



## Medical staff invited to Joslin opening, March 23

The medical staff is cordially invited to attend the ribbon cutting and open house for the new Joslin Diabetes Affiliate at Hallmark Health. The ceremony will be held on March 23 in the Johnston Conference Room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford (LMH) from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Hallmark Health recently joined forces with the Joslin Diabetes Center, the world's preeminent diabetes research and clinical care organization. The Center at LMH will offer advanced clinical care for the treatment of diabetes and its complications in patients 18 years and older as well as patient education and support services.

For more information on the open house, please call the Center at (781) 306-6370.

## Dr. Patel passes HPM Boards

**Samir P. Patel, MD**, recently passed the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Boards. This certification is a rigorous, comprehensive program for evaluating physician knowledge, skills and attitudes to assure patients that a physician has achieved high levels of competence for practice.

## Physician social coming April 26 at Regina's in Medford

The next physician social will be held on Tuesday evening, April 26, at Regina's Pizzeria, 44 Station Landing in Wellington Circle, Medford, from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. All members of the Hallmark Health medical staff are invited. The socials are designed to be a networking event of food, fun and conversation that allow physicians to meet face-to-face with their colleagues.

For more information, please contact **Meredith Baker**, physician liaison, at (781) 338-7508.

## Open forums with the Chief Medical Officer

**William Doherty, MD**, Hallmark Health's chief medical officer, invites all members of the medical staff to his new monthly open forums. The forums are held on the first week of the month before the Visiting Clinician lectures.

At Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the forums are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Lawrence Memorial/Regis College School of Nursing from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. At Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the forums are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Perkins Lecture Hall from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Dr. Doherty wants to hear from you. Your questions, concerns and ideas are important.



William Doherty, MD

## Hallmark Health team assists in Haitian relief effort

Eight physicians and staff members from Melrose-Wakefield Hospital traveled to Haiti in late January to assist with the ongoing international efforts to provide medical care, education and support to this medically underserved area. The team treated many patients and provided education and training.

The Hallmark Health team included **Nicole Bloor, MD**, **Tamer Khafagy, MD**, **Carl Turissini, MD**, **Jean Roll Joseph, RN**, Med 5, **Bernice Svedlow, RN**, Med 5, **Azar Zanelotti, RN**, Med 5, **Verdine Paul, RN**, Med 3 and **Jamie Beth Regan**, cardiac sonographer.

## Information technology update

**Carol Dresser**  
vice president, Information Services

Information Services continues to work on projects that will create an environment where all physicians will be able to interact with each other more efficiently to meet the goals and objectives of the organization. Two important milestones in that journey are the move to a single email platform and the introduction of new audio/visual technology in the main conference rooms at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford (LMH) and Melrose-Wakefield Hospital (MWH).

All physicians have been assigned hallmarkhealth.org user IDs. We no longer use Meditech MOX for organizational communications. The new email platform streamlines the process for sending and receiving email, allows for attachments and moves this function onto a Microsoft Office platform that will allow for easier integration with other collaboration tools planned for the future.

We have also installed new audio/visual equipment for doing presentations in the MWH Board Room or the LMH Johnson Conference Room. This technology allows us to remotely connect those two rooms electronically for a meeting providing improved communications and more efficient use of time. The next steps will be to install this equipment and video conferencing capabilities at Perkins Lecture Hall and assess the need at other locations throughout the system.

As with all new additions, there is a learning curve. We encourage physicians to provide IS with feedback on these changes as we look to continuously improve on our enterprise communication and collaboration tools.

## Changes to journal collections in physician lounges

There have been several changes in the print journal collections in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital and Lawrence Memorial Hospital physician lounges.

As part of the consolidation of library services many print journals are being converted to electronic format.

However, because many physicians prefer print subscriptions to several key medical journals, the following will still be available in print format in each lounge: the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ), the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), *The Lancet* and *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

## IMAGING INFORMATION

### Ordering CT abdomen and pelvis examinations

As of Jan. 1, 2011, three CPT Codes have been added for CT imaging of the abdomen and pelvis as combined studies.

When ordering an abdomen and pelvis exam on the same day, you no longer need to obtain separate authorizations for an abdomen and a pelvis. You will now only obtain one authorization.

The three NEW CPT Codes that should now be utilized are:

	<i>CPT Code</i>
• abdomen/pelvis without contrast	74176
• abdomen/pelvis with contrast	74177
• abdomen/pelvis with and without contrast	74178

These CPT codes are effective immediately. If the older CPT codes are used, the authorizations will be considered invalid.

If ordering a CT abdomen only, you will authorize this exam only. You should follow the same procedure for the CT of the pelvis.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sue Marinella** at (781) 338-7668.

### Staff enjoy an afternoon skate at the Boston Garden

Close to 200 Hallmark Health employees and physicians attended a family skate at the TD Garden, the home ice of the Boston Bruins on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16. Pictured above at center ice are Neil Denbow, MD and his family, Sam, (l.), Lori, Max and Zoe.



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