Appointments

Butler Hospital Announces New Leadership Appointments

PROVIDENCE – Following the induction of Lawrence H. Price, MD, as acting president and COO of Butler on July 1, he has announced key clinical and research leadership appointments. **JAMES K. SULLIVAN, MD, PhD**, has been appointed senior vice president and chief medical officer; **LISA SHEA, MD**, has been appointed medical director; and **AUDREY R. TYRKA, MD, PhD**, has been appointed director of research.

James K. Sullivan, MD

Lisa Shea, MD

Audrey R. Tyrka, MD

PHOTOS: CNE

In his role as senior vice president and chief medical officer, Dr. Sullivan will be responsible for overseeing the clinical activities of the hospital, while helping to develop an integrated Care New England (CNE)-wide system for population health. Most recently serving Butler as deputy medical director for clinical services, Dr. Sullivan joined Butler in 2007 as assistant unit chief on the Kent Unit and is also currently a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

As medical director, Dr. Shea will be responsible for ensuring that the hospital's services meet the highest levels of quality and regulatory compliance. Appointed Butler's deputy medical director in 2012, Dr. Shea has served as associate medical director, Quality & Regulation, and assistant unit chief of the Partial Hospital. She is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

In her role as director of research, Dr. Tyrka will be responsible for the oversight of research activities at the hospital and for helping to advance Butler's scientific mission. Dr. Tyrka joined Butler Hospital as associate director of the Mood Disorders Research Program following completion of her residency in psychiatry at Brown in 2003, and is currently director of the Laboratory for Clinical and Translational Neuroscience at Butler. An associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, she has published over 85 scientific papers and book chapters and leads a highly successful externally funded research program on the neurobiology of stress exposure and risk for psychopathology and other adverse health outcomes. ❖

Dr. Unab Khan Named Medical Director of Health Services at Brown

Unab Khan, MD

BROWN

PROVIDENCE – **UNAB KHAN, MD**, has been named medical director of Health Services at Brown. Dr. Khan is currently an assistant professor of pediatrics and family and social medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York, and the medical director of the B'N Fit program. She begins her duties at Brown on October 1, 2014.

Dr. Khan earned her MD from The Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan and her master's in clinical research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is currently the principal investigator for an NIH-funded study and has been the co-investigator on two additional NIH-funded studies.

She has published several publications in reviewed journals and authored chapters in *Adolescent Medicine: A Handbook of Primary Care 2005*. She has been a journal article reviewer for several publications and is an early career reviewer for the National Institutes of Health.

She is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, the American Heart Association, and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. She serves on the editorial board for the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a member of the Research Committee for the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. ❖

Appointments

Dr. Robert Insoft Named Sr.-VP for Quality and Clinical Effectiveness at W&I

PROVIDENCE – **ROBERT M. INSOFT, MD**, of Boston, has recently been named senior vice president of quality and clinical effectiveness at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island. A neonatologist and assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Insoft most recently served as the medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Neonatal Respiratory Services at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, where he was also the quality officer in the NICU.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Insoft completed an internship and residency in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, fellowships in neonatal-perinatal medicine and intensive care transport in the Department of Pediatrics and the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco. He is also a scholar from the Brigham Leadership Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Business School. He has led the Section of Transport Medicine (SOTM) of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and was the senior author on the AAP-sponsored Consensus Statement on Pediatric Transport, published in 2013 in *Pediatrics*. ❖

Dr. Wu Joins W&I Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

D. Ying Wu, MD

PAWTUCKET – Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island announces the appointment of **D. YING WU, MD, MSc** – a gastroenterologist interested in liver diseases in women, inflammatory bowel disease, functional gastrointestinal disorders and celiac disease – in its Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health.

A native of New York City who has studied as a British Marshall Scholar and conducted research on prevention of mother-to-infant transmission of HIV in Botswana, Dr. Wu will see patients at the Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health in Providence, and at locations in East Greenwich, Wakefield and Woonsocket.

"Dr. Wu is a tremendous addition to the Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health. With the surge of hepatitis cases and the new treatments on the market now for hepatitis C in particular, we are thrilled to have someone with such expertise in women's liver diseases on our team," says **CHRISTY DIBBLE, DO**, director of the Center.

