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## Appointments

### Dr. Hwamee Oh named director of imaging research for The Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital

The Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital has named **HWAMEE OH, PhD**, as director of imaging research. Dr. Oh has also joined the Butler Hospital staff as a cognitive neuroscientist and has been named assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University, an affiliate of the Memory and Aging Program.

Dr. Oh is a cognitive neuroscientist with expertise in multi-platform imaging that combines functional, structural, and diffusion MRI with amyloid and tau PET to detect changes in memory systems with aging and Alzheimer's disease. In her new role at the Memory and Aging Program, Dr. Oh will build upon and enhance the program's research focusing on using imaging to detect the development of Alzheimer's disease before symptoms become apparent and offering patients the best chance at slowing the progression of the disease through early intervention.

"We're thrilled that Dr. Oh has joined our team," said **DR. STEPHEN SALLOWAY**, director of neurology for the Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital and the Martin M. Zucker professor of psychiatry and human behavior and professor of neurology at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. "The expertise that Dr. Oh brings to our team will be extremely



valuable as we continue to move forward with research that's aimed not only at treating Alzheimer's and dementia, but at preventing it. The ability to predict that a person will likely develop Alzheimer's before symptoms appear offers patients the best chance at slowing the progression of the disease, or even one day preventing it altogether."

Prior to joining Butler Hospital and Brown University, Dr. Oh was the assistant professor at Columbia University from 2014 to 2017, working in the Department of Neurology and Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain. From 2017 to 2019 she served as assistant research professor at the State University of New York – Stony Brook. She has authored or co-authored 22 peer-reviewed publications with an emphasis on biomarker research and detecting Alzheimer's risk in older adults.

Dr. Oh received her bachelor of arts degree in English and master of arts degree in Psychology at Ewha Women's University in Seoul, followed by a PhD in Biopsychology from the State University of New York – Stony Brook in 2009. She went on to complete a five-year post-doctoral fellowship on the neuroscience of aging and Alzheimer's disease in a world-class laboratory at UC Berkeley. ♦

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## Recognition

### Southcoast Hospitals Group named Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report

FALL RIVER – Southcoast Hospitals Group, which includes Charlton Memorial Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and Tobey Hospital, has been named a Best Regional Hospital by *U.S. News & World Report*. The system is ranked #8 in Massachusetts and #2 in the Providence R.I. metro region.

Best Regional Hospitals are hospitals that offer a full array of services with high performing ratings in specialties, procedures and conditions. Southcoast Hospitals Group scored high performing ratings in the adult specialty, urology, in colon cancer surgery, and in the treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD) and heart failure.

Out of the 98 Massachusetts inpatient, long-term acute care and rehabilitation hospitals considered by US News & World Report only 9 made the Best Regional Hospital list placing Southcoast Hospitals Group in the top 10 percent for Massachusetts hospitals and top 13 percent in the nation. For the 2019–2020 rankings and ratings, *U.S. News* evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 25 specialties, procedures and conditions. Only 569 hospitals across the US made the list of Best Regional Hospitals. ♦

### Miriam ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* for Best Regional Hospital, urology services

The Miriam Hospital received two prestigious accolades when *U.S. News & World Report* came out with its annual Best Hospitals report for 2019–2020: The Miriam was not only named a Best Regional Hospital, as it has in years past, it also attained a national ranking for its urology services.

In making the Best Regional Hospital list, The Miriam joined 569 other U.S. hospitals – just one in 10 medical centers across the country – and was ranked the top hospital in Rhode Island. To make the list, hospitals must have received ratings of high performing in three or more specialties. The Miriam was actually classified as high performing in five areas: diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology and GI surgery; geriatrics; neurology and neurosurgery; and pulmonary and lung surgery.

Hospitals can also make the Best Regional Hospital list if they attain a national ranking in just 1 of 12 specialties and The Miriam met that criteria as well. For the first time, its urology services were ranked nationally, landing 27th on a list of 50 hospitals deemed to have the best urology program in the country. At The Miriam, urology services scored "excellent" in such vital areas as patient experience, 30-day survival rates and discharging patients directly home rather than to another medical facility.

