’s experts have an international reputation for excellence, with more than 10 decades of combined experience dealing with complex fertility issues.

EPA honors Rhode Island Asthma Control Program with top leadership award

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently recognized the Rhode Island Department of Health as one of only three national winners of the 2019 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management. Each year during Asthma Awareness Month, EPA honors programs delivering excellent environmental asthma management as part of their comprehensive asthma care services to improve the lives of children and families with asthma.

“I am honored to award and congratulate the winners of the 2019 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management on behalf of EPA,” said EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation BILL WEHRUM.

The Rhode Island Department of Health Asthma Control Program, based in Providence, RI, serves children with asthma ages 0–17 in high poverty, urban cities throughout the state. The program partners with organizations including Hasbro Children’s Hospital, St. Joseph Health Center, New England Asthma Regional Council, United HealthCare and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative to deliver care. The evidence-based Home Asthma Response Program (HARP), which uses certified asthma educators and community health workers, conducts up to three intensive in-home sessions, including tailored environmental services. HARP’s community health workers reported reductions in environmental triggers including mold, pests, dust, pets, tobacco smoke and chemicals. In addition, using hospital claims data, the program was able to show a 75 percent reduction in asthma-related hospital and emergency department costs for HARP participants. And, for every dollar invested in HARP participants, the program realized a $1.33 return on investment. The program recently expanded to provide HARP home visiting services statewide for Medicaid-enrolled children.

“We are grateful for EPA’s recognition of the work we do with our partners to improve the lives of families affected by asthma,” said JULIAN DRIX, Manager of the Rhode Island Department of Health’s Asthma Control Program. “The Rhode Island Department of Health prioritizes health equity by addressing the socioeconomic and environmental factors that impact health. Together we are demonstrating how to reduce asthma emergencies by removing asthma triggers in homes and schools, helping to improve indoor and outdoor air quality, and ensuring high quality asthma services in both healthcare and community settings.”

Through AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org, EPA supports an online network of more than 1,100 community-based asthma programs with powerful, innovative tools and technical assistance to drive best practices, learning, and ongoing improvement of asthma care. EPA is committed to improving the lives of people with asthma by integrating sound science into effective public health programs around the country.

The other two 2019 award recipients are Mobile Care Chicago (Illinois), and the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (Nebraska).
Recognition

Dr. Christian Arbelaez, Dr. Brian Clyne recognized by Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine [SAEM] recognized two faculty members from Brown Physicians, Inc. [BPI] during its 30th SAEM annual meeting in Las Vegas. Selected from a pool of candidates nationally, Dr. Christian Arbelaez and Dr. Brian Clyne were selected as recipients of the prestigious awards for their contributions in the field of emergency medicine.

Dr. Arbelaez, an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs at Brown Emergency Medicine, received SAEM’s Marcus L. Martin Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion Award. This award distinguishes an emergency physician for their extraordinary leadership contributions to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in emergency medicine.

For more than 15 years, Dr. Arbelaez has worked to enhance the academic mission of clinical sites with a special emphasis on promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity. “I am honored to receive this award from SAEM,” Dr. Arbelaez said. “The issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity continue to be of the utmost importance across our faculty and trainees and will help address the disparities we see in our communities in the emergency department.”

Dr. Arbelaez, who also serves as the co-chair of BPI’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee, holds clinical appointments at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital, and Hasbro Children’s Hospital. A renowned leader whose scholarly work includes over 70 publications, Dr. Arbelaez has also helped build emergency care systems and public health policies in over 10 countries.

Dr. Brian Clyne, an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Medical Science as well as the Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Lifespan and the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, received the SAEM’s Hal Jayne Excellence in Education Award. This award honors a SAEM member who has made outstanding contributions to emergency medicine through the teaching of others and the improvement of pedagogy.

During his 20-year career, Dr. Clyne has earned national praise for teaching hundreds of medical students and residents and helping shape training programs for aspiring emergency physicians. “The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine recognizes that education is directly related to the quality of patient care. I am very honored to receive this award, especially considering the impact prior recipients have had on our specialty,” Dr. Clyne said.

Dr. Clyne practices emergency medicine at Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital, and Hasbro Children’s Hospital. He has published extensively on medical education, leadership development, career planning, and healthcare workforce issues.

Hospital Association of Rhode Island honors ‘Hospital Heroes’

Individuals from throughout the state were recently honored at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center for the Hospital Association of Rhode Island’s “Hospital Hero: Award for Excellence in Hospital Care” event.