Dr. Wu was the valedictorian of her graduating class from New York University, did post-graduate training as a British Marshall Scholar and earned a master of science degree in comparative health policy from Oxford University. She then earned a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She completed a fellowship at Yale Hospital, residency at Stanford University Hospital, and a fellowship in gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In addition to conducting research through the Harvard School of Public Health in Botswana, Dr. Wu was a research consultant with Population Services International's Project Healthy Children in Honduras, where she helped develop and implement a study of folic acid and its use against birth defects. In Guatemala, she helped analyze the barriers to implementation of HIV-prevention strategies among sex workers. She has also helped with modeling the cost-effectiveness of HIV interventions for the Worth Health Organization's World Health Report.

It was in Botswana where she decided to focus on the health of women.

"While living there, I saw first-hand how women have few rights in other parts of the world, and this makes them vulnerable to serious health problems," Dr. Wu says. "In the US, medical research and practice has traditionally focused on men, so although gender inequality is less pronounced socially in the US, there are persistent gender differences in evaluation and management of medical problems. By focusing on women's GI care, I hope to provide the best possible care tailored to women."

Her interest in research began as an undergraduate where she earned one of seven Dean's Undergraduate Research Grants at NYU. More recent research has focused on improving quality of care in digestive diseases and on hepatitis B. She also earned the Bristol Myers Squibb Virology Fellowship for hepatitis B research in 2013.

"I became particularly interested in liver disease because my father has chronic hepatitis B, which is endemic in China where he lived until he was 35 years old. He came to the US to pursue a doctorate in theoretical physics but became progressively sick. By the time I was graduating from college, he needed a liver transplant," Dr. Wu says. "Fortunately, he was lucky enough to get a liver transplant in 2000 and has been doing very well since then. His illness and recovery, which gave him a second chance at life, inspired me to go into medicine and also engendered a strong interest in liver disease."

Dr. Wu was a celebrated student. She earned the Harvard University Presidential Service Initiative Award for public service; the Hubert Fellowship from the Centers for Disease Control, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship to establish a preventive health program for survivors of domestic violence; and the Harry S. Truman Scholarship based on leadership potential.

"Marshall Scholars are always the most intellectually distinguished Americans who will one day become leaders and decision-makers," Dr. Dibble explains. "We are looking forward to having this sort of powerful force here in Rhode Island, working on behalf of women with liver disease." ❖

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Appointments

Virginia Bass, MD, Joins L+M in Westerly

L+M MEDICAL GROUP

Virginia Bass, MD

WESTERLY – **VIRGINIA BASS, MD**, has joined the L+M Medical Group's Obstetrics and Gynecology practices located in Westerly and New London. A member of both the Westerly Hospital and Lawrence + Memorial Hospital medical staff, Dr. Bass provides women in the greater Westerly/Stonington area with patient-focused obstetric and gynecological care, including pre- and post-natal services. All labor and delivery services are provided at L+M Hospital in New London.

Dr. Bass is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, and received her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), and completed her residency at the Carillon Clinic in Virginia, the Atlanta Medical Center in Georgia, and the Greenville Hospital System in South Carolina. ❖

Prospect CharterCARE, LLC Announces New Management Structure

Belcher to retire at end of month

PROVIDENCE – Prospect CharterCARE, LLC has announced the establishment of a new management structure designed to revitalize and increase efficiency across CharterCARE's core operations.

Prospect CharterCARE, LLC, an innovative joint venture company, was launched on June 20, 2014. The company, which is doing business as CharterCARE Health Partners, is jointly owned by Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. and CharterCARE Community Board.

The management changes announced are:

KIMBERLY O'CONNELL has been promoted to president of Roger Williams Medical Center. Previously, O'Connell served as senior vice president and general counsel of Roger Williams.

MATTHEW ROY will lead Physician Integration, a newly created executive role at the System. Previously, Roy was a former hospital CFO, multispecialty group practice manager, and strategic consultant at Partners HealthCare and Navigant.

KENNETH BELCHER, the longtime CEO of CharterCARE Health Partners (currently CharterCARE Community Board), who led the organization through the Roger Williams and Fatima affiliation and whose vision has been realized with the launch of the new joint venture, has made the decision to retire effective August 29, 2014.

