

Appointments



Matt Quin appointed president of W&I

Care New England Health System has named **MATT QUIN**, of Foxborough, MA, its new president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants Hospital.

Quin has served in the interim role of COO since

April and previously served as senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer here since 2015. He first arrived at Women & Infants in 2013 where he held the role of vice president of operations, patient care services.

Quin is currently overseeing a significant financial improvement program through fiscal year 2020, identifying and implementing a growth and access plan, developing a labor and delivery suite model-of-care redesign plan, as well as establishing a joint strategic partnership specific to labor relations, and working with department chiefs and the Care New England Medical Group for an ongoing provider recruitment and retention program.

Said Quin, "I am grateful and honored by today's announcement. I know there remains significant work ahead with regard to improving finances, delivering higher quality care, improving patient experience, and a establishing a culture that is dedicated to significantly improving upon our community engagement, cultural sensitivities, and care equity to provide the best possible experience and clinical outcomes for every patient, every time. I look forward to continuing to build on the long history of exceptional care and service that has helped define this institution."

Prior to his time at Women & Infants, he previously worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, serving as director, surgical and burn trauma intensive care unit.

Quin received a master's of science in health-care administration from Simmons College, Boston. ❖

Dr. Peter Kim joins pediatric surgery team at University Surgical Associates

PROVIDENCE – University Surgical Associates has welcomed **PETER C.W. KIM, MD, PhD**, to its team of physicians in the Pediatric Surgery Division. Dr. Kim, a pediatric general and thoracic surgeon, will support the mission of University Surgical Associates to enhance patient care using the latest technological advancements.

"Dr. Kim has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to advancing research through his work with medical startups. His vision for intelligent surgical devices in procedures reflects his devotion to improving the quality of care for all patients," said **WILLIAM CIOFFI, MD**, president of University Surgical Associates.

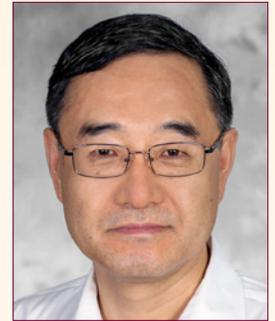
Dr. Kim has clinical interests in surgical airway reconstructions, minimally invasive surgery, and vascular reconstructive surgery for conditions related to the liver and gallbladder.

"Surgeons are increasingly turning to technology to deliver better patient outcomes. As the surgical field looks to implement new and innovative techniques, I am excited to impart key research findings that could help support the mission of University Surgical Associates," said Dr. Kim.

The founding lead for two medical-based startups, Dr. Kim has focused his entrepreneurial efforts in digital health technology for monitoring and decision support, and an intelligent surgical device to democratize surgery. He is also the co-lead for the Centre for Image-Guided Innovation and Therapeutic Intervention (CIGITI) at SickKids Hospital in Toronto.

At Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., Dr. Kim was also the founding lead for the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, among his many other achievements.

Dr. Kim received his medical degree from McGill University with the distinction of Master of Surgery. He completed his surgical residency training, and pediatric surgery fellowship at the University of Toronto. ❖



Lindsay Tse, DO, joins Center for Surgical Weight Loss at CNE



Kent Hospital recently announced the arrival of **LINDSAY TSE, DO**, at The Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Care New England.

Dr. Tse completed her general surgery training at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, New Jersey, where she served as the chief academic and administrative resident during her final year. She then completed her fellowship training in minimally invasive surgery, bariatric surgery, and flexible endoscopy at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

She has performed many complex laparoscopic intra-abdominal surgeries including advanced foregut procedures, funduplications, hiatal hernia repairs, revisional bariatric surgery, roux en Y gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, common bile duct explorations, and esophageal surgeries. She received extensive training in advanced flexible endoscopy including stent placement, dilations, endoscopic mucosal resections, and polypectomies. She also performs many minimally invasive general surgery procedures including cholecystectomy, appendectomy, hernia repair, and colon resections. ❖

Recognition

South County Health has been recognized with the 2019 Gold Level Health Impact Award by AHA

South County Health has been recognized with the 2019 Gold Level Health Impact Award by the American Heart Association for creating a culture of health in the workplace. South County Health will be recognized along with other national Gold and Silver Health Impact Award recipients in the November issue of Forbes Magazine.

