

Appointments



Dr. Peter Cohn appointed Physician-in-Chief of Cardiovascular Care at Charlton

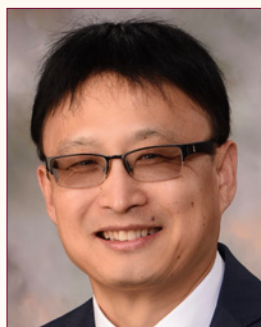
NEW BEDFORD – **DR. PETER COHN**, Interim Physician in Chief of Cardiovascular Care has accepted the role of Physician in Chief of the Cardiovascular Center at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Cohn joined Southcoast in 2011 following 18 years as member of the Truesdale Cardiology group. He has served as the Associate Physician-in-Chief and Cardiology Department Chair and has led the Cardiovascular team as Interim

Physician-in-Chief since June of 2018.

Dr. Cohn earned his medical degree from Rutgers Medical School. He completed a residency in internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence and a fellowship in cardiology at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. He performs diagnostic cardiac catheterizations as well as pacemaker and defibrillator implants in the Cardiac Catheterization and Electrophysiology Labs at Southcoast Health.

Dr. Cohn is board certified in cardiology and is certified by the Heart Rhythm Society for device implants. ❖



Dr. Shiqiang Tian joins University Orthopedics

EAST PROVIDENCE – **DR. SHIQIANG "CHRIS" TIAN** has joined University Orthopedics to expand the breadth of available services at the practice and provide patients with additional access to advanced pain management services.

"Dr. Tian's extensive experience in pain medicine and neurosurgery will be invaluable to University Orthopedics as we increasingly look to offer innovative pain management solutions for our patients," said **DR. EDWARD AKELMAN**, President of University Orthopedics.

Specialized in treating musculoskeletal, neuropathic, and visceral pain, Dr. Tian uses advanced approaches for pain management such as epidural steroid injection, radio-frequency nerve ablation, spinal cord stimulation, intra-theal drug delivery system, and vertebral augmentation to help patients return to their everyday tasks. Dr. Tian, who is certified to practice pain medicine by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, uses electrical or pharmaceutical agents in targeted areas to treat various causes of pain.

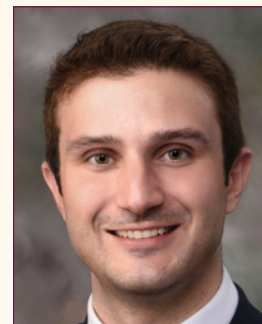
"University Orthopedics is at the forefront of pain management care, and I am proud to join a team of highly accomplished physicians who are passionate about providing the most advanced level of care," Dr. Tian said. His service can help patients manage pain associated with the head, neck and back, post-surgical pain syndrome, osteoarthritis, complex regional pain syndrome, phantom-limb pain, certain types of cancer, and more.

A graduate from the Shandong University School of Medicine in Jinan, China, Dr. Tian most recently completed an ACGME-accredited fellowship in pain medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He received additional training in pain medicine and rehabilitation during his residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Tian trained as a neurosurgeon for ten years before developing an interest in pain medicine. Before joining University Orthopedics, Dr. Tian served as a pain management physician at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin. ❖

Joseph A. Gil, MD, joins University Orthopedics

DR. JOSEPH A. GIL has joined University Orthopedics (UOI).

After earning his medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Dr. Gil completed an orthopedic surgery residency and an orthopedic trauma fellowship at Brown University. He later completed a fellowship in hand, upper extremity, and microvascular surgery at the Mayo Clinic.



Dr. Gil specializes in treating a multitude of upper extremity of hand and upper conditions. He has a particular interest in brachial plexus injuries, nerve conditions, tendon transfers, soft tissue reconstruction, wrist and finger arthritis, athletic wrist injuries, and upper extremity trauma.

"University Orthopedics is proud to welcome an accomplished physician like Dr. Gil to our team. His passion for advanced orthopedic research aligns with our mission to deliver care integrated with world class education and research," said **EDWARD AKELMAN, MD**, President of University Orthopedics.

He has co-authored over 120 clinical and basic science research papers, authored several book chapters, and his work has been presented at multiple national and international meetings.

Dr. Gil, who is eligible to join the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, will see patients at University Orthopedics' Kettle Point site in East Providence, The Miriam Hospital, and Rhode Island Hospital. ❖

Recognition



Gary Bubly, MD, receives Charles "Bud" Kahn, MD, Lifetime Leadership Award

GARY BUBLY, MD, MHC, FACEP, whose long career at The Miriam Hospital includes six years as medical director of the Emergency Department, is the recipient of the 2019 Charles "Bud" Kahn, MD, Lifetime Leadership Award.

