

Recognition

Home & Hospice Care Honors Dr. Hamolsky with Human Dignity Award

Pioneer figure in the Rhode Island medical community



From left, Vince Mor, PhD; Rabbi Leslie Gutterman, Sandy Hamolsky, RN; Milton W. Hamolsky, MD, Recipient of the 2013 Human Dignity Award, Joseph Chazan, MD, and Diana Franchitto, President & CEO of HHCRI.

PROVIDENCE – Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island (HHCRI) honored **MILTON W. HAMOLSKY, MD**, with its annual Human Dignity Award presented at an annual breakfast held September 24.

Dr. Hamolsky, a member of the HHCRI board of directors, is considered a pioneer within the Rhode Island medical profession. He was the first full-time physician-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital and a major catalyst for the creation of a medical school at Brown University. Today, HHCRI is the major teaching affiliate for hospice and palliative medicine of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

"It is with great joy and gratitude that we honor Dr. Hamolsky today with our 2013 Human Dignity Award," said Diana Franchitto, president & CEO of HHCRI. "I am thrilled to recognize someone who is so important and special to the medical community here in Rhode Island. He is a champion for the values we share at Home

& Hospice Care of Rhode Island, and we are indebted to him for his work in this community and across the profession."

The Human Dignity Award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to enhancing human dignity and meaning at the end of life. Started in 2011, the award was created in memory of Martin Temkin, a former HHCRI board member, long-time benefactor, and staunch hospice advocate.

"It is beyond fitting to honor Dr. Hamolsky today for his commitment to the dignity of the patient," said Joseph Chazan, MD, who helped present the award. "Above all, Dr. Hamolsky recognizes and respects the sanctity of the patient/doctor relationship and the need for humanism and compassion in the treatment of patients, especially those in hospice care."

A 1943 graduate from Harvard Medical School who finished first in his class, Dr. Hamolsky began his career at Beth

Israel Hospital in Boston as chief medical resident. From there he left to serve in the Army, before earning a Commonwealth Fellowship that allowed for a year of research in France, where he developed the T3 uptake test, which is still used to evaluate human thyroid function.

Dr. Hamolsky began working in Rhode Island in 1963 when he was offered the position of physician-in-chief for the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital. As part of the offer, he also took on a professor's role with the Brown University's six-year Biomedical Sciences program, which he was instrumental in transforming into the Brown University medical school.

In addition to helping attract some of the brightest medical minds to build subspecialties of internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital, Dr. Hamolsky also served as: senior consultant to Miriam Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital; physician-in-chief at Women and Infants Hospital; chairman of the Rhode Island Heart Association; president of the Rhode Island Diabetes Association; and, Governor of the American College of Physicians. In 1987, Dr. Hamolsky retired from his work at Rhode Island Hospital, only to take on the role of chief administrative officer for the state's Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline, a position he held until the end of 2001.

Dr. Hamolsky thanked the members of HHCRI for their dedication to caring for people in their last stages of life. "Hospice is one of the best groups of human beings I have ever been associated with. They are the most compassionate, committed, dedicated people I know," he said. "This is the gold standard."

The awards breakfast was held at the Providence Marriott and included comments from Vince Mor, PhD, who sits on the HHCRI board of directors and reflected on why the award was created, as well as, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman, who recounted Dr. Hamolsky's many remarkable accomplishments and contributions to the Rhode Island medical community. ❖



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Appointments

Thomas F. Tracy, Jr., MD, named Chief Medical Officer at Miriam Currently pediatric surgeon-in-chief at Hasbro Children's Hospital



MIRIAM HOSPITAL

Thomas F. Tracy, Jr., MD

PROVIDENCE – **THOMAS F. TRACY, JR., MD**, has been named chief medical officer and senior vice president of medical affairs at The Miriam Hospital. He succeeds William Corwin, MD, who was recently appointed to a key leadership position on the implementation team for Lifespan's new IT infrastructure, known as Epic.

In this new position, Dr. Tracy will serve as the liaison between the medical staff and administration at the hospital, and will oversee medical affairs, graduate medical education, clinical management programs, and physician quality improvement and peer review.

Along with his new role at The Miriam, Dr. Tracy is currently the pediatric surgeon-in-chief at Hasbro Children's Hospital and vice chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

A graduate of Colgate University, Dr. Tracy received a master's degree from Albany Medical College and his medical degree from the Sackler School of Medicine's New York State Program at Tel Aviv University. He completed his internship and general surgery at

the Medical College of Virginia and his pediatric surgery residency at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

He began his surgical career at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis and held several academic appointments at St. Louis University, eventually progressing to full professor of surgery and pediatrics. In 1997, Dr. Tracy came to Hasbro Children's Hospital as its inaugural pediatric surgeon-in-chief and has been a vital part of the hospital for more than 16 years.