"We are thrilled The Miriam Hospital ranked in the top 2% of urology institutes in the country. Together with urologic surgeons, oncologists, nephrologists, registered nurses, dietitians, therapists, social workers, researchers and so many others, we have developed a comprehensive urology program in Rhode Island that is unparalleled," said urologic surgeon **GYAN PAREEK, MD**, co-director of The Miriam's Minimally Invasive Urology Institute (MIUI) and director of The Miriam's Kidney Stone Center. "This recognition is an honor and testament to our entire team of caregivers, educators and researchers." ♦

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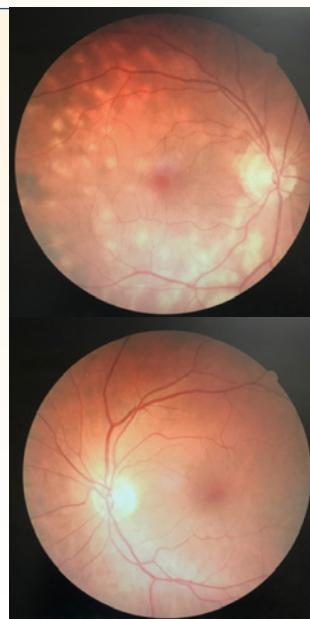
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From left to right: Drs. Michael Hulstyn, Stephen B. Gross, Dominic Kleinhenz, and Thomas Barrett.

## University Orthopedics expands to Westerly; adds physicians

WESTERLY – University Orthopedics this month opened their newest location adjacent to the Westerly Hospital campus.

Operating out of Westerly Hospital, physicians in this location will provide a full spectrum of services including sports medicine treatment, spine care, and adult reconstruction surgery.

In anticipation of the practice's newest location, University Orthopedics welcomed several doctors to its team of specialized physicians. Newly hired and current physicians that will be providing care at the Westerly site include **THOMAS BARRETT, MD**, a fellowship-trained adult reconstructive surgeon with advanced training in the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis; **STEPHEN B. GROSS, MD**, an experienced orthopedic surgeon who can treat a variety of muscle, joint and bone injuries; **MICHAEL HULSTYN, MD**, who specializes in adult and pediatric sports

medicine surgery, shoulder and knee surgery; and **DOMINIC KLEINHENZ, MD**, an orthopedic surgeon with a specialization in treating neck and back problems.

"We welcome these physicians to the Westerly Hospital medical staff," said **PATRICK L. GREEN**, president and CEO of Westerly Hospital. "The expansion of orthopedic care at Westerly Hospital will greatly enhance access for our patients seeking the highest quality care close to home."

"University Orthopedics is pleased to be able to provide the same level of high quality service to residents of Westerly," said **DR. EDWARD AKELMAN**, President of University Orthopedics. "We recognized the need for specialized orthopedic care in Westerly and we have finally laid down the groundwork to better serve these patients." ♦

## Newport Hospital celebrates ribbon cutting for transformed Emergency Department

Newport Hospital celebrated the expansion and renovation of its emergency department – and the naming of the unit as the John A. and Hope H. van Beuren Emergency Department – during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 14 that was attended by more than 100 people, including hospital leaders, community supporters and the philanthropic family whose van Beuren Charitable Foundation has been an extraordinary partner in the project.

The \$12.5 million project, which is nearing completion, is almost doubling the number of treatment rooms from 17 to 29 beds, and increasing the overall footprint to over 20,000sq. ft. with a capacity to serve 40,000+ patients annually. The completed project will realize a state of the art, patient inspired environment of care, to best meet the growing and evolving healthcare needs of Newport County. Key innovations include a dedicated Behavioral Health Pod, a dedicated Clinical Decision Unit for observation of patients, Results Lounge, and a tripling of the Triage Space, while ensuring the advancement and excellence of care. The entire Emergency Department expansion, main entrance, lounges and waiting areas, incorporate evidence-based design features, which support and advance excellence in healthcare delivery and the comfort and well-being of patients and their loved ones.