The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association sponsors the annual award, which recognizes a Miriam physician for "outstanding leadership over a lifetime of service" and who "exemplifies professionalism and leadership in a variety of ways, to include open communication, collaboration, cooperation, commitment, and integrity." It was presented on June 25 during the association's annual meeting.

Bubly completed his residency in internal medicine at The Miriam in 1990 and immediately joined the medical staff. He became certified in emergency medicine and served as associate director of the department from 1995 to 2011. He then led the department as medical director from 2011 until 2017 when he became Vice Chair for Clinical Integration and Innovation for Brown Emergency Medicine. Bubly continues to work clinically at The Miriam and is a clinical professor of emergency medicine and clinical professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Bubly has held numerous leadership positions in his field, including president of The Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians and president of the Rhode Island Medical Society. He has also worked with FEMA in Micronesia, volunteered on committees with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Medicare, and Coastal Medical; and served on the Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force. Among the awards he's received are the Alpert Medical School Dean's Clinical Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award & the Clinical Faculty Advisory Committee Award; the Emergency Department's Exemplary Service Award, the Brian Zink Outstanding Leadership in Emergency Medicine Award; and The Miriam's Charles C. J. Carpenter Physician of the Year Award.

Bubly is a 1987 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He recently earned a master's degree in healthcare innovation from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been named a top doctor in emergency medicine 15 times by *Rhode Island Monthly*.

The award, established in 2015, is named after **DR. CHARLES "BUD" KAHN**, a retired endocrinologist who held leadership positions during his career at The Miriam. ❖

Bryan Jay, MD, named Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year

BRYAN JAY, MD, has been named the 2019 Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Outstanding Physician of the Year at The Miriam Hospital.

Jay has been director of interventional radiology at The Miriam since 2008, where he specializes in performing minimally-invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ system, including treating cancer and cancer-related problems using tumor ablation and catheter-directed vascular therapies. He is a vascular and interventional radiologist with Rhode Island Medical Imaging and a clinical assistant professor at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association sponsors the award, which is described as "the highest recognition that can be given to a member of our medical staff." The award recognizes physicians for outstanding contributions to medicine, leadership, professionalism and patient care." Winners are nominated by their peers. The award was presented at the association's annual meeting on June 25.

Jay is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical School. He did his residency at Georgetown University Hospital and completed a fellowship at Rhode Island Hospital. He is a clinical assistant professor of diagnostic imaging and interventional radiology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

The award is named after **CHARLES CARPENTER, MD**, who served as The Miriam's physician-in-chief from 1986 to 1998 and became a leader in responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by establishing the hospital's Immunology Center. He has served as director of the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and as a professor of medicine at Brown. He achieved widespread recognition for his work in treating diseases in developing countries and for training a generation of researchers in the field of international health. ❖



Recognition



Dr. Patricia Recupero receives 2019 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award

PATRICIA RECUPERO, JD, MD, was recently awarded the prestigious 2019 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award, by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), and APA Foundation. Dr. Recupero is senior vice president for education and training at Care New England. A member of Butler Hospital's staff since 1989, she served the hospital both administratively and clinically, as president and CEO of Butler Hospital for 15 years, and previously as medical director, chief of forensic psychiatry, and director of Alcohol and Drug Inpatient Services. She was recently named President Emerita of Butler Hospital by the Care New England and Butler Hospital Board of Trustees.

Established in 1975, The Manfred S. Guttmacher Award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the literature of forensic psychiatry in the form of a book, monograph, paper, or other work published or presented at a professional meeting between May 1 and April 30 of the award year cycle. Honored at the APA annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, in May, Dr. Recupero delivered an honorary lecture and was recognized for her contributions and exceptional achievements in the field of forensic psychiatric literature and her editing work in the publication titled, *"Geriatric Forensic Psychiatry: Principles and Practice."*

Upon receiving the award, Dr. Recupero stated that she was "very pleased the APA and AAPL recognized the field of geriatric forensic psychiatry as it is greatly underserved and will need to expand as the aged population increases." She also added, "Collaboration between elder care attorneys and forensic psychiatrists will play a key factor in protecting the rights of our aging population."

Mary Marran, president and chief operating officer of Butler Hospital credited Dr. Recupero's textbook as "an important advancement in education and a comprehensive review of varied topics that will speak to a broad audience of clinical, mental health, and legal professionals who work with the older population."

Board certified in forensic psychiatry and addiction psychiatry, Dr. Recupero is a clinical professor of psychiatry at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and has been a member of Brown's Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior since 1989, including serving as the psychiatry residency training director.

She was presented with a \$1,000 honorarium, to be shared with her co-editors, and an engraved plaque. ❖

Gyan Pareek, MD, honored with 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award

GYAN PAREEK, MD,

a urologic surgeon, has received the 2019 Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award, which recognizes a Miriam Hospital physician who teaches at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Pareek serves as a professor of surgery (urology) at Brown and vice president of operations at Brown Urology, Inc.