The Workplace Health Achievement Index was created by the American Heart Association to evaluate the overall quality and comprehensiveness of workplace health programs.

Studies show that worksites with a culture of health with evidence-based policies and programs and senior leadership support are more likely to have engaged employees and a healthier, more productive workforce.

A unique feature of the Index is that it calculates an average heart health score for employees of participating companies that securely submit aggregate health data. Companies receive benchmarking reports, which allow them to identify potential areas of improvement so that they can advance their annual performance and recognition.

The American Heart Association's Workplace Health Achievement Index measures the extent to which the company has implemented workplace health best practices. Companies recognized at the Gold level have achieved an Index score of 175–217 out of a maximum 217 points.

The Index is a web-based portal that fuses health content, personal health data and consumer engagement opportunities that evaluate the overall quality and comprehensiveness of workplace health programs.

"The American Heart Association has defined best practices for employers to use to build a culture of health for their employees in the workplace," said **AARON ROBINSON**, President and CEO of South County Health. "South County Health has a long-standing commitment to employee health and wellness, which is reflected by this 2019 Gold Level Health Impact Award."

The Index also integrates Life's Simple 7®, the American Heart Association's definition of ideal cardiovascular health based on seven risk factors, into the scoring process. Life's Simple 7® includes smoking status, physical activity, weight, diet, blood glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure. South County Health has a number of programs and initiatives to improve employee health, many of which abide by Life's Simple 7. Among those are a tobacco free policy on campus, the availability of healthier food and beverage choices, free use of the hospital gym, yoga and other group exercise classes, smoking cessation programs, and health counseling for blood pressure, cholesterol, and other important indicators. ❖



Charlie Reppucci, Care New England board chair, honoree **Cynthia B. Patterson**, **Jim Patterson**, and **Dr. James E. Fanale**, president and CEO of Care New England.

Women & Infants raises more than \$500,000 at community event; proceeds will support Birth Center

Women & Infants Hospital's "Bright Night for Little Stars," held on October 19, raised over \$514,000 and was attended by more than 300 community leaders, grateful patients, friends, and colleagues. Proceeds of the event will support the hospital's new Birth Center.

The event, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, was emceed by NBC 10 News Sunrise anchor, Mario Hilario and co-chaired by Ann Marie and Steve Johnson and Virginia and Jim Roberts.

"I am truly humbled by the generosity and support shown by so many for Women & Infants Hospital and our new Birth Center. I am also grateful to the many volunteers and committee members who worked so hard to make this year's event a great success," said **MATT QUIN**, interim COO.

For more than 130 years, Women & Infants' mission has been to provide exceptional health care to the families in our region. New technologies, personalized delivery options, and more patients with significant chronic illness have led to the need for an innovative model of care and a new Birth Center.

Additionally, **CYNTHIA B. PATTERSON** received the inaugural Cynthia B. Patterson Lifetime Service Award for her 50 years of service to Women & Infants Hospital.

CNE Board Chair **CHARLIE REPPUCCI** recognized Patterson as an ardent champion of Women & Infants and women's health. She started as a volunteer at Providence Lying-In Hospital and rose to be the first woman chair of the hospital's board of trustees. She has served on the CNE Board since 1996. For her dedication, generosity, and wise counsel the hospital has established this new award bearing her name. ❖

Recognition

Newell E. Warde, PhD, honored with AMA Medical Executive Lifetime Achievement Award

SAN DIEGO – The American Medical Association (AMA) honored **NEWELL E. WARDE, PhD**, executive director of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), with the Medical Executive Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors a medical association executive who has contributed substantially to the goals and ideals of the medical profession.

“Over the past 34 years, Newell E. Warde has provided continuity, experience, and a steady hand during challenge, cross-roads, and legislative battle waged by the Rhode Island Medical Society,” said AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA. “A talented writer, advocate, and jack-of-all-trades, Warde has led RIMS during a period of rapid change in health care – and done so with a clear and fair mind, as well as bold focus on the task at hand and the future.”