The annual event was hosted by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island [HARI] and sponsored by the University of Rhode Island and President David Dooley at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center. Nine employees from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI Board of Trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to healthcare.

Recipients of the HARI “Hospital Hero: Award for Excellence in Hospital Care” include:

- MELISSA BURT
  Nurse Manager
  Butler Hospital

- CHRISTINE KETTELLE
  Behavioral Specialist
  Eleanor Slater Hospital

- JANICE COLVIN
  Registered Nurse
  Kent Hospital

- NICOLE ALLARD
  Certified Nursing Assistant
  Landmark Medical Center

- AMY FIGUEIRA
  Registered Nurse
  Providence VA Medical Center

- NANETTE DOAN
  ED Clinical Leader
  South County Health

- THOMAS HOY
  ED Clinical Leader, South County Health

- STEPHEN MCCARTHY
  Public Safety Supervisor
  Westerly Hospital

- DHAMARYS MURILLO
  Registered Nurse
  Women & Infants Hospital
Butler Hospital Foundation raises nearly $70,000 to support Senior Specialty Program

Approximately 150 attend ‘A Masterpiece of Hope II’ event to celebrate 175th Anniversary

PROVIDENCE – Butler Hospital Foundation raised nearly $70,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, and silent auction at A Masterpiece of Hope II, hosted at the historic Providence Art Club on May 8, 2019. The gathering generated awareness for Butler Hospital’s services and research, and raised funds to support highly-skilled and individualized mental health care for adults ages 65 and older in the Senior Specialty Program. Approximately 150 community members and staff were in attendance to honor KELLY DOERN as Corporation Member of the Year, and DR. BARBARA VAN DAHLEN with the Lila M. Sapinsley Community Service Award.

President and Chief Operating Officer MARY MARRAN, MS, OT, MBA, said, “Both Kelly and Dr. Van Dahlen are truly deserving of this special recognition. Their compassion and dedication to reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and to helping change the lives of our most vulnerable citizens is unparalleled.”

Doern has volunteered as a member of the hospital’s Community Development Committee and as a corporator since 2013. In 2014, she became a director of the Butler Hospital Foundation and is currently serving as secretary. For the past three years, Kelly has shared her expertise with hundreds of patients at Butler partnering on their annual Job Search: Resume Building and Interview Preparation workshops assisting those who are planning to get back into the work force. In addition she has served as co-chair with John Sinnott for the hospital’s Signature Event, A Masterpiece of Hope, in 2018 and 2019, helping to raise thousands of dollars.

Dr. Van Dahlen, named to TIME’s 2012 list of the 100 most influential people in the world, is the president of Give an Hour®, a non-profit she founded in 2005 to provide free mental health services to the military and veteran community Give an Hour’s nearly 7,000 mental health professionals have given more than 284,000 hours of care valued at over $28 million. Dr. Van Dahlen also developed the Campaign to Change Direction®, a global initiative focused on changing the culture of mental health, which launched in 2015 with former First Lady Michelle Obama as keynote speaker.

Proceeds from the signature event will help support the Senior Specialty Program at Butler Hospital, which provides critically important treatment for adults age 65 and older with Alzheimer’s disease, memory disorders, depression, anxiety, and other conditions that may cause behavioral difficulties.

Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen received the Lila M. Sapinsley Community Service Award at the event. She is shown here with James Fanale, MD, President of Care New England.

Kelly Doern was recognized as the Corporation Member of the Year, and is shown here with Butler President and Chief Operating Officer Mary Marran.
Recognition

David Portelli, MD, recognized by peers with ‘Service to Hospital Award’

PROVIDENCE – DAVID PORTELLI, MD, medical director of Rhode Island Hospital’s Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center, was recently honored by his colleagues in the Rhode Island Hospital Medical Staff Association with the “Service to Hospital Award.” The award recognizes a physician who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the hospital above and beyond the call of duty, distinguished by professionalism, leadership, excellence, and innovation.

“The role of medical director of the Rhode Island Hospital Emergency Department is unrelenting: we are open 24/7/365, and there is always an emergency – literally,” says JEREMIAH SCHUUR, MD, Lifespan chief of emergency medicine, in his nomination letter. “Anyone who has worked with [Dr. Portelli] can attest, he is fully committed to his job… and to improving patient care and operations in the ED. Dave leads in his service by example. He works the hardest clinical shifts, is one of our most efficient physicians, and never asks for credit…[He] is an advocate for all patients. He expects the best…of himself, the ED faculty, residents and staff as well as of the rest of the hospital.”

