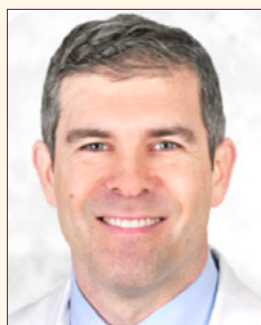


Appointments



Brett D. Owens, MD, named Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of* *Sports Medicine (AJSM)*

ROSEMONT, ILL. — The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) announced at its annual meeting last year that **BRETT D. OWENS, MD**, was selected as the new Editor-in-Chief of

The American Journal of Sports Medicine (AJSM), after serving 12 years as its Associate Editor, effective January 2025.

"The AOSSM and Medical Publishing Board selected Brett from a very strong group of candidates based on the strength of his leadership and experience to lead the AJSM and preserve its role as the premier journal in sports medicine science and innovation," said **CHARLES BUSH-JOSEPH, MD**, Chair, AOSSM Medical Publishing Board of Trustees.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead this esteemed publication," said Dr. Owens. "I look forward to carrying on the 50-year legacy while taking an innovative approach to publishing and engagement of readership and the broader sports medicine field."

Dr. Owens is the Chief of Sports Medicine at the Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital in Providence and University Orthopedics, Inc. He is Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Brown University's Alpert Medical School and Professor of Surgery (Orthopaedics) at Uniformed Services University of Health Science. He has published over 350 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, given over 200 national and international presentations, and co-edited five textbooks in orthopaedics and sports medicine. Dr. Owens' research has garnered five major awards from AOSSM.

Upon graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, he earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine, and after several years of active military service he returned to West Point to become the Chief of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine at Keller Army Hospital. His role was crucial in the lives of both soldiers and cadets, serving as team physician for Army's varsity athletic teams. ❖



Patricia Poitevien, MD, appointed vice president for campus life at Brown

PROVIDENCE [BROWN UNIVERSITY] — **PATRICIA POITEVIEN, MD**, a practicing physician and a senior administrator and faculty member within Brown University's Division of Biology and Medicine, has been appointed the University's vice

president for campus life, effective June 1, 2025.

Poitevien will lead the Division of Campus Life, serve as a member of the President's Cabinet and work closely with the Corporation of Brown University on matters related to the student experience. The vice president for campus life is responsible for supporting holistic student success and working with faculty, staff and students to foster and maintain a campus community grounded in mutual respect and trust that encourages intellectual inquiry and development. Poitevien will oversee more than 20 centers, departments and offices and will collaborate with partners across administrative units and academic departments to create opportunities for all undergraduate, graduate and medical students to thrive.

She has a personal relationship to the Brown student experience, having earned both bachelor's and medical degrees as a graduate of the University's Program in Liberal Medical Education. And while serving as interim vice president for institutional equity and diversity from November 2024 to February 2025, Poitevien worked with colleagues across campus to ensure that all members of the community could participate fully in the life of the University.

An associate professor of pediatrics, Poitevien joined Brown's Warren Alpert Medical School faculty in 2018. Since 2022, she has held the role of senior associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion, serving as a liaison between the medical school community, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and Brown's affiliated clinical partners. She has enabled new collaborations and supported medical students in providing inclusive, community-centered education, mentorship and clinical care.

Prior to joining Brown, Poitevien was an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at New York University's school of medicine from 2006 through 2018. She is the immediate past president of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors and was a founding member of the association's Learning Community on Underrepresented Minorities in Medicine. Until 2022, she led the Brown Pediatrics Residency Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital, which is an affiliated hospital of the medical school.

In addition to her degrees from Brown, Poitevien holds a master's in clinical investigation from New York University School of Medicine. ❖

Recognition

Kimberly Mowry, PhD; Thomas Roberts, PhD, named American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Association for the Advancement of Science, one of the world's largest general scientific societies and publisher of the Science family of journals, announces the 2024 class of AAAS Fellows, a distinguished lifetime honor within the scientific community. This latest class is comprised of 471 scientists, engineers and innovators across 24 AAAS disciplinary Sections.

