

Appointments



CharterCARE welcomes Mohammad Abdallat, MD, thoracic surgeon

PROVIDENCE — **MOHAMMAD ABDALLAT, MD**, a fellowship-trained thoracic surgeon, has joined the CharterCARE system in March.

He completed a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital-Harvard Medical School, and his surgery residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan and at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn where he also served as chief resident. Dr. Abdallat is a graduate of University of Jordan School of Medicine in Amman, Jordan.

Dr. Abdallat will lead the system's growth and development of specialized surgical care for patients along the spectrum of thoracic diseases and disorders, including esophagus and lung cancer, mediastinal staging and tumors, thymoma and other thymic tumors, chest wall and pleural space tumors and conditions, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), paraesophageal hernia, achalasia and hyperhidrosis. He has clinical interests in lung cancer screening, thoracic oncology and minimally invasive thoracic and foregut surgery (VATS and Robotic). His research interest focuses on clinical outcomes for early stage lung cancer, sublobar resection, occult N1 disease and Spread through airway space.

He will be based at Roger Williams Medical Center and located at 50 Maude Street in Providence. He is a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and is fluent in Arabic and English. ❖

Recognition



Terrie Fox Wetle, PhD, receives Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal of Honor

PROVIDENCE [BROWN UNIVERSITY] — **TERRIE FOX WETLE, PhD**, was one of two faculty members who received the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal of Honor during Brown's 257th Commencement on Sunday, May 25.

The medal is the highest honor the Brown University faculty can bestow, having been awarded just 36 times since its establishment in 1919. Among past honorees are University presidents and chancellors, pioneering Brown scholars and esteemed public servants.

Dr. Wetle, a professor emerita of health services, policy and practice, served as the inaugural dean of Brown University's School of Public Health from 2013 to 2017. In 2000, after serving as deputy director of the National Institute on Aging, Dr. Wetle came to Brown as the University's first associate dean of medicine for public health and public policy. Her charge was to consolidate Brown's thriving but disparate public health departments and centers into a unified program – which she accomplished with what Brown President Christina H. Paxson has called “distinctive and joyful energy” and “uncommon devotion.”

In the decade and a half that Dr. Wetle served in leadership positions before and after the School of Public Health's formal launch in 2013, Brown expanded public health research funding and activity, developed and launched master's and doctoral programs and greatly increased the number of new public health faculty. The number of undergraduate public health concentrators doubled, and the number of graduate students tripled.

Dr. Wetle's leadership and vision has had lasting impacts not only on Brown, but also on the public health landscape of Rhode Island. As dean, she built strong and sustained partnerships with local hospitals, the Rhode Island Department of Health and other government agencies and community-based organizations. Today, public health students and faculty continue to collaborate with these organizations on high-impact research and other efforts.

As a gerontologist, Dr. Wetle researches the health and care of aging populations. As a dedicated educator, she continues to lecture in public health and to mentor students and junior faculty as well as former students who have become public health leaders.

She is past president of both the Gerontological Society of America and the American Federation for Aging Research. She was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the American Public Health Association and served on the National Institutes of Health's National Advisory Council on Aging and the NIH Council on Councils. ❖

Recognition

Four Brown University Health hospitals receive high grade for patient safety from Leapfrog

PROVIDENCE — Four hospitals within the Brown University Health system received an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. The four hospitals gaining this distinction in patient safety are Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI, The Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI, Newport Hospital in Newport, RI, and Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, MA.

This national distinction recognizes hospitals for their commitment to patient safety and excellence in protecting patients from preventable harm and medical errors. Saint Anne's Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, and Newport Hospital have each consistently demonstrated high performance in safety, earning top marks in multiple grading cycles from the Leapfrog Group.

"I'm incredibly proud of the team at Rhode Island Hospital for their steadfast commitment to high-quality care and patient safety, as reflected in our Leapfrog 'A' safety grade for Spring 2025," said **SARAH FROST**, chief of hospital operations and president of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. "This recognition, along with 'A' safety grades earned by The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital, and Saint Anne's Hospital, highlights Brown University Health's unwavering dedication to excellence across the system. I'm truly grateful to our care teams for the exceptional work they do every single day for our patients."

"We are thrilled and incredibly proud to receive straight 'A's' from the Leapfrog Group. This outstanding achievement is a true reflection of the remarkable dedication, expertise, and compassion that our entire team at The Miriam Hospital brings to work every single day," said **MARIA DUCHARME, DNP, RN**, president of The Miriam Hospital and chief quality executive at Brown University Health. "It's a shining endorsement of our unwavering commitment to delivering truly exceptional, 'wow' care to every patient and every member of our community."

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an 'A, B, C, D, or F' grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. ❖

South County Hospital receives Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award; also recognized with the 2025 Pulmonary Care Excellence Award

WAKEFIELD — South County Hospital has once again been honored with Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award – recognizing its commitment to delivering compassionate, high-quality care centered around every patient's unique needs.

The Outstanding Patient Experience Award recognizes hospitals that excel at providing top-quality care while ensuring a positive healthcare experience for patients. The 2025 recipients include 377 hospitals from 44 states and represent the top 15% of hospitals in the nation for patient experience.

This prestigious award is based on patient surveys measuring key aspects of the patient experience, from communication with doctors and nurses to hospital cleanliness and responsiveness. South County Hospital ranks among the top hospitals nationwide for consistently exceeding patient expectations.

"This award is a direct reflection of the dedication and compassion our staff show every day," said **AARON ROBINSON**, President and CEO of South County Health. "It's a testament to our entire team's commitment to not only providing exceptional clinical care but also ensuring that every patient feels heard, respected, and supported throughout their journey with us."

South County Hospital was also recognized with the 2025 Pulmonary Care Excellence Award showcasing superior clinical outcomes in treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and pneumonia. This recognition is awarded to the top 5% to 10% of hospitals in pulmonary care are, as measured by lowest risk-adjusted mortality.

"These recognitions reflect our unwavering commitment to putting patients first – not only through safe, high-quality clinical care but through the compassion and dignity we bring to every interaction," said **ANITRA L. GALMORE, DNP, BSN RN, MS, NEA-BC**, South County Health Chief Operations Officer and Chief Nursing Officer. "It's an honor to see our teams acknowledged for the excellent care our patients experience every day." ❖