Rhode Island Hospital’s emergency department is not only the busiest in the state, but the second busiest ED in New England, and 35th in the country in terms of adult patient volume. In 2018, the department had more than 100,000 patient visits. With the region’s only Level One Trauma Center, only Comprehensive Stroke Center, and highest level of cardiac care, among other specialized services, the Anderson Emergency Center sees the region’s most critical injuries and most acutely ill patients.

“Dr. Portelli is incredibly deserving of this recognition by his physician colleagues,” said MARGARET M. VAN BREE, MHA., DRPH, president of Rhode Island Hospital. “He works tirelessly, and has been a key leader not only in the emergency department but in heading the hospital’s quality improvement committee. His dedication to his patients and his colleagues is clear, as is his commitment to advancing emergency medicine.”

Portelli is a Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; he is a fellow of the American Academy of Emergency Physicians and of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, and a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He has received numerous awards for his commitment to safety and quality improvement, as evidenced in not only his own practice but his service leadership of departmental and hospital committees. He has been recognized with several teaching excellence awards as well, and was the University Emergency Medicine Foundation’s “Outstanding Physician” in 2010.

Portelli earned his undergraduate degree at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, followed by medical school at State University of New York – Stony Brook. He completed his residency in internal and emergency medicine at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI, where he remained on staff for six years as a practicing physician and co-director of the emergency/internal medicine residency program. There, he also developed the nation’s first six-year emergency/internal/critical care combined training program. Portelli came to Rhode Island in 2003, serving as an attending emergency physician at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, until assuming his current role in 2014. ✦
Newport Hospital has received notice that it has once again attained Magnet® recognition for nursing excellence, joining a select group of hospitals that have received the four-year designation four consecutive times.

The honor, bestowed upon the hospital by The American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Magnet Recognition Program®, is considered the gold standard for nursing excellence and provides consumers with the ultimate benchmark for measuring quality of care. Only hospitals that meet the rigorous standards for high-quality nursing excellence can achieve Magnet recognition, the highest national honor for professional nursing practice.

Newport Hospital has continuously maintained Magnet recognition since 2004. This year, the hospital was further commended for demonstrating exemplary nursing in four specific areas: nursing professional development, behavioral health screening, emergency nursing and infection control.

“I’m not sure people understand what a tremendous accomplishment it is to attain Magnet designation four times in a row,” said CRISTA DURAND, Newport Hospital president. “There are only 498 hospitals in the entire world that are Magnet certified, and only 53 globally that have achieved four-time Magnet status. It really is the highest possible standard for nursing excellence. As a hospital president, it makes me immensely proud to see our outstanding nursing staff recognized in this way. And for our community, it brings home that our patients and family members can rely on some of the best nursing care in the country.”

According to the Magnet Recognition Program® Commission, the designation provides benefits to hospitals and their communities, including the following:

• Higher patient satisfaction with nurse communication, availability of help, and receipt of discharge information
• Lower risk of 30-day mortality and lower failure to rescue rates
• Higher job satisfaction among nurses

“This is really a credit to every member of our nursing staff, who bring such dedication and commitment to excellence to their work,” said ORLA BRANDOS, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer. “We have more than 95 nurses on staff who hold specialty certification, and such a deep pool of talent, skill and compassion throughout our entire nursing team. I’m so proud to lead these extraordinary professionals, and to have the exceptional care they provide to our patients recognized by the Magnet Commission.”

To achieve Magnet recognition, organizations must pass a rigorous and lengthy process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff. This process includes an electronic application, written patient care documentation, an on-site visit, and a review by the Commission on the Magnet Recognition Program®.
**Obituaries**

**EDWARD F. ASPRINIO, MD**, 93, of Warwick, died on May 9, 2019. He was the husband of 61 years of Anna (Keegan) Asprinio whom he met at St. Joseph’s Hospital while completing his medical residency.

He was a longtime communicant of St. Rose and Clement Parish and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

He served in the US Navy from 1944 to 1946 aboard the USS John R. Pierce. Upon returning to the United States, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and his medical degree from the University of Bologna, Italy. While in Italy, he was the pitcher for the Calselecchio Calze Verdi (Green Sox).

He practiced family medicine in Warwick, Rhode Island for over 50 years. He also served as an emergency department physician at Kent County Memorial Hospital, as an associate medical examiner for the state of Rhode Island, as a physician in the University of Rhode Island infirmary and as a team physician for University of Rhode Island athletic department.