"This year's class of Fellows are the embodiment of scientific excellence and service to our communities," said **SUDIP S. PARIKH, PHD, AAAS** chief executive officer and executive publisher of the Science family of journals. "At a time when the future of the scientific enterprise in the U.S. and around the world is uncertain, their work demonstrates the value of sustained investment in science and engineering."

The Fellows are a distinguished cadre recognized for their achievements across disciplines, from research, teaching and technology to administration in academia, industry and government to excellence in communicating and interpreting science to the public.

The new Fellows will receive a certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin (representing science and engineering, respectively) to commemorate their election and will be celebrated at a forum in Washington, D.C. on June 7, 2025. The 2024 Fellows class will also be featured in the AAAS News & Notes section of the journal Science in March 2025.

Among the recipients are two members of the Brown University faculty: **KIMBERLY MOWRY, PhD**, professor of biomedicine and **THOMAS ROBERTS, PhD**, professor of ecology, evolution and organismal biology.

AAAS recognized Dr. Mowry for "distinguished contributions to the field of RNA localization and developmental biology in the model *Xenopus* oocyte system."

"I'm truly honored to have been elected by my peers to join this distinguished group of scientists," Dr. Mowry said. "These are unprecedented times for science, and the AAAS is providing leadership in meeting the challenges we face; I'm very proud to be a fellow of AAAS."

AAAS recognized Dr. Roberts for "distinguished contributions to the fields of physiology and biomechanics, particularly for demonstrating that tendons are central players in the conversion of muscle energy into body motion."

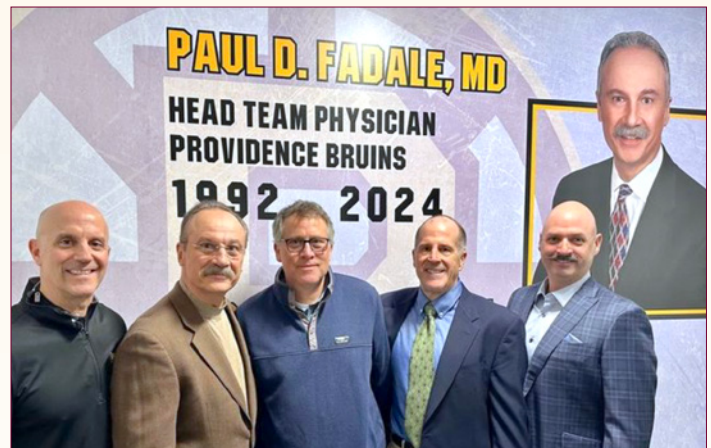
"It's an honor to receive this recognition from my peers," Dr. Roberts said. "As a scientist, I feel privileged to have the opportunity to pursue discovery through research, and grateful for the mentors, students and colleagues who share this commitment and passion." ❖

Bruins dedicate team's exam room in honor of longtime team physician Paul Fadale, MD

PROVIDENCE — The Providence Bruins, the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the Boston Bruins, recently honored longtime team physician **PAUL FADALE, MD**, an orthopedic sports medicine surgeon at University Orthopedics, by dedicating their athletic training exam room in his name.

A foundational figure of the club's medical team, Dr. Fadale began serving as the team physician during the Providence Bruins' inaugural season in 1992 and remained a trusted presence behind the bench for over three decades. His unwavering dedication to player care and steadfast commitment to the team have left a lasting impact on generations of athletes and staff.

To recognize his legacy, the athletic training exam room at the Amica Mutual Pavilion has been officially named the "Dr. Paul Fadale Exam Room." A ceremony was held in Providence to mark the occasion, with players, coaches, medical professionals, and front office staff in attendance.



Mural dedicated to Paul Fadale, MD, and University Orthopedics (UOI) physicians who attended the event to honor Dr. Fadale, second from left.

[CREDIT: UOI]

"This is an incredible honor," Dr. Fadale said. "To have my name associated with a team and an organization I've cared deeply about for so many years is truly humbling. It's been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated professionals and help support the health and careers of so many outstanding athletes."

TRENT WHITFIELD, former Providence Bruins player and current assistant coach, shared his appreciation: "Dr. Fadale has always gone above and beyond for the players, whether it was managing injuries, answering questions, or just being a reassuring presence. He's been a cornerstone of this organization. As a former player and now coach, I can say with confidence that his influence has made a real difference in a lot of careers, including mine."