Pareek is co-director of the Minimally Invasive Urology Institute and director of the Kidney Stone Center at The Miriam Hospital. His areas of expertise include kidney stones, prostate cancer and benign prostatic hyperplasia. He is board certified in urology and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association, held at the hospital on June 25.

Pareek earned his medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. He also completed his laparoscopy and endourology fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. In 2006, Pareek was part of a team at The Miriam Hospital that performed the first robotic prostatectomy in the state of Rhode Island. Pareek has served in a number of leadership roles at the New England American Urological Association and the Rhode Island Urological Association.

The Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award was created in 2007 by a gift from the Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman family to recognize excellence in teaching by a Miriam Hospital/Brown Medical School faculty member who is currently and actively involved in the education of medical students, resident physicians and other colleagues. ❖



Recognition

Newport Hospital receives Stroke Award

Newport Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Newport Hospital earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"Newport Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said **ORLA BRANDOS**, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

"We are pleased to recognize Newport Hospital for their commitment to stroke care," said **LEE H. SCHWAMM, MD**, national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates." ❖

Total Joint Center at Miriam retains JC Gold Certification

PROVIDENCE – The Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital has once again attained The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Advanced Total Hip and Keep Replacement Certification.

The Total Joint Center, a program of the Lifespan Orthopedics Institute, achieves clinical and quality outcomes that rank among the nation's best.

To maintain certification, The Miriam Hospital underwent a rigorous, on-site review over two days last spring. During the visit, a Joint Commission reviewer evaluated compliance with related certification standards, developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewers also conducted onsite observations and interviews. ❖

Kent receives Get With The Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Gold plus Quality Achievement Award

Kent Hospital, a Care New England hospital, has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Target: Stroke Honor Roll Gold plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

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"Kent Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said **SUSAN MOORE, BSN, RN**, nursing director, Stroke Program at Kent Hospital. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical practice guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

Kent additionally received the association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

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Recognition

Southcoast Health hospitals receive top awards for stroke treatment

FALL RIVER – Southcoast Health's three hospitals – Charlton Memorial, St. Luke's and Tobey – have received awards for stroke treatment from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

Charlton Memorial and St. Luke's have been named recipients of the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: Stroke Honor Roll, the highest designation, while Tobey earned Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: Stroke Honor Roll designation. The awards recognize the hospitals' commitment and success in ensuring that stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines and the latest scientific evidence.

"It takes teamwork, dedication and a passion for excellence to deliver life-saving measures in the nick of time," said **KEITH HOVAN**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southcoast Health. "I am proud of the fine work of our physicians, nurses and EMS partners in earning these prestigious awards."

"We appreciate Southcoast and our employees being recognized for their efforts towards systematic stroke care," said **DR. DANI HACKNER**, Chief Clinical Officer for Southcoast Hospitals Group. "Stroke is an emergent and treatable condition. Collaborative care saves lives and improves patient functional recovery. This AHA honor is a testament to the commitment of our excellent providers and staff to improving stroke care for the community."

To receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, hospitals must achieve an 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve a 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality measures.

"Coordinated stroke care delivers clot-busting medications that save brain tissue and in turn improves functional recovery. Receiving quick treatment can lessen the acuity of effects a stroke has on a patient," said Hackner. "At Southcoast, our integrated stroke care treats the whole patient with timely therapies, nutrition, management of heart-related risk factors and approaches to reduce risk of future stroke or complications. By beginning the rehabilitative process early in care, Southcoast stroke efforts shorten time to recovery."

To qualify for the Target: Stroke Honor Roll, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or t-PA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. If given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, t-PA has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability.

These quality measures are designed to focus hospital teams on providing the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. ❖



Michelle Boyle, MD; Wendy Regan, MD, and Jay Schachne, MD, of Southcoast Health at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University's Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award ceremony.

Southcoast Health physicians receive Excellence in Teaching Awards from Brown University

PROVIDENCE – Three Southcoast Health physicians recently received Dean's Excellence in Teaching Awards from Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School.

DR. JAY SCHACHNE, a cardiologist, and **DR. MICHELLE BOYLE** and **DR. WENDY REGAN**, both primary care physicians at the Polo Center in Middletown, Rhode Island, were honored on June 18 for their exemplary teaching of preclinical courses, core clerkships, and clinical electives.

"I love teaching. The medical students at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University are the best of the best," said Dr. Schachne. "They keep me on my toes and help me be a better doctor. I am humbled by this honor."

Dr. Michelle Boyle has been teaching at the Alpert Medical School for 25 years.

"I enjoy introducing young doctors to family medicine," said Dr. Boyle. "I want them to see how much they can learn in a positive and supportive environment."