Signature programs in pediatric surgery were developed under his leadership, such as fetal surgery, pediatric surgical critical care and innovative family center care approaches in transplantation, trauma, and pediatric pain management. He has participated in outreach and extensions of surgical services throughout the Lifespan health system and the Brown community and provided enhancement of academic surgical support and expertise for those institutions.

A native of Albany, New York, Dr. Tracy previously served as a director of the American Board of Surgery, chairman of the Pediatric Surgical Board of the American Board of Surgery, president of the Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors, and president of the New England Surgical Society, among others.

The author of more than 130 scientific publications, Dr. Tracy also serves on numerous editorial boards and has been elected to several leading national and international organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha, the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical, the Halsted Surgical Society and the Society of University Surgeons.

His clinical interests include pediatric hepatobiliary disease, cloacal malformations and acquired and congenital airway malformations. ❖

BU Appoints Two RWMC Physicians to Dean Positions

BOSTON – **DR. STEVEN SEPE** and **DR. N. JOSEPH ESPAT** have been named Assistant Deans of Clinical Affairs at Roger Williams' teaching affiliate Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM).

Dr. Sepe has served as a professor of medicine at BUSM since 2012. He joined Roger Williams in 2011 as chairman of the Department of Medicine, where he oversees clinical affairs, quality, and program development. Dr. Sepe is a cum laude graduate of BUSM, where he also received his PhD in immunopathology. A cofounder of Coastal Medical, Inc., he has held a number of leadership positions in a variety of health care settings.



RWMC

Steven Sepe, MD, PhD



N. Joseph Espat, MD

Dr. Espat has been a professor of surgery at BUSM since 2007. He joined Roger Williams in 2007 as chief of surgical oncology and has since been named chairman of surgery and director of the Cancer Center. Dr. Espat completed a surgical oncology/hepatobiliary fellowship at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has authored more than 250 articles, chapters and abstracts and is on the editorial board of four journals ❖

Appointments

Kent announces clinical leadership promotions

Drs. Boudjouk and Gates named to new roles

WARWICK – Kent Hospital recently announced **JASON BOUDJOUK, MD**, of Lincoln, has been elected chief of medicine at Kent Hospital and **JONATHAN GATES, MD**, of South Kingstown, has been elected director of patient safety and high reliability at Kent Hospital.



Jason Boudjouk, MD, has been named chief of medicine at Kent.



Jonathan Gates, MD, has been named director of patient safety and high reliability at Kent.

Dr. Boudjouk previously served as Kent's assistant chief of medicine and has worked at Kent Hospital since 2006. Dr. Gates previously served as chief of medicine at Kent, as well as lead researcher on Kent's Emergency Department redesign. Dr. Gates has worked at Kent since 2003.

The chief of medicine is responsible for the privileging, oversight and training of medical staff while facilitating departmental efforts at quality and service integration.

The director of patient safety and high reliability is focused on Kent's system level process improvement, education, and safety culture with the goal of achieving excellent outcomes centered on patient health and experience.

Dr. Boudjouk has been in private practice focusing on internal medicine since 2006 and also served as a hospitalist at Kent Hospital from 2006–2007. Dr. Gates also currently serves as the assistant program director of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine's affiliated internal medicine residency at Kent Hospital and chair of the Kent Hospital Institutional Review Board, overseeing clinical research. He was awarded the inaugural Kent Hospital's physician of the year for 2009-2010. ❖



Michael P. Betler, DO

Dr. Betler joins Westerly Hospital's surgery department

WESTERLY – **MICHAEL P. BETLER, DO**, has joined Westerly Hospital's Department of Surgery.

Dr. Betler received his medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, PA, and completed his residency at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. His special interests include laparoscopic repair of hernias, laparoscopic colon resection, general excision of lesions, biopsies of masses, and general surgical emergencies. ❖

Five urogynecologists achieve subspecialty certification

PROVIDENCE – Five physicians with the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island (a Care New England hospital) and The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University have achieved certification in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG).

Achieving this subspecialty certification are **CASSANDRA L. CARBERRY, MD, FACOG**, of Pawtucket; **B. STAR HAMPTON, MD, FACOG**, of Providence; **DEBORAH L. MYERS, MD, FACOG**, of North Kingstown, division director; **Charles Rardin, MD, FACOG**, of Providence, director of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Care New England; and **VIVIAN SUNG, MD, MPH, FACOG**, of Providence. ❖

Newport expands women's health services

NEWPORT – Newport Hospital has added two physicians who specialize in obstetrics and gynecologic medicine. **LINDSEY BRUCE, MD**, and **LINDSAY GOODMAN, MD**, recently joined Randall Rosenthal, MD, Triste Coulombe, MD, and Judi Rosenthal, MD, to provide comprehensive OB/GYN care.

Drs. Bruce and Goodman are both graduates of the Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica and completed their OB/GYN residencies at Yale New Haven Health at Bridgeport Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. Dr. Bruce

received her undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, while Dr. Goodman received hers from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. ❖



Lindsay Goodman, MD



Lindsey Bruce, MD