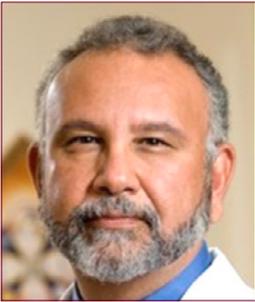


Appointments



CharterCARE names N. Joseph Espat, MD, surgeon-in-chief

PROVIDENCE – **N. JOSEPH ESPAT, MD, MS, FACS**, has been appointed surgeon-in-chief for CharterCARE Health Partners, a community health system that includes Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Medical Center.

In this new role, he will lead the integration of existing surgical programs and development of new and clinical programs across the CharterCARE system. He will also oversee the development of postgraduate education and surgeon recruitment and will continue in his current role as The Harold J. Wanebo Professor and Chairman of Surgery, and clinical director of the Cancer Center. He currently holds the rank of professor and assistant dean of clinical Affairs at the Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. Espat is a native of Tampa, Florida, and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of South Florida, with degrees in biology and philosophy. Subsequently, he attended medical school at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Dr. Espat completed his general surgery training at the University of Florida and completed a surgical oncology/hepatobiliary fellowship at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Dr. Espat has been the recipient of NIH funding and has authored more than 250 articles, chapters and abstracts. His area of clinical interest is laparoscopic and open upper GI surgery with a focus on Hepato-pancreatico-biliary malignancy. ❖

Kristen Kichefski, MSN, named chief nursing officer at Bradley

EAST PROVIDENCE – Following an extensive national search, Bradley Hospital has appointed **KRISTEN KICHEFSKI, MSN, MBA, RN, PMH-BC, NEA-BC**, as chief nursing officer.

Kichefski comes to Bradley Hospital from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, a 60-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital affiliated with Tufts Medical School, where she served as director of nursing.

Prior to that, Kichefski worked as the director of nursing at the DMH Cape Cod and Islands Community Mental Health Center. Skilled in administration, operations, education, policy and quality initiatives, including workforce development standards and patient safety practices, she has also held nursing leadership roles at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, and Butler Hospital.

“Ms. Kichefski has dedicated her career to the advancement of high-quality, patient-centric care. We are very fortunate to have her as a member of the Bradley Hospital and Lifespan community, and look forward to the significant positive contributions



Megan L. Ranney, MD, named dean of the Yale School of Public Health

NEW HAVEN – **MEGAN L. RANNEY, MD**, will become dean of the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) on July 1, President Peter Salovey announced recently.

Ranney currently serves as the deputy dean of the Brown University School of Public Health and

has been on the faculty there since 2008. She is also a professor of behavioral and social science, the Warren Alpert Endowed Professor of Emergency Medicine at Brown University's Alpert Medical School, and the founding director of the Brown-Lifespan Center for Digital Health.

Dr. Ranney's numerous national leadership roles include serving as co-founder and senior strategic advisor for the American Foundation for Firearm Injury Reduction in Medicine at the Aspen Institute, and co-founder of GetUsPPE.org, a start-up nonprofit that delivered donated personal protective equipment to those who needed it most at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network and serves on the board of trustees for the National Opioid Abatement Trust and on the board of directors for the Non-violence Institute in Providence.

Dr. Ranney holds an AB in the history of science from Harvard College and an MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. After completing her residency and chief residency in emergency medicine at Brown, she obtained her MPH and completed an injury prevention research fellowship, also at Brown. ❖



she will bring to the organization,” said **HENRY SACHS, MD**, president, Bradley Hospital.

“It's a thrill for me to have the opportunity to join Bradley Hospital, nationally and internationally known for the expert care it provides so many children and families, and to continue to build on the unique and cutting-edge psychiatric nursing care that is available here,” said Kichefski.

She obtained a bachelor of science in nursing from Rhode Island College, a master of science in nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler, and is pursuing a doctor of nursing practice at UMASS Medical School. She holds a faculty appointment at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services and has had appointments at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island. She is an active member of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), where she serves as treasurer and board member. ❖

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Dapaah-Afriyie, DeSanto-Madeya and Kydd join HopeHealth board of directors



K. Dapaah-Afriyie, MD



S. DeSanto-Madeya, PhD



A.E. Kydd

PROVIDENCE – HopeHealth, a regional leader in home care, palliative and hospice care, recently announced that three new members are joining its board of directors:

KWAME DAPAAH-AFRIYIE, MD, MBA, FAC, director of hospital medicine at The Miriam Hospital

SUSAN DESANTO-MADEYA, PHD, APRN-CNS, FAAN, Miriam Weyker Endowed Chair for Palliative Care, University of Rhode Island (URI) College of Nursing

AUDREY E. KYDD, partner, The Gemini Group

The new members bring decades of leadership in medicine, education and organizational strategy to HopeHealth's board of directors. They join 24 existing members in strategically advising HopeHealth's home care, palliative and hospice care across Rhode Island, Greater Boston and southeastern Massachusetts.

"Our board of directors is made up of individuals who are not only brilliant and impressive healthcare leaders, but who are personally dedicated to HopeHealth's mission of dignified,

compassionate care. We're honored to count Dr. Dapaah-Afriyie, Dr. DeSanto-Madeya and Audrey Kydd among this group," says HopeHealth Board Chair, Vince Mor, PhD.

In addition to founding and now directing the hospitalist program at The Miriam Hospital, Dr. Dapaah-Afriyie was also instrumental in establishing the hospitalist program at Newport Hospital. He is a professor of medicine (clinical educator) at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and a senior fellow in the Society of Hospital Medicine. In 2022, he was elected to lead the

Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. DeSanto-Madeya is the Miriam Weyker Endowed Chair for Palliative Care at URI's College of Nursing. She has spent much of her career focusing on researching palliative and end-of-life care, with the goal of improving quality of life and quality of care for persons living with serious illness and their families. She studies inequities in serious illness care and improving a patient's final days through goal-concordant prescribing and end-of-life care.

Prior to becoming partner at the consulting firm, The Gemini Group, Kydd served as the Director of Administration for the Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research at Brown University's School of Public Health, where she led a successful research center with increasing impact; strengthening programming and deepening strategic organizational partnerships. Her expertise has included operations, fiscal management, research administration, and human resources, among many other areas. ❖