Dr. Fadale is also a nationally recognized orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, serving as a team physician for collegiate and professional teams across Rhode Island and beyond.

Watch highlights from the dedication ceremony here: <https://youtu.be/UIkEl2Frk-Y> ❖

Recognition

Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH, and Jennifer B. Nuzzo, DrPH, elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

PROVIDENCE — **ASHISH K. JHA, MD, MPH**, and **JENNIFER B. NUZZO, DrPH**, are among eight Brown University scholars elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences. They are among a class of nearly



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Jennifer B. Nuzzo, DrPH

250 new members, who include leading thinkers in science, public affairs, business, arts and the humanities. Members are selected through a competitive process that recognizes individuals who have made preeminent contributions to their disciplines and to society.

A practicing physician, Dr. Jha has extensively researched how to improve the quality and reduce the cost of health care, focusing on the impact of public health policy nationally and globally. He is a leading adviser on pandemic preparedness and response and served as White House COVID-19 response coordinator during the Biden administration. At Brown, he has expanded on the School of Public Health's strength in gerontology and alcohol and addiction studies and catalyzed new areas of research including pandemics and biosecurity, health systems and policy, and climate and health. Dr. Jha was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2013.

Trained as an epidemiologist, Dr. Nuzzo focuses her work on global health security, public health preparedness and response, and health systems resilience. In addition to her scholarly work, she regularly advises national governments and for-profit and nonprofit organizations on pandemic preparedness and response. She is the director of the Pandemic Center at Brown's School of Public Health. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2024.

"The election of these esteemed Brown University faculty members to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is a meaningful recognition of their wide-ranging impact on scholarship and policy to advance solutions to society's most pressing challenges and opportunities, from climate change and education to public health and machine learning," Brown University Provost Francis J. Doyle III said. "This distinct honor, which acknowledges the impact of their rigorous research and scholarship, is a testament to the power of academic freedom, in-depth study and free inquiry to advance the knowledge and understanding that is critical to academic excellence." ❖

2025 Doctor of the Year Awards ceremony held at Kent Hospital

WARWICK — Kent Hospital hosted its Doctor of the Year Award breakfast March 31st. Seven doctors from various specialties/fields received an award.



Doctor of the Year 2025
Pawtucket Campus
Andrew Dixon, MD



Doctor of the Year 2025
Hospitalist
Darif Krasnow, DO



Doctor of the Year 2025
Surgical Specialist
Ramin Tabaddor, MD



Doctor of the Year 2025
Medical Specialist
Ambreen Ijaz, MD



Doctor of the Year 2025
Community Doctor
Debra Roberts, MD



Doctor of the Year 2025
Proceduralist
Vijayendra Sudheendra, MD

Doctor of the Year 2025
Emergency Medicine
Robert Heini, MD
(not shown)

Recognition



Diane DiTomasso, PhD, RN, URI nursing professor, wins national award for education in women's health, obstetrics

KINGSTON [URI] — A University of Rhode Island College of Nursing professor and expert in women's health and obstetrics is being recognized nationally by a leading nursing association dedicated to promoting the health of women and newborns, advocating for quality

nursing care, and providing education and resources for nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Clinical Associate Professor **DIANE DITOMASSO, PhD, RN**, has been named the 2025 recipient of the Education Award of Excellence from the national Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. The award honors two individuals each year for their "outstanding contributions to the fields of women's health, obstetric, or neonatal nursing" education through scholarly or clinical excellence. The recipients are recognized for contributing to the knowledge base of women's health, obstetric or newborn nursing care; and improving professional nursing practice teaching excellence, by conveying complex concepts using innovative methods.

"I am deeply honored to receive the AWHONN Education Award," DiTomasso said. "This recognition reaffirms my commitment to advancing nursing education and promoting excellence in the care of women, newborns and families."