Dr. Boyle and Dr. Wendy Regan share teaching duties and stated that they are gratified to be honored and recognized for their work.

"I enjoy teaching because it keeps me up to date with the latest treatments, medications, and recommendations," said Dr. Regan. "I feel proud because teaching and influencing medical students is very important for the future."

Southcoast Health and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University participate in a teaching collaboration. In addition, Southcoast Health is part of the Brown University Oncology Research Group (BrUOG), known for its cutting edge clinical trials and innovative therapies in oncological care. ❖

Obituaries



THOMAS ARED BENNETT, III, MD, 76, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in Providence, RI.

Dr. Bennett was a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed his training at Rhode Island Hospital with a specialty in Internal Medicine and Hematology. In his practice, Dr. Bennett frequently made house calls to his elderly patients. Dr. Bennett was greatly admired for his compassionate care for vulnerable HIV and AIDS patients, regardless of their ability to pay, during the early years of the AIDS epidemic.

Dr. Bennett worked for some forty-four-years at the Rhode Island Disability Determination Services. At the time of his demise, Dr. Bennett served as Chief Medical Consultant. He was greatly respected by his colleagues.

Dr. Bennett was an adventurous and curious traveler to all parts of the world. He loved the theater, Broadway musicals, movies and the Avon Cinema. He was devoted to his dogs and will be greatly missed by his constant and faithful companions, the beautiful Miniature Schnauzers, Panache and Giovanni.

Dr. Bennett was a humble and kind man. He will be deeply missed by those who loved him dearly for his wit and adventuresome spirit as well as his passion for helping others. ❖



FRANK MARIO D'ALESSANDRO, MD, passed away at the age of 85 on June 8, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Marta (Mimmi) D'Alessandro for 59 years.

He was a 1951 graduate of LaSalle Academy, a 1955 graduate of Providence College and received his medical degree from the University of Bologna in 1960. He began an internship at St. Joseph Hospital in 1960 and continued his training in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology at Carney Hospital and Lahey Clinic in Boston. He returned to Providence and opened a medical practice in 1964. He practiced medicine in North Providence for more than 50 years, his final years together with his son, Dr. Frank B. D'Alessandro.



He is survived by his wife, Marta and four children, Frank B. D'Alessandro, MD, and his wife Michelle; Debora D'Alessandro, Esq. and her husband, Edward Medici, Esq.; Natalie D'Alessandro Volpe, MBA, and her husband John Volpe, DPM; and Jules J. D'Alessandro, Esq., and his wife, Amy D'Alessandro,

Esq. He was the proud grandfather of Alexandra Volpe, Jonathan Volpe, Domenic Caniglia, Antonio D'Alessandro, Ariana D'Alessandro, Justin D'Alessandro, Giavanna D'Alessandro and Jaeson D'Alessandro.

Dr. D'Alessandro a/k/a "Doc from North Providence" as he was known on the radio show of his lifelong friend Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, was a popular guest on the show regularly giving his opinions and dispensing his advice to the show's listeners.

Dr. D'Alessandro was the recipient of numerous awards for his dedication, commitment, compassionate contributions and humanitarian efforts to the community. Awards included the DaVinci Center Community Humanitarian Award in 2002. He was invested by the Order of Malta as a Knight of Magistral Grace on November 12, 2004.

A member of the military, United States Army, in 1967, Dr. D'Alessandro was drafted into the Vietnam War. He served stateside at military hospitals in Texas, Missouri, West Point Military Academy, New York and Fort Devens. Having served as a Captain and Major, he was honorably discharged in 1969.

Dr. D'Alessandro had a passion for learning and was a tireless advocate of the Italian heritage. He was a Christopher Columbus scholar and served as chairman of the Christopher Columbus 500 Commission in 1991 and 1992. He was also recognized for his distinguished achievement by the Justinian Law Society. He had a long association with NIAF in Washington, DC, who have published many of his articles and letters and frequently sought his counsel on matters of discrimination of Italian Americans, as did the OSIA (Organization of the Sons of Italy of America) of New York.

Dr. D'Alessandro was a published author of three books, *Firemark*, *Sacco and Vanzetti: The Verdict of History*, and the *Cassiopeia Grail*.

During the mid-1960s, he spearheaded a local effort for the victims of the flood in Florence, Italy and managed to collect thousands of dollars in clothes and money. This effort continued for earthquake victims in Friuli and Naples. Dr. D'Alessandro lobbied local hospitals and pharmaceutical companies for medical supplies, which were sent to Tanzania Hospital in Dar-Es Salaam, Pediatric AIDS Relief in Kenya and locally to the Seaman's Institute and Travelers Aid.

Donations in his memory may be made to: Alzheimer's Association Rhode Island Chapter, 245 Waterman St. #306, Providence, RI 02906. ❖