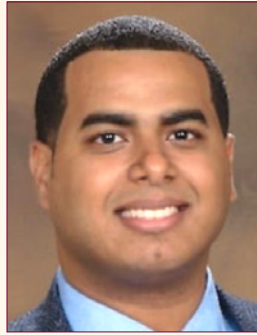


## Appointments

### CharterCARE welcomes pulmonologist, Leandro Ramirez, MD, MHA

PROVIDENCE — CharterCARE Medical Associates announced that **LEANDRO RAMIREZ, MD, MHA**, has joined the team of specialists in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

Dr. Ramirez completed a fellowship in Critical Care at Tufts Medical Center and a Pulmonary Medicine fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center, where he also completed his residency in Internal Medicine. He has served as a Hospitalist at Newport Hospital/Brown University Health



and at Landmark Medical Center, and worked as Associate Director of Health Information Management and Clinical Documentation at NYC Health & Hospitals Lincoln.

A graduate of Univesidad Iberoamericana in the Dominican Republic, Dr. Ramirez also earned a Master's in Healthcare Administration at Walden University. His clinical interests include advanced bronchoscopy procedures that enhance diagnostic accuracy and outcomes. ❖

## Recognition

### Rhode Island Hospital's Burn Center earns reverification from American Burn Association

PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island Hospital been reverified as a Burn Center by the American Burn Association (ABA), reaffirming its position as the only hospital in New England verified as a burn center, a comprehensive stroke center, and a Level 1 Trauma Center for both adults and children.

"This marks Rhode Island Hospital's 15th consecutive year as a verified burn center," said **SARAH FROST**, Chief of Hospital Operations and President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's. "The ABA's verification process

is rigorous, and consistently meeting its standards speaks to our team's dedication to best serving our patients. We are honored to continue to be a vital resource for our community."

ABA verification is a prestigious designation awarded only to burn centers that meet the highest standards of care, from initial treatment through long-term rehabilitation. It signals to patients, families, payers, and accrediting bodies that the center delivers high-quality, comprehensive burn care.

"Our burn center is more than a facility – it's a team," said **DAVID HARRINGTON, MD**, Director of the Rhode Island Hospital Burn Center. "Our nurses, therapists, and physicians are deeply committed to guiding patients through every stage of their recovery, including reconstruction and rehabilitation. We take great pride in the care we provide."

Rhode Island Hospital's Adult and Pediatric Burn Center is verified through January 2028. ❖

## Recognition

### Roger Williams Medical Center ranked in top 38% of nation's hospitals

PROVIDENCE — Roger Williams Medical Center, an affiliate of CharterCARE Health Partners, has earned the “High Performing” ratings in two clinical areas, placing itself in the top 38% of hospitals nationally according to data collected by *US News and World Report*.

The two High Performing areas are Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma, and Diabetes.

Of the over 4,400 U.S. hospitals that U.S. News Report evaluated, Roger Williams is among only 38% that earned a “High Performing” rating. *U.S. News’* analyses measured patient outcomes using data from over 800 million patient care records.

The records reviewed covered more than 67 million Medicare beneficiaries (nearly 1 in 4 Americans) and 1.5 billion medical claims over a 5–7-year period in 12 medical specialties and 22 unique surgical procedures or medical treatments.

Eligible hospitals were assessed on three key areas:

- **Outcomes:** how well patients survived or recovered.
- **Process:** how well the hospital follows the best standards of care.
- **Structure:** hospital resources and technologies.

CharterCARE CEO **JEFFREY LIEBMAN** stated, “We are extremely proud of Roger Williams’ performance in this national study of hospital clinical performance. This demonstrates that while we are a low-cost provider, we can also deliver nationally recognized quality care to the patients we serve.” ❖

### South County Health and Ortho Rhode Island achieve repeat Joint Commission Advanced Certification

WAKEFIELD — This summer, the Center for Advanced Orthopedic Surgery – a collaboration between South County Health and Ortho Rhode Island – once again earned the Joint Commission Advanced Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement.

The Joint Commission’s rigorous evaluation process measures programs against evidence-based clinical quality standards. The Center was commended for best practices, including its comprehensive patient education and prehabilitation program, designed to prepare patients physically and mentally for surgery, and to support faster, safer recoveries.

“This certification reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering the highest standard of orthopedic care,” said South County Health CEO & President **AARON ROBINSON**. “From pre-surgery education to post-surgery recovery, every step is designed to put patients on the best path to mobility and quality of life.” ❖