"Today marks a proud day in Newport Hospital's long-standing history. Our donors have once again rallied around a significant healthcare initiative. The new Emergency Department provides an innovative healing environment that matches the excellence in care we provide," said **CRISTA DURAND**, president of Newport Hospital. "I would like to acknowledge the resiliency of our providers and staff, who have not wavered during a year plus of construction during our busiest season. This is a testament to their talents and commitment to our community."

The project benefited from the extraordinary generosity of the van Beuren Charitable Foundation, through a \$3M grant, and led to the unit being named after long-time hospital philanthropists John A. and Hope H. van Beuren.

## Lifespan to open urgent care center in Warwick

The first Lifespan Urgent Care will open this month in Warwick at 17 Airport Road, a program of Lifespan Physician Group.

Clinic hours will be 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and some holidays. (Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.)

Lifespan will soon be announcing the date of the opening of the Warwick facility as well other Lifespan Urgent Care locations. ♦

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Additional outstanding financial support came from The Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust. A long-time supporter of the hospital, the trust awarded a challenge grant, matching \$1.5 million in donations early in the campaign.

"Beyond the Building: The Campaign for Newport Hospital" began with a \$10 million "silent phase" during which gifts were received from the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, individuals and organizations. The campaign was later opened up to the broader Newport County community, whose strong connection to Newport Hospital was evident in the outpouring of financial support for the 146-year-old community hospital. To date, through the support of nearly 400 donors, the \$12.5 million goal has been achieved. The emergency department expansion is being fully funded on philanthropy, a further testament of how close Newport Hospital is to the heart of the community.

The physical transformation of the department includes a four-bed behavioral health unit, providing patients more privacy and dignity. Visits by patients with addiction and/or mental health issues have increased by 17 percent during the last three years and now represent eight percent of all emergency room visits. Another major improvement is a new "clinical decision unit," deemed to be a national best practice for patients who need extended treatment and observation but who may not require a costly admission as an inpatient. ♦

## Obituaries



**DR. JOSEPH BARUCH**, 95, passed away on July 7, 2019. He was the beloved husband of the late Ernestine Baruch. Born in Hungary, Dr. Baruch was a Holocaust survivor who, after World War II, moved to Israel after some years in Austria, where he graduated from the Medical University of Innsbruck in 1951.

He came to the United States in 1954. From 1955 until his death, he was a resident of Rhode Island and worked as a psychiatrist for the State of Rhode Island until his retirement in 1984.

He is survived by his son, Benjamin Baruch, and his wife Elizabeth; son Michael Baruch, two grandchildren, one nephew, and two cousins.

Contributions to his memory may be made to the American Jewish JOINT Distribution Committee, JDC, PO Box 4124, New York 10163 or [www.jdc.org/ways-to-give](http://www.jdc.org/ways-to-give). ♦



**DR. JAY MARSHALL ORSON**, 91, passed away on Friday August 9, 2019. A beloved pediatrician, Dr. Orson specialized in pediatric endocrinology and was a Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at Brown University. He was born in Yonkers, NY. In 1956, he married actor Barbara (Tuschner) Orson. Together, they raised three children: twin daughters, Beth and Diane, and son Ted.

Dr. Orson was committed to serving children and families from all walks of life across the state and around the world. He co-founded Pediatrics Associates in the early 1960s. Parents would start calling the Orson home every morning at 6 a.m., and he'd drive his VW Beetle at all hours in all weather around Rhode Island making house calls. During his career, Dr. Orson traveled to teach and work in Uganda and Australia, and after retiring, volunteered as a reading tutor in the public schools. He also provided expert testimony on complex medical issues for the Social Security Administration well into his 80s.

Dr. Orson was an iconoclast with a unique, inquisitive mind. A great supporter of the arts, he loved to "jog" on Blackstone Blvd, go blue-fishing, and spend time with family and friends.