He was an active member of the Rhode Island chapter of the Bologna University Alumni Association, past president of Kent County Memorial Hospital Medical Staff and past president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

His continued love for baseball was evident in his coaching activities in the Continental Little League and Warwick Police Athletic League.

He was as avid fan of the New England Patriots, New York Yankees and the University of Rhode Island Rams. Being all about faith, family and friends, his favorite pastimes were conversation and participating in events with his loved ones.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Dr. Jane and Edward O’Brien; his son Mark Asprinio; his son and daughter-in-law Steven and Jeannine Asprinio; his daughter and son-in-law Dr. Jane and Edward O’Brien; his son Mark Asprinio; his daughter and son-in-law Karen and John Tobin. And his most prized possessions: his grandchildren: Elizabeth Asprinio, Edward Tobin, Michael Asprinio, Eric Asprinio and Frederick Asprinio.

He is also survived by his brother Donald Asprinio, his sister Barbara Piccirilli, brother-in-law Anthony Piccirilli, sisters-in-law Dorothy Asprinio, Jean Asprinio and Rose Asprinio and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Thomas and Eileen Keegan.

He was predeceased by his son John, his brothers Alfred, Paul and Carl Asprinio and his brothers-in-law Joseph, Bernard and Vincent Keegan.

**ALAN RICHARD COTE, MD**, 67, of Barrington, passed away at home on May 5, 2019. He was the loving husband of Leslie L. (Lipp) Cote. They were married for 37 years.

Born in Providence and raised in Pawtucket, Dr. Cote is survived by their five children: Tyler L. Cote and his wife Stephanie of Barrington, Parker L. Cote of Boston, Jamison L. Cote of San Francisco, Hollyn V. Cote of Charleston, and Hunter L. Cote of San Francisco. He was the adoring “Pop-Pop” to two grandchildren, Walker Alan and Harper Claire of Barrington.

Dr. Cote is also survived by his brother, Dr. Norman A. Cote and wife Joyce of Portsmouth and his sister Cheryl L. Soucy and husband Roger of Hopkinton, MA. Dr. Cote is survived by several nieces and nephews and their children.

Dr. Cote graduated from Tolman High School, where he starred on the football and baseball teams. A skilled martial artist and blackbelt in Taekwondo, he was disciplined and reflective. He developed an appreciation for knowledge and was a lifelong learner. These qualities served him in his educational pursuits. He graduated at the top of his class from the University of Rhode Island and later Brown Medical School. After completing his surgical residency at Yale University, he was a resident in Neurology at the Brigham and Womens’ Hospital. He then completed a residency in Ophthalmology at Tufts Medical Center. Dr. Cote completed his training as a Neuro-Ophthalmology fellow at Mass General Hospital.

Dr. Cote opened his Ophthalmology practice in Fall River, MA in 1987. For 32 years, he faithfully served his staff and patients, many of whom became close friends and family.

Dr. Cote was the epitome of a family man and devoted himself fully to the people he loved. He was happiest when surrounded by his family, on family vacations, celebrating holidays or at home. He was known for his unrelenting loyalty to his wife, siblings, and friends. The great lengths he would go to ensure the happiness and comfort of those around him became the stuff of family legend. He enjoyed visiting baseball parks with his children and taking nature walks with his grandchildren. He was soft-spoken and quick-witted. He taught us to be generous, to love and look out for each other, and to appreciate the time we share. He will be forever remembered and deeply missed by his family and friends.
FRANK M. DETORIE, MD, 80, of Morgan Lane, died Saturday, May 11, 2019 at home. He was the beloved husband of Margaret “Maggie” (Nalevanko) Detorie. Dr. & Mrs. Detorie had been married for fifty-four years.

Born in Baltimore, MD, a son of the late Frank and Anna (Franco) Detorie, he had lived in Lincoln for forty-six years, moving to Smithfield in 2018.

A graduate of Loyola University and the University of Maryland Medical School, Dr. Detorie was the former Chief of Surgery at Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket, and had his own surgical practice in Cumberland, retiring three years ago.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Kirkbrae Country Club for 44 years, and a member of the American College of Surgeons, and past President of the Woonsocket Medical Society. He served in the Public Health Service from 1967–1968.

Besides his wife Maggie, he is survived by his loving family by his side. He was the hospital's first board-certified surgeon and practiced medicine locally for 40 years, during which time he was honored to care for generations of patients and to serve as a clinical teacher to Brown University medical students.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Crisafulli received numerous awards, including the Irving Addison Beck Laureate Lifetime Achievement Award of the American College of Physicians.