DiTmasso, who was inducted as a fellow in AWHONN last year, has more than 35 years of experience in women's health, and has worked as an obstetrical nurse and board-certified lactation consultant, in addition to her role as professor of

nursing and family health at URI. Her research – which focuses on breastfeeding, infant weight changes, and human milk expression – has been widely published, and has earned previous awards from AWHONN, the International Lactation Consultant Association, the Eastern Nursing Research Society, and the *Journal of Human Lactation*.

DiTomasso's groundbreaking studies on newborn weight loss after birth found that it is not uncommon for newborns to lose up to 10 percent of their weight after birth while breastfeeding. Previous medical advice recommended mothers supplement breast milk with formula if a baby's weight drops by as little as 7 percent. However, DiTomasso's study found most infants who lose more than 7 percent of birth weight in their first two weeks regain the weight normally. Therefore, in most cases, there is no need to incorporate formula, which can interfere with breastfeeding, potentially depriving infant and mother of the tremendous health benefits of exclusive breastfeeding.

DiTomasso has said she hopes her findings will influence pediatric care providers and encourage them to continue to support mothers in exclusively breastfeeding for at least six months, then incorporating complementary foods while continuing to breastfeed for a year.

"I am grateful to AWHONN for this acknowledgment and for their continued support of professional development and clinical excellence within our field," said DiTomasso, who also serves as chair of the college's Pathways to Nursing program. "This award is a reflection of the shared efforts of colleagues, mentors, and students who continually inspire my dedication to education and lifelong learning." ❖

Recognition

South County Home Health earns 5 Stars for Patient Survey and 4.5 Stars for Quality

WAKEFIELD — South County Home Health, a division of South County Health, has received the highest ratings among all home health programs in Rhode Island from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): 5 stars for Patient Survey and 4.5 stars for Quality of Patient Care. These top ratings place South County Home Health among the top-performing home health programs in the nation.

CMS star ratings are based on performance data collected nationwide and help patients and their families make informed decisions when choosing healthcare providers. The Quality of Patient Care rating reflects how often each agency used best practices and achieved positive outcomes, while the Patient Experience rating is based directly on feedback from patients about their care.

"These ratings are a testament to the extraordinary care, compassion, and professionalism our home health team provides every day," said **AARON ROBINSON**, President and CEO of South County Health. "We are honored to be recognized at the highest level, and most importantly, to earn the trust and gratitude of the patients and families we serve across southern Rhode Island, and we are proud of our home health team for raising the bar for what home-based care can and should be."

"Whether helping a patient recover from surgery, manage a chronic condition, or regain independence after illness, our team approaches every home visit with skill and heart," said **LYNNE DRISCOLL, RN**, Assistant Vice President of Community Health at South County Health. "These ratings reaffirm our commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care that is engrained into our culture at South County Health." ❖

South County Hospital named 2025 Castle Connolly Top Hospital for Spine Surgery

WAKEFIELD — South County Hospital has been named a 2025 Castle Connolly Top Hospital for Spine Surgery, placing it among the top 25% of hospitals nationwide for excellence in spine care.

This inaugural recognition underscores South County Health's commitment to delivering exceptional orthopedic outcomes through its Center for Advanced Orthopedic Surgery, in partnership with Ortho Rhode Island.

"We're proud to be one of the first hospitals in the nation to receive this recognition," said **AARON ROBINSON**, President and CEO of South County Health. "This serves as yet another indicator of the world-class orthopedic care Rhode Islanders have come to know us for through our outstanding partnership with Ortho Rhode Island, and reinforces our position as a local and national leader in spine surgery."

MICHAEL BRADLEY, MD, MBA, President of Ortho Rhode Island, said, "We are honored to partner with South County Hospital to provide world-class spine surgery that has helped earn this recognition from Castle Connolly. It is a testament to the expertise of our spine surgeons, **DRS. IAN MADOM, AKSHAY YADHATI**, and **DIANA DOULEH**, and to our partnership's collaborative commitment to the highest quality care that puts patients first. We are grateful to work with South County Hospital to provide the spine care every member of our community deserves."

The Castle Connolly Top Hospitals designation is a newly launched, data-driven program that evaluates hospitals across the country based on clinical excellence, patient safety, outcomes, and physician expertise. By analyzing comprehensive claims data that reflects the full patient journey, Castle Connolly highlights hospitals that are setting new standards in specialized care. ❖