"Despite our efforts to convince him otherwise, we understand and respect Ken's decision. He will truly be missed," said Thomas Reardon, president of Prospect East Holdings, Inc. A search for Belcher's replacement will begin immediately. Reardon will become interim CEO until a replacement is appointed by the Board. ❖

Dr. Amity Rubeor Named First Sports Medicine Fellow at Care New England

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Amity Rubeor, DO

PROVIDENCE – The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University recently accredited the first primary care sports medicine fellowship in Rhode Island. The first fellow to participate in the training program is a family medicine physician from the Care New England (CNE) Health System.

AMITY RUBEOR, DO, who has been part of the Department of Family Medicine at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, a Care New England partner, will begin her fellowship work this month at Affinity Sports Medicine and Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, both of which are affiliated with the Brown fellowship and the CNE health system.

"Sports medicine is an exciting specialty field that uses cutting-edge, evidence-based techniques to diagnose and management a variety of injuries and illnesses," says **JEFFREY D. MANNING, MD**, fellowship director. "Sports medicine specialists specialize in the non-operative treatment of musculoskeletal conditions, which account for a significant portion of all sports-related injuries."

Dr. Rubeor earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from the College of William and Mary, and a doctor of osteopathy degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed a pre-doctoral fellowship in osteopathic manipulative medicine and anatomy, also at the University of New England. She completed a residency in family medicine through Brown at Memorial Hospital and served as chief resident for scheduling and director of the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Clinic. She also fulfilled a faculty development fellowship, with a focus in sports medicine and obstetrics, through the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Named faculty teacher of the year at Brown several times, Dr. Rubeor is a diplomate with the American Board of Family Medicine. She has worked with the Sports Concussion Management Program at Memorial and is a Medfast director for Special Olympics Rhode Island. Her research, which covers such topics as sports concussions and sideline medical management at sporting events, has been published nationally in peer-reviewed journals and books.

"Dr. Rubeor is a well-rounded and caring family medicine practitioner who happens to have a keen interest in sports medicine, helping athletes with injuries and those interested in being more active do so safely," says **JEFFREY BORKAN, MD**, chief of the Department of Family Medicine at Memorial Hospital. "We are lucky to have her step into this newly created fellowship for advanced training in this field." ❖

Appointments

SOUTHCOAST

Grace A. Medeiros, MD

Grace A. Medeiros, MD, Joins Southcoast Physicians Group

PORTSMOUTH – **GRACE A. MEDEIROS, MD**, a neurologist, has joined Southcoast Physicians Group, and will see patients in Portsmouth, RI, at Southcoast Physician's Group Linden Tree Family Health Center.

Dr. Medeiros is assistant clinical professor at Brown University School of Medicine and an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University.

Prior to joining Southcoast, she was president of the Newport Neurologic and Electrodiagnostic Center in Newport since 2009, and also served as chief of neurology at Newport Hospital since 2000. Dr. Medeiros was attending physician for NHCC Medical Associates from 2000–2009, and previously served as clinical assistant professor, clinical neurophysiology and neuromuscular disease, at Rhode Island Hospital.

She is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Mount Sinai Alumni Association, and Physician Service Organization. ❖

Dr. Patricia Flanagan to Serve as Interim Pediatrics Chair

PROVIDENCE – **PATRICIA FLANAGAN, MD**, will serve as interim Pediatrician-in-Chief and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

As an active member of the Rhode Island Medical Women's Association (RIMWA), Dr. Flanagan has served as Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief since 2012, and has spent her entire career at Rhode Island and Hasbro Children's hospitals. She also serves as chief of clinical affairs and is a professor and vice chair of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School. Her research, clinical work and teaching have focused on the unique needs of pregnant women and parenting youth and their children.

Dr. Robert Klein has retired as Pediatrician-in-Chief and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. ❖

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Patricia Flanagan, MD

URI Professor named Ernest Mario Distinguished Chair in Pharmaceutics

KINGSTON – A University of Rhode Island researcher who has gained a national reputation for her work on alcoholism, Type 2 diabetes and measuring drug levels in organ transplant patients has been named the Ernest Mario Distinguished Chair in Pharmaceutics.

Wakefield resident **FATEMEH AKHLAGHI, PharmD, PhD**, professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences at URI's College of Pharmacy, was named to the prestigious University post this summer. Endowed faculty chairs and professorships are intended to help URI recruit and retain renowned scholars.

