## Hallmark Health



# Physician Focus A PUBLICATION FOR HALLMARK HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF

## Medical staff development plan completed

Hallmark Health has engaged with the firm of Barlow/McCarthy to complete a comprehensive Medical Staff Development Plan (MSDP). The MSDP is a core study that will help shape the growth of medical practices and physician retention strategies in the years ahead.

The study provides a clear vision that is data driven and identifies clinical and market opportunities. The plan also provides a market review that includes population trends, current inpatient discharges by speciality, Hallmark Health's current position in our service area and a medical staff profile.

These findings provide the data that will be essential in shaping the future of recruitment, rentention and growth. The next issue of Physician Focus will highlight some of the key findings of the MSDP.

## Dr. Pappas completes Ugandan laboratory inspections

Dean Pappas, MD, chief of Pathology, recently completed a comprehensive College of American Pathologists (CAP) laboratory inspection in Kampala, Uganda. This accreditation program certifies over 6,000 laboratories worldwide, helping them achieve the highest standard of quality and safety.

The Kampala, Uganda laboratory is an HIV-research laboratory under the direction of Johns Hopkins Medical Center. This laboratory performs blood tests on patients undergoing treatment for HIV. Other American medical centers also offer treatment for these patients, particularly pregnant women. On this inspection Dr. Pappas learned that thanks to these treatments in the past 15 years, the incidence of positive HIV carrier status in pregnant patients had decreased from 30 to 10 percent.



## Hallmark Health recognized as 'most improved' in information technology

Hallmark Health has been recognized as one of the nation's most improved in information technology (IT). The work done in the areas of creating a single IT EMR platform for physicians in their offices and the implementation of a number of new systems to improve the quality and safety of medication administration were key factors in demonstrating this improvement. The recognition was contained in a 2011 Most Wired survey released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine.

The nation's Most Wired hospitals are making significant progress towards the adoption of electronic data collection and computerized physician order entry to promote improved patient care. In recent years, Hallmark Health has implemented IT systems that focus on improving the safety of medication administration, advancing the use of electronic medical records and deploying tools for data protection from loss or inappropriate access.



# Lawrence Memorial/Regis College Nursing Program re-designated a Center of Excellence

The Lawrence Memorial/Regis College Nursing Program has been re-designated as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing for another four years. The program is part of the Regis College School of Nursing, Science and Health Professions, which was first named a Center of Excellence in 2008 and was recently chosen again to continue that designation through 2015. It is the only nursing program in the state to receive this honor.

Only eight schools of nursing across the country were added to the Center of Excellence list this year. Designation is based on the ability to demonstrate sustained excellence in faculty development, nursing education research and/or student learning and professional development. Schools must also have a proven commitment to continuous quality improvement.



Center of Excellence in Nursing Education

Outstanding Achievements in Student Learning and Professional Development 2008-2015

The Lawrence Memorial/Regis College associate degree program offers students a unique blend of classroom and clinical experience, expert faculty and a flexible curriculum. The program fully prepares students for licensure as registered nurses as shown by the high licensure rates for new graduates. The program had the highest rate of all associate degree programs in Massachusetts in 2010 and is consistently higher than both state and national RN licensure rates.

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#### Hallmark Health physicians named top doctors

Seventeen Hallmark Health physicians have been named to the nation's Top Doctors list compiled by the *US News and World Report*. Top Doctors is a list that helps guide consumers to the top specialists and primary care doctors in their area who can best address their medical needs. The national list is based on nominations submitted by other doctors and reviewed by a physician-led research team.

The Hallmark Health physicians include; Dennis Begos, MD, colon and rectal surgery; Joel Bleier, MD, allergies and immunology; Curtis Bowman, MD, cardiology; William Breckwoldt, II, MD, surgery; Edward Butler, MD, infectious disease; Marilyn Capek, MD, dermatology; Carl Danielson, III, MD, surgery; Martin Gelman, MD, internal medicine; Jonathan Hall, MD, plastic surgery; Karen Harvey-Wilkes, MD, neonatalogy; Melvyn Levine, MD, pediatrics; Bernard Logan, MD, obstetrics-gynecology; Jose Manuel Marcal, MD, gastroenterology; Michael Naylor, MD surgery; Peter Tiffany, MD urology; William Moore Vanneman, MD, gastroenterology and Frank Vittimberga, MD, surgery.

#### Tufts psychiatric residents rotate at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford (LMH)

This summer and fall, LMH will once again welcome psychiatric residents from Tufts for their geriatric psychiatry rotation, a requirement of their training in psychiatry. Each resident will spend time on the inpatient units, partial hospitalization program, electroconvulsive therapy, outpatient evaluations and nursing home consultations.

The residents will be supervised by **David Harnett**, MD, **Samir Patel**, MD, **Lakshmi Mudunuri**, MD, **Maxim Lianski**, MD and **Olga Novik**, MD. The LMH program in geriatric psychiatry is noted for its multidisciplinary approach that helps patients reach their optimal level of functioning.

#### Dr. Zack honored

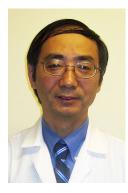
Michael Zack, MD will be the sole recipient of the Alfred Soffer Award for Editorial Excellence. The award will be presented by The American College of Chest Physicians at their Honors Convocation in Honolulu, Hawaii in October. The award honors Dr. Zack's significant contributions to CHEST, the official publication of the American College of Chest Physicians as well as his expertise in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

#### **NEW PHYSICIANS**

Jordan R. Gutweiler, MD has joined Hallmark Health Medical Associates, Inc., at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Dr. Gutweiler performs general and minimally invasive surgical procedures, primarily in the abdominal area. He comes to Hallmark Health from Lahey Clinic in Burlington where he served as administrative chief resident in general surgery and prior to that as a resident in general surgery. Dr. Gutweiler has also conducted surgical research at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA.



A resident reviewer for Archives of Surgery, he has coauthored numerous articles for surgical publications. Dr. Gutweiler is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, completed his internship in general surgery at Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, CT and gained additional experience in pediatric surgery as a junior resident at Children's Hospital in Boston.



Liangping Weng, MD has joined the Hallmark Health Hematology and Oncology Center, at 41 Montvale Ave. in Stoneham. Dr. Weng recently completed a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Boston Medical Center. Prior to that, he completed a residency program in internal medicine at Mount Vernon Hospital in New York. He served as a cancer researcher specifically focused on molecular biology of cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Ohio State University. Dr. Weng was also a professor of medicine in China. Dr.

Weng is a graduate of Wannan Medical College and Tongi Medical University, both in China.

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