

Appointments



Shannon Sullivan, MSW, LICSW, CCM, named President and COO of Women & Infants Hospital

PROVIDENCE – Care New England has appointed **SHANNON SULLIVAN, MSW, LICSW, CCM**, as

President and COO, Women & Infants Hospital. Sullivan had been serving as interim COO since June 1, 2020.

Sullivan has been employed with Care New England in various roles, since 2002. She began her career at Women & Infants Hospital as a clinical social worker, eventually working her way up to Director of Patient and Family Support Services, and later as System Director, Care Management. In 2018, Sullivan was appointed Executive Director of Care Coordination and Chief Access officer, and shortly thereafter, named Vice President of Operations at Kent Hospital. In 2019, Sullivan was named interim COO, Women & Infants Hospital.

In early 2020, Shannon oversaw the construction of field hospitals as the state battled the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is my honor and privilege to accept this role and lead the region’s premier hospital for woman’s and infant health. Women & Infants Hospital has a pivotal role in improving the health outcomes of our diverse community and there is nothing I take more seriously than assuring that Women & Infants remains a national leader in exceptional clinical care, cutting edge research and Ivy League academics, while providing personalized patient-centered care. As a woman who had my own children here, this position is not only a professional privilege but a personal honor,” said Sullivan.

She has an Executive Master’s degree in Healthcare Leadership from Brown University (2021), and attended Boston College for Master’s degree in Social Work (2002). Previously, she attended Providence College (1996–2000), where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Social Work. ❖

Rhode Island Hospital names senior vice president & chief nursing officer

PROVIDENCE – **CYNTHIA DANNER, DNP, RN, NE-BC**, has joined Lifespan as senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Rhode Island Hospital.

She comes to Providence from Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC), a Level II trauma center and the 600-bed flagship hospital for the Northeast Georgia Health System. As associate chief nursing officer, she was responsible for acute care services, trauma, mother/baby, pediatrics, intermediate care, and ambulatory care.

“We are thrilled to welcome Cynthia to Rhode Island Hospital and to Lifespan,” said hospital president John B. Murphy, MD. “A seasoned nursing executive like Cynthia will contribute greatly to our management team here at the state’s largest and busiest hospital.”

Cynthia was a senior member of NGMC’s system-wide COVID-19 contingency action team, tasked with expanding acute virus patient capacity, re-deploying medical-surgical nursing staff, creating and refining new protocols, and identifying and mitigating PPE shortages.

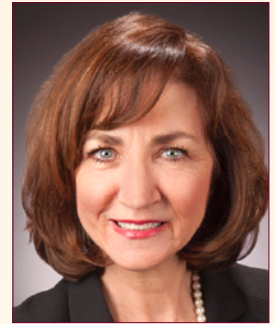
To respond to a doubling in ICU admissions, Cynthia helped operationalize a “Pandemic Partner” approach at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, pairing critical care and medical surgical nurses into teams to effectively manage the patient population.

Among her other accomplishments at NGMC, she championed an initiative to create an Endocrinology Center of Excellence to provide comprehensive diabetic care, served on a task force charged with developing a strategic plan for a comprehensive neurosciences program, and spearheaded a system-wide initiative to improve patient experience and nurse communication.

Cynthia’s more than 20 years of leadership experience in teaching and academic medical centers includes serving as interim chief nursing officer for Northeast Georgia Medical Center – Braselton, and a decade as nurse administrator for Mayo Clinic Florida, where she was one of five members of the steering committee that guided the effort to achieve Magnet designation in 2015, a prestigious nursing accolade.

Cynthia earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, followed by a master of science in nursing at University of Phoenix, Jacksonville, Florida. She received her doctor of nursing practice degree from University of North Florida, Jacksonville.

She is a member of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and Sigma Theta Tau, and sits on the Medical Advisory Board of Sharps Technology Inc. ❖



Peter Soden, MD, joins Brown Surgical Associates

PROVIDENCE – Brown Surgical Associates recently announced **DR. PETER SODEN** joined its Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery on September 1.