"Dr. Akhlaghi is a well-respected researcher and leader in the pharmaceutical sciences community. She is currently conducting groundbreaking clinical trials with collaborators at the National Institutes of Health that will lead to a better understanding and treatment of alcoholism," said E. Paul Larrat, interim dean and professor at URI's College of Pharmacy.

"Dr. Akhlaghi is particularly gifted at understanding complex scientific problems, creatively exploring possible solutions through her research, and translating that information into strategies that may help individual patients improve their health."

Dr. Akhlaghi's lab at URI is helping the NIH to develop a medication that could stop alcohol cravings through a research partnership between URI, NIH and Pfizer. The NIH awarded a $1.65 million grant in 2013 to fund her research partnership with Lorenzo Leggio, a Brown University adjunct professor and chief of section on Clinical Psychoneuroendocrinology and Neuropsychopharmacology at NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Dr. Akhlaghi's other research focuses on devising methods for personalized medicine specifically for patients with Type 2 diabetes or organ transplant recipients. "Once we learned more about different factors that influence drug concentration in the body, we can personalize medicine to the individual need of each patient," she said. "In this way, we may be able to improve drug response while reducing adverse effects."

URI PHOTO BY NORA LEWIS

Dr. Fatemeh Akhlaghi, professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, is named URI's Ernest Mario Distinguished Chair in Pharmaceutics.

Dr. Akhlaghi is also known for creating a method of measuring drug levels in transplant patients that would eliminate the need for twice-weekly blood draws. Her method of using saliva to monitor anti-rejection drugs is not only more accurate and less costly but is also pain-free and convenient for patients; it is being patented and she is searching for a diagnostic company that would make kits for patients to use at home.

She holds a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Mashhad, Iran, and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Sydney, Australia. ❖

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Recognition

Dr. Judith Mercer Receives Highest Honor from American College of Nurse-Midwives

PROVIDENCE – **JUDITH S. MERCER, CNM, PhD, FACNM**, a research scientist at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, was recently honored by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) as the recipient of the Hattie Hemschemeyer Award, named in honor of ACNM's first president and a pioneer of the profession. This is ACNM's most prestigious award and is given annually to an ACNM member who has been certified for at least 10 years and has made continuous outstanding and/or historically significant contributions to midwifery, ACNM, and/or maternal child health.

URI

Judith S. Mercer, CNM

An avid learner, Dr. Mercer is a graduate from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing diploma program in 1962, the University of Maryland School of Nursing in 1973, Columbia University School of Nursing where she obtained a master's of science degree and certificate in midwifery in 1974, and the Catholic University of America where she obtained her PhD in 1989.

She has spent the last 40 years as a midwife – working in the name of midwifery while continuously focusing on the baby's perspective at birth. She began her career at Booth Maternity Center in Philadelphia where she worked as a clinician and educator followed by 15 years of teaching midwifery at Georgetown University, the last 10 of these years as program director. In addition to Georgetown, she has held academic appointments at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and is currently professor emerita at the University of Rhode Island and adjunct professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. ❖

L. Corey Hanley, MD, Receives Dean's Teaching Award

PAWTUCKET – **L. COREY HANLEY, MD**, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine (clinical) recently received The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University 2014 Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award. She received the recognition at the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award reception held in June at Brown.

The awards are presented to clinical and basic science faculty for their exemplary teaching in preclinical course, core clerkships and clinical electives. These faculty members are recognized for their exceptional teaching and mentoring as lecturers, small group leaders and laboratory, hospital-based and office–based preceptors. ❖

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

L. Corey Hanley, MD

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Shiavax Cowasji, MD

Shiavax Cowasji, MD, Receives Beckwith Teaching Award

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital's **SHIAVAX COWASJI, MD**, clinical assistant professor of medicine, was one of eight who recently received the Alpert Medical School Department of Medicine Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching.

The award recognizes superb teaching by its faculty. Recipients are nominated and chosen by students, residents, physicians, program and course directors in the Department of Medicine. ❖

W&I Program in Women's Oncology Researchers Earn Awards at NEAGO

PROVIDENCE – Researchers with the Program in Women's Oncology at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island recently earned the two top awards for presentations at the 34th annual meeting of the New England Association of Gynecologic Oncologists (NEAGO).

