Kent Hospital introduces Advanced Heart Failure Program

WARWICK – Kent Hospital announced the development of a new Advanced Heart Failure Program on July 29, in conjunction with the Center for Advanced Heart Disease at Brigham and Women’s Hospital of Boston.

GARRICK C. STEWART, MD, MPH, a member of the Brigham and Women’s Cardiovascular Associates at Kent Hospital, will direct it. He will also co-direct the Care New England Heart Failure Management Program, a population health management program focused on reducing readmissions for heart failure.

Dr. Stewart is a board certified advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist, as well as an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School and associate physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. His current research focuses on the appropriate use of devices in patients with heart failure, particularly on the timely deployment of ventricular assist devices. He is a member of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation and the Heart Failure Society of America.

“We are extremely excited to add the advanced heart failure program to the cardiology services at Kent Hospital and also to welcome Dr. Garrick Stewart to Kent Hospital,” said CHES-TER HEDGEPETH, MD, PhD, executive chief of cardiology at Kent Hospital.

“Dr. Stewart brings specialized experience to our team. We hope to apply this advanced care and clinical expertise to the increasing cases of chronic heart failure in our community.”

Heart failure services to be provided include:

- Comprehensive heart failure evaluation
- Individualized medical therapies
- Multidisciplinary care
- Evidence based disease management program
- Education about dietary and lifestyle choices
- Access to clinical trials for heart failure
- Evaluation for advanced heart therapies, including mechanical heart pumps and heart transplantation

In January 2013, a major expansion of cardiology services at Kent Hospital was announced through an agreement with Brigham and Women’s Hospital of Boston.

RI Hospital 150th Anniversary Seascap

From left, Gov. Lincoln Chafee, Providence Mayor Angel Taveras and Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Lifespan, and president of Rhode Island Hospital, at the unveiling of the Rhode Island Hospital 150th anniversary mural at the I-95 underpass on Eddy Street in Providence in late July. Public Art Works created the seascape.