In addition to his children, he is survived by sons-in-law Tim Moran and Robert Elner, daughter-in-law Iris van der Walde, grandchildren Josh and Jacob Orson, Emily and Max Moran and Julia Elner.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hasbro Children's Hospital, Pediatric Palliative Care, PO Box H, Providence, RI 02901. ♦



**DR. PAUL EDWARD POIRIER**, 82, died August 18, 2019 at his home in Naples, FL. Born January 4, 1937 in Putnam, CT, he was the son of Lionel and Marie Poirier. Paul proudly served his country as a Navy corpsman, stationed in Jacksonville, FL.

He graduated from University of Connecticut and the University of Miami School of Medicine. After completing medical school, Paul worked as an orthopedic surgeon in Warwick, RI, and was a loving father to his five children, Michael, Matthew, Courtney, Jonathan, and Stacy. In his retirement, Paul volunteered with Senior Friendship Center. Paul is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Killingly High School, where he received 10 varsity letters. Along with his family, he had a passion for sports, especially the Red Sox, the Patriots, and the UConn Huskies.

In addition to his wife, Betsy, and four of his children, Paul is survived by his seven grandchildren, Eric, Emma, Franklin, Andrew, Dylan, Hope, and Asher. Paul was predeceased by his son Michael, his parents, his two siblings, and his first wife Patty. Paul was a great man, a great husband, a great father, and a great Pepe.

Donations in memory of Paul may be made to the Senior Friendship Center in Naples, FL or a charity of your choice. ♦



**DR. WALTER J. SCOTT**, of Smithfield, and Vero Beach, FL, who was a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation and sports medicine in Rhode Island, as well as the former executive vice president of Miriam Hospital in Providence, Chief Executive Officer of Orlando General Hospital in Orlando, FL, and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cranston General Hospital in Cranston, passed away on August 18, 2019.

Born in Cranston, he was the son of the late Dr. Kenneth A. Scott and Dr. Anna (Keaney) Scott, and the stepson of the late Dorothy Scott. He was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and went on to obtain degrees from Johnson & Wales University, Moorehead State University, Xavier University and the University of Sarasota. While attending Johnson & Wales, he founded the Alumni Association and is inducted into the Hall of Fame at Moorehead State University.

After a successful career in hospital administration, he returned to private practice, and founded Providence Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine that he led for over 40 years, with offices throughout the state of Rhode Island.

He was a member of the American College of Orthopedic Medicine, the American College of Sports Medicine, The Royal Society of Health, American College of Medical Administrators,

American Physical Therapy Association, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Hospital Administrators, and the American Board of Disability Analysts.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carole (Bolas) Scott; his loving sons Christopher Scott, and his wife Brenda, of Feeding Hills, MA, and Jeffrey Scott, and his wife Jessica, of North Smithfield; his adored grandchildren, Jillian, Katelyn, Benjamin, John and Lucy; his brother Dr. Richard Scott, and sisters, Dr. Diana Beattie, Nancy Weaver, Martha Scott, Elizabeth Duliban and the Rev. Patricia Zifcak; and several nieces and nephews, and godchildren whom he loved dearly.

Beyond healthcare he had the spirit of an entrepreneur, and owned several businesses including restaurants, a cheese shop and a card store. One of his defining qualities was his desire to give back to society through philanthropy and determination that helped improve athletic training facilities in high schools in RI, the renovation of the Duke University Diet and Fitness

Center and the renovation of Christ Church-Lincoln.

His passion for public service led him to serve on numerous boards including: the cooperation of Cranston General Hospital, Johnson & Wales University, and the DFC Board of advisors for Duke University Medical Center. He was the former president of the Cumberland-Lincoln Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow; he was also a member of the Elks Lodge #14, B.P.O.E. for more than 50 years.

His deep connection to faith led him to serve in numerous capacities at both Christ Church Lincoln and Christ Church Vero Beach. In Lincoln he served as the Senior Warden, and as a member of the vestry, on search committees, and as a chalice bearer and lay reader. In Vero Beach he was an active member of the altar guild.

Contributions in Walter's memory to Christ Church, P.O. Box 245, Lincoln, R.I. 02865 or <http://www.christchurchlincoln.org/giving> would be appreciated. ♦