"The Program in Women's Oncology group presented 16 important scientific abstracts, all of which were superb, and competed against abstracts from some of the world's most prestigious universities, including Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Vermont, the University of Connecticut, the University of Massachusetts and Boston University," says **CORNELIUS "SKIP" GRANAI III, MD**, director of the program.

"In light of such competition, the fact that our program stood out and two won the prize papers in clinical medicine and basic science is all that much more impressive."

Winning papers were:

"Increased prevalence of abnormal and cytology and high risk HPV in women with a history of lower genital tract neoplasia compared to women without a history of lower genital tract neoplasia," which won the clinical award. The paper was authored by **DRS. AMY BREGAR**, **BETH CRONIN**, **PAUL DISILVESTRO**, **STEVEN SCHECTER**, **LATHA PISHARODI**, **C. RAKER, M. CLARK**, and **KATINA ROBISON** and **CHRISTINE LUIS, MS**.

"HE4 expression is associated with hormonal elements and mediated by importin-dependent nuclear translocation," which won the basic science award. The paper was authored by **DRS. ELIZABETH LOKICH**, **NAOHIRO YANO**, **KYUKWANG KIM**, **RAKESH SINGH**, **RICHARD MOORE**, **ALEX HAN, BS**, and **NICOLE ROMANO, BS**. ❖

Recognition

Pharmacy Residents Christine Smelstor and Michael Halse (center) are the first residents to graduate from South County Hospital's one-year Pharmacy Residency Program, which was established in 2012. Both have accepted positions as clinical pharmacists at different hospitals. Here they are pictured with South County Hospital pharmacists Josh Guerin (left) and Jackie Costantino (right).

Michael Fichera, RN, named Nurse of Year at Memorial

PAWTUCKET – **MICHAEL FICHERA, RN**, from Surgical Services, was named Nurse of the Year at Memorial Hospital. A member of Memorial's team for eight years, Michael had numerous nominations. Carolyn Nobrega, RN, provided some of the following comments in her nomination letter:

"He has unequivocally become an accomplished operating room nurse and is an invaluable member of the MHRI OR team. Although he is fully competent in all specialty areas, his knowledge and education of the urology specialty is unsurpassed. Michael is always a positive and optimistic influence in the OR, boundlessly assisting all co-workers as needed at any time. His warm, caring approach with patients is comforting to them and their families." ❖

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Michael Fichera, RN, and Shelley MacDonald, RN, senior vice president, Patient Care Services, chief nursing officer at Memorial Hospital.

Recognition

URI's Christopher Nasin, MD, wins National Honor for Research on Fatigue Among Female Athletes

KINGSTON – A University of Rhode Island Health services physician earned top honors from the American College Health Association for his research presentation on fatigue among female track athletes.

CHRISTOPHER NASIN, MD, a primary care physician at Health Services, who treats URI student-athletes for illness and non-surgical injuries, was awarded a blue ribbon, the health association's top prize, during the organization's recent annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The poster, entitled, "Fatigue and Energy Balance in Female College Endurance Athletes," summarized the interdisciplinary research project involving undergraduate kinesiology students Justin Nicoll, Ryan Keith and Valerie Cadbury, as well as Disa Hatfield, associate professor of kinesiology, and Kathleen Melanson, associate professor of food science and nutrition.

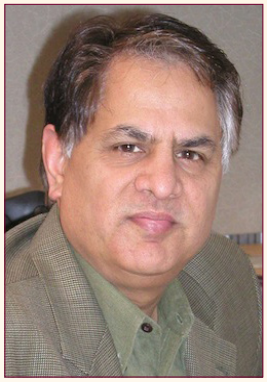
According to Dr. Nason's poster, fatigue is a common complaint among college female athletes. While clinicians usually perform routine laboratory studies to rule out organic causes of fatigue, the Saunders town resident's team focused on these factors: energy balance, mood, sleep and serum markers.

The researchers assessed nutrition, vertical jump power and blood markers before the spring track season began, during the season and after its conclusion. Fatigue, sleep and athlete burnout scales were administered weekly. Researchers also assessed race times and the percentage of change during the season.

