

Appointments



Methodius G. Tuuli, MD, named Executive Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at W&I, department chair at Brown

Care New England Health System has announced the appointment of **METHODIUS G. TUULI, MD, MPH, MBA**, as Executive Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology for Women & Infants

Hospital, and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School. He will also hold the Chace-Joukowsky Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brown University.

Currently, Dr. Tuuli is employed at the Indiana University School of Medicine, where he is the William H. and Sallie E. Coleman Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and vice chair for Obstetrics. He is also currently the director of Perinatal Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

After earning his medical degree from the University of Ghana Medical School, Dr. Tuuli completed a Master's degree in Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University. Dr. Tuuli completed a subspecialty fellowship in maternal fetal medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. He remained at Washington University for ten years and served as medical director of Labor & Delivery and director of the Division of Clinical Research. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"After conducting a national search, Care New England Health System decided that Dr. Tuuli had the medical expertise, experience in women's healthcare, and the passionate desire to lead women's healthcare forward, that Women & Infants Hospital needs, moving toward the future. Women's healthcare is our utmost priority at CNE, and as a recognized leader in the field, with world renowned doctors on staff at Women & Infants Hospital, CNE is ecstatic to welcome Dr. Tuuli aboard," said **JAMES E. FANALE, MD**, President and CEO, Care New England Health System.

"We are thrilled to welcome a physician, teacher, and researcher of Dr. Tuuli's caliber to our community," says **JACK A. ELIAS, MD**, senior vice president for health affairs and dean of medicine and biological sciences at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. "His expertise will help advance research and train the next generation of leaders in obstetrics and gynecology." ❖

Recognition

Robert Legare, MD, receives healthcare professional award

WESTERLY – **ROBERT LEGARE, MD**, associate clinical professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and medical director of the Smilow Cancer Hospital care centers in Westerly and Waterford, is the recipient of the 2020 Dr. Joseph DiMase Memorial Healthcare Professional Award presented during the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island's Cancer Summit.

The award honors the dedication of Dr. Joseph DiMase, founder of the Screening Colonoscopies for Uninsured Persons (SCUP) program in Rhode Island, which served hundreds of uninsured Rhode Islanders, ultimately saving lives and continuing to screen those at risk for colorectal cancer.

Dr. Legare will be recognized for his lifelong dedication to and champion for cancer prevention, improving detection, increasing access to health and social services and striving for an overall reduction in the burden of cancer on patients. ❖

RWMC, Fatima receive national quality awards

Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital have received several national quality awards from Healthgrades, the company that collects and assesses information about physicians, hospitals, and health care providers across the country.

Roger Williams earned 3 awards, as follows:

- 5-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for 2 years in a row (2019–2020)
- 5-Star Recipient for Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease for 4 years in a row (2017–2020)
- 5-Star recipient for treatment of respiratory failure for 3 years in a row (2018–2020)

Fatima Hospital was the recipient of the following:

- 5-Star award for treatments of heart attack for 3 years in a row (2018–2020)

Healthgrades measures hospital quality solely on risk-adjusted mortality and in-hospital complications. Its analysis is based on approximately 40 million Medicare discharges for the most recent three-year period available.

CharterCARE CEO **JEFF LIEBMAN** stated, "These national quality recognitions are most impressive in that they reflect sustained performance over a period of several years. At CharterCARE, we have invested thousands of hours to develop clinical quality and patient safety protocols and systems. These awards are a credit to the hard work and relentless commitment of our doctors, nurses and support staff." ❖

Recognition

Kent Hospital receives Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA)

WARWICK – Kent Hospital’s Emergency Department has achieved the bronze standard – Level 3 GEDA accreditation, from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), with support from The Gary and Mary West Health Institute and John A. Hartford Foundation, which launched the Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) program to recognize those emergency departments that provide excellent care for older adults.

“We at Kent Hospital take great pride in all the work we do, especially how we care for our aging population. Nationwide, there are approximately 20 million seniors who visit their local emergency departments, annually. Any senior who visits Kent Hospital’s emergency department can be assured that they will have access to the medical expertise, and equipment necessary to provide optimal care,” said **ROBERT HAFHEY**, President and COO, Kent Hospital.

Led by a remarkable team of inter-disciplinary leaders, including **LAURA FORMAN, MD**, Chief -Emergency Medicine, and **SANDRA STOCKS**, Nursing Director, Emergency Department, Kent Hospital’s accreditation demonstrates its focus on the highest standards of care for Rhode Island’s older adults.

“At Kent Hospital, we see many older adults, some with multiple chronic conditions. Some, while dealing with medical issues, also struggle with social and physical challenges, making things increasingly more difficult for them,” said Laura Forman,

MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine, Kent Hospital.

“I want to make sure that when an older adult comes to see us at Kent, no matter how major or minor their issue, they feel safe and welcome, knowing we are going to take care of their needs in an inclusive environment. This accreditation means a lot to us, because it recognizes our commitment to older adults in our community,” she added.

The GEDA program is the culmination of years of progress in emergency care of older adults. In 2014, ACEP along with Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, Emergency Nurses Association, and American Geriatrics Society, developed and released geriatric ED guidelines, recommending measures ranging from adding geriatric-friendly equipment to specialized staff to more routine screening for delirium, dementia, and fall risk, among other vulnerabilities.

The voluntary GEDA program, which includes three levels similar to trauma center designations, provides specific criteria and goals for emergency clinicians and administrators to target. The accreditation process provides more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care and the level of GEDA accreditation achieved depends upon how many of these best practices an emergency department is able to meet. A Level 3 emergency department must incorporate many of these best practices, along with providing inter-disciplinary geriatric education, and having geriatric appropriate equipment and supplies available. ❖