

Landmark acquisition moves ahead

WOONSOCKET – The Health Services Council of the Department of Health recommended the approval of a request by for-profit Prime Healthcare Services of California to acquire the Landmark Medical Center, which has been in receivership since 2008. The vote was 12-0 with two abstentions.

The “change of effective control” application will now go to Dr. Michael Fine, director of health, for review. A second process, a review of the acquisition under the state’s Hospital Conversion Act, reviewing Landmark change from non-profit to for-profit operation, also needs approval by Dr. Fine and Attorney General Peter Kilmartin for the acquisition to be completed. ❖

Miriam opens Kidney Stone Center

PROVIDENCE – The new Kidney Stone Center has officially opened its doors at The Miriam Hospital, bringing together a team of nephrologists, urologists and dietitians under one roof in a collaborative effort to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients suffering from kidney stones. It is the only center of its kind in Rhode Island.

According to urologist **GYAN PAREEK, MD, FACS**, director of the Center, “Our team-based approach to kidney stone treatment will streamline and ease treatment for patients, who will now be evaluated by a urologist, nephrologist and dietitian in a single visit,” he said. “Our goal is to not only treat existing kidney stones, but to also prevent new stones from forming. Because most kidney stones are diet-related, tailored nutrition and dietary management are critical to providing the best treatment and follow-up care.”

Dr. Pareek is joined by assistant director **JOHN O'BELL, MD**, a nephrologist at Miriam, and **MARY FLYNN, PHD, RD., LDN**, the hospital's chief research dietitian. ❖

RIH Opens Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine



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Vascular surgeon Edward Marcaccio, MD is co-medical advisor for Rhode Island Hospital's new wound care center in East Providence.

EAST PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island Hospital has opened the Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine for the treatment of slow-healing and non-healing wounds. Located at 950 Warren Avenue Suite 103 in East Providence, the center will be open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday–Friday.

The wound care center will offer the newest and largest hyperbaric chamber in Rhode Island and will employ state-of-the-art wound healing technologies, including negative pressure, techniques to control edema, hyperbaric oxygen, skin substitutes, debridement of infected and chronic wounds, and advanced therapies including revascularization and tissue transfer, as well as patient and family education. The center's multidisciplinary team will provide limb preservation and limb salvage treatments

to patients with acute and chronic wounds resulting from a wide variety of conditions, including diabetes, arterial and venous insufficiency, radiation and surgery or injury.

“These slow- and non-healing wounds are often very painful and even debilitating. By providing our patients with a comprehensive approach to wound care, we strive to relieve the pain and discomfort, heal the wound and get our patients back to normal life and activity as soon as possible,” said **EDWARD MARCACCIO, MD**, co-medical advisor and a vascular surgeon at Rhode Island Hospital.



Kerri Kern, RN, BSN, shown with patient by the hyperbaric chamber, is the clinical manager for the new center.

The Wound Care center will be staffed with board-certified surgeons, plastic surgeons, vascular surgeons and podiatrists. It will offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy as part of its overall wound care program. This therapy involves exposing the body to 100 percent oxygen at high pressure. Exposing a wound to 100 percent oxygen can speed up the healing process and can be used for a variety of wounds, including delayed radiation injuries, soft tissue infections, thermal burns, some skin grafts and flaps, crush injuries and diabetes-related wounds. ❖