Dr. Soden’s clinical interests include carotid, aortic, and peripheral arterial disease, as well as venous disease.

He recently completed a two-year fellowship in vascular surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where he also completed his surgical residency. He holds an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and an MD from Harvard Medical School. ❖



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Aaron M. Hattaway, MD, named CMO, VP of South County Medical Group

AARON M. HATTAWAY, MD, MBA, has joined South County Health's Senior Leadership Team as Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of South County Medical Group. He is board-certified in diagnostic radiology with 15 years of clinical and progressive physician leadership.

Dr. Hattaway brings a proven track record to South County Health, with extensive healthcare administration experience as Medical Staff President, Chairman of Quality, and Medical Director of Radiology at Cape Canaveral Hospital, a 150-bed acute care hospital in Cape Canaveral, FL.

Dr. Hattaway served as a key officer of Brevard Physician Associates, a 100-physician, multi-specialty group in Brevard County, FL where he orchestrated the financial and business integration of six medical practices into one new multi-specialty practice, as well as unifying two separate radiology practices as a single, successful entity.

He received his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. After completing an internship in Internal Medicine at Medical College of Virginia, he completed a residency in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at Indiana University School of Medicine.

He also received a Master's of Business Administration in Business of Medicine from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. ❖



Melvin Philip, MD, joins Lifespan Physician Group Primary Care

NEWPORT – **MELVIN PHILIP, MD**, has joined Lifespan Physician Group Primary Care in Newport.

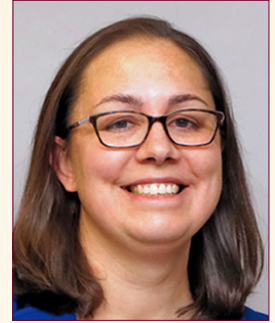
He is board-certified in internal medicine and has additional specialty training in palliative and hospice care. He is accepting all patients.

Dr. Philip received his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine,

Bridgetown, Barbados and completed his residency in internal medicine and primary care. He was named Resident of the Year at the Connecticut Institute for Communities, Danbury Hospital. He went on to complete his fellowship at Weill Cornell Medicine in palliative and hospice care, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Queens.

He is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. ❖

Eilean Attwood, MD, MPH, appointed to ACOG leadership roles



EILEAN ATTWOOD, MD, MPH, an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Clinician Educator at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been appointed to two national leadership roles, as Chair, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) Private Payer Advocacy Presidential Workgroup, and advisor, ACOG Relative Value Scale Update Committee.

Dr. Attwood is a women's health provider working in Women & Infants Hospital's Emergency Department and other inpatient Ob/Gyn services.

She earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts in 2019 and her medical degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center in 2009.

She has a special interest in improving health care delivery and health economics and is actively involved with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to promote these goals for her patients and specialty. ❖

Recognition



Betty Vohr, MD, receives 2020 Virginia Apgar Award

BETTY VOHR, MD, FAAP, Professor of Pediatrics at the Alpert Medical School and a neonatologist at Women & Infants Hospital, is the 2020 Virginia Apgar Award recipient.

The award represents the highest honor that the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine bestows to an individual whose cumulative career accomplishments have had a profound and continuing influence on the well-being of neonates.

Dr. Vohr is a pioneer in efforts to aid infants and children with hearing loss, especially high-risk infants. Her work in Rhode Island helped pave the way for national newborn hearing screening. She is Director of the Neonatal Follow-up Clinic at Women & Infants and Medical Director of the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Program. ❖

Obituaries



JAY ALAN SORGMAN, MD, of Norton, MA, formerly of Brockton, MA, passed away peacefully with friends and family by his side on September 5, 2020.

