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Appointments



Dino Messina, MD, PhD

Dr. Messina joins Memorial as assoc. program director for medicine residency program

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently appointed **DINO MESSINA, MD, PhD, FACP**, to its medical staff as the new associate program director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program and physician in the Internal Medicine Center. Dr. Messina is a member of Affinity Physicians and will work out of Memorial Hospital. He earned his medical degree and a doctorate in cellular biology from the State University of New York at Syracuse, Health Science Center.

He completed his primary care residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, PA.

Dr. Messina is board certified in internal medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of both the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and the Society of General Internal Medicine.

Previously, Dr. Messina worked at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut where he was the Internal Medicine Residency Primary Care Track Program director. During his tenure at Danbury, Dr. Messina helped develop a patient centered medical home outpatient experience and a curriculum that included special training in primary care orthopedics, geriatrics, behavioral medicine and women's health.

Dr. Messina's areas of clinical interest include: improving health outcomes for vulnerable patient populations; the impact of health literacy on chronic disease management; improving the continuity clinic experience for medical trainees through the use of the Patient Centered Medical Home model and safe opioid prescribing. ❖



George Valentin Cristescu, MD

Dr. Cristescu, general surgeon joins Kent Hospital

WARWICK – Kent Hospital and Affinity Physicians, an affiliate of Care New England, recently welcomed **GEORGE VALENTIN CRISTESCU, MD**, to its medical staff. Dr. Cristescu is a board-certified general surgeon and comes to Kent Hospital from Whitesburg ARH (Appalachian Regional Healthcare) Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky, where he worked for two years.

In addition to being part of the surgical program at Kent, Dr. Cristescu has joined the surgical staff at Women & Infants Hospital, also part of the Care New England Health System.

Dr. Cristescu completed a general surgery residency in 2011, at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio and two general surgery internships prior to residency. He was born in Ploiesti, Romania and attended medical school in Bucharest, where he emigrated from seven years ago. Dr. Cristescu's interests include advanced laparoscopic techniques including complex hernia repair, anti-reflux surgery and intestinal surgery.

Dr. Cristescu will join the practice of Sebastian Trombatore, MD, in Warwick. ❖

Dr. Murphy, colorectal surgeon, joins Kent Hospital

WARWICK – Colorectal surgeon, **MELISSA M. MURPHY, MD, MPH**, has joined the Kent Hospital medical staff and Affinity Physicians, an affiliate of Care New England Health System.

Dr. Murphy comes to Kent from Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, where she completed a colorectal fellowship.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Murphy to Kent Hospital and are greatly looking forward to expanding our surgical services to the patients of our community," said Sandra L. Coletta, COO Care New England, president and CEO of Kent Hospital. "Dr. Murphy's knowledge, expertise and extensive colorectal training will advance the level of care offered locally and will play an important role in further developing Kent and Care New England's colorectal surgery program."

Dr. Murphy is board certified and works with a team of medical and radiation oncologists so patients are offered a multi-disciplinary approach to necessary cancer care. In addition to being part of the surgical program at Kent she has also joined the surgical staff at Women & Infants Hospital and is on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Murphy received her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. Prior to medical school, she received her Master of Public Health and Master of Medical Science degrees from Boston University. Dr. Murphy completed a research fellowship and her general surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and completed her fellowship in colorectal surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

She has published in peer-reviewed journals including *Cancer*, *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, and *Annals of Surgery*. She has won several awards during her training including H. Brownwell Wheeler Award Outstanding Resident, and awards for her research from the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and from the New England Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery. Dr. Murphy is an instructor in surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Her clinical interests include colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, diverticulitis and fecal incontinence. In addition, she is now bringing to Kent advanced laparoscopic colorectal surgery, transanal microscopic surgery and sphincter sparing surgery. ❖



Melissa M. Murphy, MD, MPH



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Appointments



Rebecca L. Burke, RN

Kent Hospital appoints Burke Sr. V-P, chief nursing officer

WARWICK – Kent Hospital has appointed **REBECCA L. BURKE, RN, MS, NEA-BC**, to the position of senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at Kent Hospital. Burke comes to Kent from Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT, where she served as senior vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer for three years. She replaces Rene Fischer who is retiring.

Prior to moving to Hartford, Burke served as senior vice president, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer at The Miriam Hospital from 2009-2010 and senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer from 1999-2010. Burke served as the director of inpatient and emergency nursing services, and ambulatory services at Lifespan Academic Medical Center for ten years. Burke also served as a nurse manager at Lifespan, where she implemented and managed their cardiovascular telemetry unit. ❖

Brian K. Reed, MD, former combat surgeon, joins Kent medical staff

WARWICK – Board certified general surgeon, **BRIAN K. REED, MD**, has joined the Kent Hospital medical staff and Affinity Physicians, an affiliate of Care New England Health System. Dr. Reed comes to Kent from the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC, where he served as the department head of general and urologic surgery since 2011. While at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, Dr. Reed served as a combat surgeon in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, in Afghanistan. Dr. Reed has served in the U.S. Navy since 2004.

“We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Reed to Kent Hospital and with his extensive experience as a trauma surgeon in the U.S. Navy, we feel privileged to have him on staff,” said Sandra L. Coletta, COO Care New England, president and CEO of Kent Hospital.

In addition to being part of the surgical program at Kent, Dr. Reed has joined the surgical staff at Women & Infants Hospital, also part of the Care New England Health System. He is also trained in robotic surgery.

Dr. Reed received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis, TN, and completed general surgery residency training at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN. After completion of residency, Dr. Reed served for five years on active duty in the United States Navy. During his time in military service, Dr. Reed served as staff general surgeon and department head of general surgery at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. During 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan with Combat Logistics Regiment 25, serving at a forward surgical hospital in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His contributions during this deployment earned him the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Additionally, his accolades include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Fleet Marine Forces Officer Qualification.

Dr. Reed’s clinical interests include minimally invasive surgical techniques for gastroesophageal reflux disease; paraesophageal, inguinal and ventral hernia disease, and advanced laparoscopic surgery for diseases of the colon, spleen and adrenal glands. ❖



Brian K. Reed, MD

Obituary

ANDRA KATHERINE CYRONAK, MD, 45, of Providence, died peacefully in her home on Feb. 26, 2014. She received her B.A. from Wellesley College in 1990 and her MD from Hahnemann University Medical School in 1994.

She was the beloved wife of Michael J. Wroblewski and devoted mother to Wanda Grace, 11, Joseph Samuel, 9, and Lucy Isabel, 8. Andra was a treasured physician in the Rhode Island community for over 20 years, most recently with Medical Associates of Rhode Island. She loved to laugh and had a wonderful zest for life.

Andra is also survived by her parents, Judith and Charles Cyronak, of Block Island and her grandmother, Grace Jackson, of Providence. Interment and a celebration of Andra’s life will be held on Block Island in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the “Wroblewski Children’s Education Fund,” Care of St Pius V School, 49 Elmhurst Ave, Providence, RI 02908 or to the children’s College Bound Funds by an email to laurel@blockislandproperty.com.