Beyond serving members of the RIMS, Warde ensured that the organization adopted community outreach strategies. He launched and oversaw the scholarship fund of the Providence Medical Association, which helps local high school students attend college. He used the society’s grant money to create a \$1 million loan repayment program for primary care physicians and promoted public health awareness among local children through bicycle helmet campaigns and anti-smoking initiatives.

Warde is a senior member of a group of New England medical society executives and served two terms as chair of the AMA Litigation Center Board. An historian by training, Warde showed interest in the history of the Rhode Island Medical Society, one of the oldest state medical societies in the country, by maintaining the society’s original, historic building.

The AMA presented the award to Warde during the 2019 AMA Interim Meeting. ❖



RIMS Executive Director **Newell E. Warde, PhD**, (left) recipient of the Medical Executive Lifetime Achievement Award, with the Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees, **Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH**, at the 2019 AMA Interim meeting in San Diego on November 16.



Arun K. Singh, MD, receives AHA Lifetime Achievement Award

The American Heart Association’s 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to **DR. ARUN K. SINGH**, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, “for his incredible contributions throughout his career towards cardiovascular care.”

The award was presented to Dr. Singh at the Southern New England Heart and Stroke Ball held in September.

He is the author of “Your Heart, My Hands,” which was awarded the Gold Medal in Inspirational Memoirs by Living Now Book Awards for 2019. ❖

A review of Dr. Singh’s memoir appeared in RIMJ in February 2019 and can be found here: <http://www.rimed.org/rimedicaljournal/2019/02/2019-02-78-book-singh.pdf>

Obituaries

 **ROBERT M. DOWBEN, MD**, passed away peacefully on November 11 at age 92 surrounded by his loving family.

Dr. Dowben had a distinguished career as a physician, scientist and academician. He earned degrees from AB, Haverford College, 1946; MS, (Biochemistry) in 1947, and MD, University of Chicago, 1949. As a professor, he had faculty appointments at the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, a joint professorship between The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Medical School, Brown University, University of Bergen Norway, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, and most recently again at Brown University as an emeritus Professor.

He was the author of more than 150 scientific publications and four books regarding cell and muscle physiology. He received many accolades for his contributions to medicine and science including the University of Chicago Alumni Award for Exceptional Service, the National Foundation for Neuromuscular Disease Award, and served as a representative on the Baylor Research Foundation. He was named on eight patents and was a prolific writer on many topics beyond science and medicine well into his 80s.

Dr. Dowben served as a Captain in the United States Air Force at the Air Force Medical College shortly after the Korean War. While serving, he conducted research at Los Alamos National Laboratory during the 1950s.

He is survived by wife, Carla Dowben, of Providence; children Peter Dowben, PhD; Jonathan Dowben, MD; and Susan Day, MS, and six grandchildren. A memorial service is being planned for January. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be directed to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank or Crossroads. ❖



 **HAROLD MILTON HORWITZ, MD**, 76, died at home on October 28.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Shaw Horwitz, and his children, Joshua Mark Horwitz and his wife, Carmel, of Boulder, CO; Jill Horwitz Cohen and her husband, Andrew, of Berkeley, CA; two grandsons, Jasper and Eli, and a brother, Bruce and his wife, Lois, of Newton, MA. He was the son of Dr. Manuel and Minette Horwitz.

Dr. Horwitz was a graduate of Classical High School, Union College, and Tufts Medical School. He began his medical training as an intern and resident at Rhode Island Hospital and then continued his residency at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

He then spent two years in the United States Army Medical Corps at Fort Bragg, NC, after which he completed a fellowship at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Horwitz was one of the first rheumatologists in Rhode Island and went on to develop a highly respected private practice in his community. He was a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and was the Chief of Rheumatology and an attending physician at both the Miriam and Pawtucket Memorial Hospitals. Dr. Horwitz was also an attending physician at the Rhode Island Hospital and a member of the consulting staff at Kent County Hospital.

During his career, he was the President of the RI Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and was the first recipient of its Hall of Fame Award; he was also the President of the RI Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Horwitz was on the board of the Lupus Society and Temple Beth El.

Dr. Horwitz, an accomplished cyclist, skier and sailor, who loved to travel the world, will be remembered as a physician devoted to his wife, family and patients. He will be missed by all who knew him. ❖