"What we found at the end of the study was the athletes' nutrition was not adequate to support their level of training and competition," Dr. Nasin said. "They were not eating enough, and they we not getting the right types of nutrition. If this is true for athletes, it's probably true for society in general. The other major factor was poor sleep." ❖

Dr. Surendra Sharma Honored by Professional Association

Receives Distinguished Service Award from the American Society for Reproductive Immunology



WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Surendra Sharma, MD

PROVIDENCE – Warwick resident **SURENDRA SHARMA, MD, PhD**, a research scientist and professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, was recently presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the 34th annual meeting of the American Society of Reproductive Immunology (ASRI). This award is given to a member of the ASRI who has provided distinguished service to advance the goals and mission of the society.

Dr. Sharma's career has spanned three decades. His laboratory has a multifaceted research program focused on trying to answer the question of why some women have babies that are born too soon as well as why some women have problems with their pregnancy, such as preeclampsia and gestational diabetes.

"We believe that these problems may originate from abnormal immune responses during the pregnancy, but we would like to know how the immune system changes during normal and adverse pregnancy outcomes," said Dr. Sharma. "Some pregnancy-associated complications are diagnosed after 20 weeks of gestation. However, the onset of the related pathology probably occurs much earlier in pregnancy, which may have its origin in unregulated immune responses, protein structures, and vascular activities. These changes, if detected early in pregnancy, may be able to help predict who will develop the disease." ❖

Memorial's Family Care Center Earns PCMH Recognition for Quality

PAWTUCKET – The Family Care Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island recently earned recognition as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home from the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA).

"We are very pleased to achieve the NCQA's highest level of recognition for patient-centered medical homes. This recognition is the most widely-used way to transform primary care practices into medical homes and is considered to be the current 'gold standard' in the field," says **JEFFREY BORKAN, MD, PHD**, physician-in-chief of family medicine at Memorial Hospital, and chair and professor in the Department of Family Medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is also assistant dean for primary care-population health program planning at the Alpert Medical School.

The recognition is valid through July 9, 2017.

"The Family Care Center at Memorial earned a remarkable 92.25 out of 100 on the NCQA evaluation. This is evidence of the strength of the primary care program here and the dedication of our staff to providing high-quality primary care to the people of our community," adds **EDWARD SCHOTTLAND**, president and chief operating officer at Memorial. ❖

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Obituaries

RICHARD E. FRATES, SR., MD, 85, died July 9, 2014 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Mary Louise (Burns) Frates. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Joseph H. and Elsie (Mulvey) Frates. He was a communicant of St. Luke's Church and a graduate of Boston College and Tufts University Medical School.

He was a radiologist for over 50 years, founding the angiography division at Rhode Island Hospital in the early 1960s, and as radiologist-in-chief at Women and Infants Hospital until his retirement in 1998. Dr. Frates had the unique distinction of election to Fellowship in both the American College of Radiology and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He is survived by his children and their spouses: Anne T. Frates and Richard Michalski, Dr. Mary C. Frates and Dr. John Parziale, Dr. Richard E. Frates, Jr. and Dr. Mary, Patricia G. Noone and Gerald, James M. Frates and Dr. Elizabeth. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the brother of John, Thomas and William Frates and the late Rev. Joseph Frates, Dr. Margaret Geffroy and Barbara Frates.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Luke's School, 108 Washington Road, Barrington, RI 02806.

GEORGE V. COLEMAN, MD, of Providence, passed away on June 27, 2014. He was the husband of Catherine M. (Bartal) Coleman. They were married for 62 years.

He was born in Providence, on September 26, 1923.

Dr. Coleman attended the college of the Holy Cross and Cornell University Medical College. He completed his residency at Roosevelt Hospital (NYC) in surgery, pathology, and gynecology, and a four-year fellowship at Sloan Kettering.

He served as a naval medical officer in World War II and completed a tour of duty as a surgeon on the hospital ship Repose.

Certified by the American Board of Surgery, he began an oncological surgical practice performing surgeries at all Providence hospitals.

Passionate about the care of others, he strived to provide healthcare to all in need.

In 1965 he was instrumental in establishing Chad Brown Health Center. His love of teaching was evident throughout his career as a mentor and instructor for future doctors at Brown Medical School.

Besides his wife Catherine, he is survived by his three sons, George, Theodore, and Michael; three daughters, Susan, Mary, and Patricia; and 12 grandchildren.

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Donations to: Saint Pius V Church, 55 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence, RI 02908 or Home & Hospice Care of RI, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904 in his memory would be appreciated.