Jay was born on March 30, 1961 as the second of three sons, to his parents Stanley and Elinor Sorgman. Growing up in Brockton, MA, Jay displayed a love of learning as a young

boy and began reading before the age of 3. At six years old he wrote a book on dinosaurs, using a manual typewriter, which he was already proficient with. At seven years old, he confused his mother by explaining that he was reading the dictionary because he liked the etymology of words. At eight years old, he could often be found in his room, rain or shine, reading the Encyclopedia Britannica.

After graduating from Brockton High School in 1979, Jay enrolled at Brown University, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in biology. He then attended The University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he began his journey to become a talented and compassionate doctor. His internship and residency were at The Medical Center of Central Massachusetts and he continued his post-graduate medical training with a Fellowship in gastroenterology at St. Elizabeth's, Faulkner, and Lemuel Shattuck Hospitals in Boston, MA.

Helping people was a primary love of his and becoming a doctor provided the means to do so. Jay was a partner at Consultants in Gastroenterology and was on the staff of Rhode Island, Miriam, and Saint Joseph's Hospitals. He was active on the Alumni Council at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and was passionate about teaching and enjoyed educating students, residents and fellows. He served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brown University School of Medicine and a Tuft University Teaching Fellow.

Jay loved to travel and enjoyed learning about other cultures and immersing himself in their history, traveling to 44 countries, where he was often the self-appointed tour guide when friends and family accompanied him to foreign lands. One of Jay's favorite trips was to Israel as a 15-year-old with the United Synagogue Youth, a Jewish youth group, where he learned about his heritage and participated in an archeological dig. Other favorite adventures included trips to Egypt, England, Italy, France, Greece, Morocco, Thailand, Iceland, South Africa and Australia, among many others. Driving across the USA in an old Ford Escort, camping or staying with distant friends and relatives along the way was a trip he often reminisced about. In 2016, Jay achieved his goal of traveling to all 50 states. During Jay's travels he collected contemporary art from around the world, with each piece being linked to a story about a favorite trip.

One of Jay's greatest characteristics was his ability to always make those around him feel special. Jay relished time spent with friends and relatives. He also compiled a detailed family tree and loved talking about past generations of his family. Jay was predeceased by his mother, Elinor Sorgman, and older brother Mark Sorgman.

Anthony Wilson of Norton, MA, his husband of 32 years, was the center of his life. He is survived by him along with his father, Stanley Sorgman, and Aunt Joan of Boynton Beach, FL; his brother David and sister-in-law Lisa of Canton, MA, and nephew and nieces Jeremy, Tyler, Katie, Bryana and Kierra as well as cousins.

To continue his legacy of giving back, Jay decided to donate his body to science at the University of Massachusetts Medical School so that in his own words, "somebody will learn something from me."

Donations in Jay's name may be made to the Center For Resilience at centerforresilience.org (Providence, RI), the Point Foundation – The National LGBTQ scholarship Fund, pointfoundation.org, or the Rhode Island Brain and Spine Tumor Foundation at ribstf.org

A private ceremony will be held to celebrate Jay's life. ❖

RONALD M. WINTROB, MD, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island died of complications related to chronic illness on August 17, 2020, at the age of 85.

He grew up in Toronto and graduated medical school at the University of Toronto in 1959 and completed his residency in psychiatry at McGill University in Montreal, Canada (1961–1965).

In 1961, Ron encountered Pauline Devine, a psychiatric nurse, who was also working at the Allan Memorial Institute/McGill University. Soon after they met and started dating, Ron and Pauline became engaged, and were married in June 1962. In June 1969, they moved to Connecticut, when Ron joined the faculty of the medical school at the University of Connecticut as a Professor of Psychiatry and Anthropology.

The family re-located to Rhode Island in 1982, and Ron took the position of Director of Education and Director of the Residency Training Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University (1982–1994). He became a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University's School of Medicine (1997–1998). He then returned to Brown University as a Staff Psychiatrist where he worked part-time until he fully retired at the age of 80.