His intellectual curiosity knew no bounds and was perhaps only exceeded by his generosity of spirit and unique sense of humor. He loved life and his family passionately.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his loving children Laura Kennedy and her husband John, Marc Crisafulli and his wife Melissa, Christopher Crisafulli and his wife Janine, and Rachel Toncelli and her husband Andrea. He was the adoring grandfather of Gabriella Crisafulli, Tyler Crisafulli, Silvia Toncelli, Hannah Kennedy, Sara Toncelli, Sophia Crisafulli, Jack Toncelli, and Tristan Kennedy. He was the brother of Santo Crisafulli, Jr. and Pietrina of Gabriella Crisafulli, Tyler Kennedy, Samuel Crisafulli, Jacob Crisafulli, Matthew Crisafulli, Silvia Toncelli, Hannah Kennedy, Sara Toncelli, Sophia Crisafulli, Jack Toncelli, and Tristan Kennedy. He was the brother of Santo Crisafulli, Jr. and Pietrina McCormack and beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews.

In his memory, donations may be made to the St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

MARIO TAMI, MD, FACP, 90, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 15, 2019 after a long and wonderful life. He was the husband of the late Ella (Holmes) Tami. Mario was born in Gaeta, Italy, to Merchant Marine Captain Tullio and Carmen (Mitran0) Tami.

Mario graduated from the University of Genoa, Summa Cum Laude, before immigrating to the U.S. in the 1950s. A kind and patient man, his patients respected him immensely. He was a dedicated physician and patient advocate. He became the Chief of Medicine at Fogarty Memorial Hospital from 1966–1978, where Mario was instrumental in organizing the I.C.U. He was also affiliated with Roger Williams Hospital, and had his private practice in Providence and North Smithfield. Mario was well respected in Rhode Island. He was always interested in travel, the fine arts, and science. After his retirement, he spent time on his computer everyday, sharing his knowledge with many people.

He leaves behind his daughters, (Elizabeth) Kay Tami, (Patri cia) Ann Cahir, and her children, Ian and Dylan Cahir. He also leaves his older brother, Livio Tami and his family. He was predeceased by his son, Paul. He will be greatly missed by many.

JOHN J. WALSH, JR., MD, 97 of South Kingstown died peacefully at South County Hospital on May 3, 2019. He was the loving husband of Agnes (Farrell) Walsh for sixty years.

Dr. Walsh graduated from Boston College High School and Boston College and went on to receive his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School in 1947. Dr. Walsh served in the Navy honorably during World War II and the Korean War. He remained a member of the Navy reserves and retired with the rank of Commander. Dr. Walsh began his civilian medical career at City Hospital in Boston. He arrived at South County Hospital in 1953 where he spent 57 years of his 63-year medical career. He was the hospital’s first board-certified surgeon and also served as the hospital’s Chief of Surgery. Dr. Walsh practiced general surgery until the age of 65 when he put away his scalpels. His retirement was short-lived and he spent the next
24 years in the emergency department at South County Hospital until the first day of his final retirement which coincided with his 89th birthday on January 1, 2011.

Dr. Walsh provided pro bono medical services to the De La Salle Christian Brothers at the Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett as well as to the students at the Ocean Tides School. As a result of his charitable work, Dr. Walsh was named an honorary member of the Christian Brothers community in 1975. His dedication to the community extended beyond his medical career as evidenced by his membership in the Wakefield Rotary Club for more than 30 years. He was president of the Wakefield Chapter from 1968 to 1969 and was named Rotarian of the Year in 1981.

Jack was also a founding member of the Dunes Club in Narragansett. In his down time Jack could be found satisfying his voracious appetite for reading and completing crossword puzzles. His quiet nature was only interrupted by his dry wit and well-timed sense of humor. His one true love was always his wife, Aggie, whose well-being was his concern until the end.

He is survived by his four children, Patrick R. McNulty (Evon), Kevin J. Walsh (Debra), J. Timothy Walsh and Kerry F. Walsh (Darlene). Dr. Walsh was the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren, Kathleen, Kendra, Sarah, Eric, Jack, Ryan, Kaitlin and Lindsey and the great grandfather of Kayla, Kasey, Emerson, Lisette, Ariana, Charlie and Caroline. He is also survived by his sisters, Cecelia, Mary and Theresa and many loving family members. He was predeceased by his daughter Karen Vendetti and his brothers William and Thomas and his sister Helen.

Donations in his memory can be made in Dr. Walsh’s name to Hope Health Hospice and Palliative Care, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904, www.hopehealthco.org.