Professor Wintrob's academic career spanned over 59 years. He was a major influence in the evolution of cultural psychiatry and development of the field internationally. After medical school at the University of Toronto, and his residency in psychiatry at McGill University, Dr. Wintrob was awarded a traveling fellowship in child psychiatry that led him to receive training in England, France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. His interest in cultural medicine began in 1960 as medical director of a hospital in northern Laos. He also spent two years as the clinical and research director of Liberia's psychiatric services and its only psychiatrist at the time. In 1966 upon returning to Montreal he had faculty appointments at McGill University in both psychiatry and anthropology.

Professor Wintrob was an internationally recognized leader in psychiatric education and in the field of cultural psychiatry. After leaving McGill University in 1969 he received academic appointments at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in both the Department of Psychiatry and Anthropology. While on sabbatical at the University of Connecticut he began a twenty-year relationship as a visiting professor and lecturer with the University of Otago and later the Christchurch School of Medicine in New Zealand. In New Zealand he focused his research on the cultural change of the Maori. From 1982 to 1994 Dr. Wintrob was the Director of Education and Director of the Residency Training Program, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University. Dr. Wintrob's research focused on acculturative stress and adaptation among individuals and families, and on national immigration policy. While at McGill he researched change and coping ability among the Cree indigenous people of northern Québec. In 1969 he participated in drafting the American Psychiatric Association's original position statement on transcultural psychiatry, delineating psychiatry's role in transcultural studies, clarifying the terminology of the field, describing its interdisciplinary nature, and outlining its major objectives and areas of applications.

Dr. Wintrob was one of the founders of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture in 1971 and the first president of the leading cultural psychiatry professional organization in North America on Cultural Psychiatry. In 1983, he participated in the establishment of the Committee on Cultural Psychiatry of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry that produced a monograph on suicide, race, and ethnicity in the US population, another on alcohol use and alcoholism, and in 2002, a casebook on Cultural Assessment in Clinical Psychiatry.

He chaired the Committee on International Relations of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry which published a monograph on the Middle East. He subsequently became the co-chair of the World Psychiatric Association Transcultural Psychiatry Section and in 2005 the chair of the section for two terms. He organized numerous international cultural psychiatry conferences and promoted the field internationally. He authored and edited several books including *Current Perspectives in Cultural Psychiatry* and *Psychiatrists and Traditional Healers: Unwitting Partners in Global Mental Health*, and book chapters on cultural psychiatry in leading textbooks of psychiatry. Dr. Wintrob was highly generative having published widely in academic journals and in writing book chapters. As noted in his publications he consistently promoted his colleagues and mentees over himself insisting that they assume first authorships. Dr. Wintrob's last publication was a book chapter in 2019 on *Intracultural Psychotherapy*.

In addition to his passion for medicine, he was an avid sailor and photographer, and a great admirer of architecture, in particular colonial-era houses. Many a time he would go for long walks on the East Side of Providence with family members, always intently listening as his children talked about what was going on in their lives, while he peppered the conversation with a keen analysis of the historic houses lining the streets they walked.

He is survived by his three children, Paul, Greg, and Jande, their spouses Margaret, Heather, and Jose Luís, and grandsons John, Jackson, and Brenton; Ron's brother Ralph, wife Kitty, and their family in Toronto, Canada; his brother-in-law Phil Devine, wife Pat, and their family in London, Canada; and his extended relatives in Canada and the USA.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Brown University Faculty Club in Providence after COVID-19 has receded and it is safe to gather. Those interested in making a donation in his memory can help the World Psychiatric Association's Transcultural Psychiatry Section continue to advance the field that he devoted his professional life to. Funds will be used to designate an annual award in his name to support the next generation of young psychiatrists from around the world. Donations made out to the "WPA – TPS" with "Wintrob" in the memo line of the check may be mailed to the following address:

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