



# Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital  
WINTER 2014

## Mather Receives Accreditation for Internal Medicine Residency Program



Lucien Cardinal, MD, Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, during a recent planning session.

On January 29 Mather Hospital received official notice of initial accreditation of the new Internal Medicine Residency Program. We will welcome our first class of medical residents for the 2014-2015 academic year beginning July 1. The program will emphasize primary care and is the first of several planned medical residencies at Mather.

The initial accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education is the highest approval given to a new program. The residency is sponsored by Stony Brook Medicine. Frederick Schiavone, MD, Stony Brook's Vice Dean for Graduate Medical Education, worked closely with Mather leadership in developing the program, which will accept up to 19

resident physicians for the first year of the three-year training program. A new group of residents will be accepted into the program each year.

"I've been confident that we would receive accreditation as expected due to the excellence of physicians, nurses, leadership and staff at Mather Hospital," said Lucien Cardinal, MD, Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program.

The residency program is part of the new Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program at Mather, which also plans to begin residencies in Family Practice Medicine, Psychiatry and

Transitional Year.

"We will be working with the new residents to improve collaboration, forming teams with nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists and dietitians to bring the quality of care to the highest level," said Michael Tofano, MD, Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program responsible for oversight in inpatient areas. In addition, as Chairperson for the Clinical Competency Committee, Dr. Tofano will oversee advancement of residents through their training. Dr. Tofano is also Director of the Hospitalist Service at Mather.

"It has been such a great pleasure working with the entire team on this project. This is an exciting time for Mather," said Joan Faro, MD, Mather's Chief Medical Officer, who has been instrumental in establishing the GME Program. "Our program will provide a nurturing and learning environment for our resident physicians and will emphasize the importance of primary care in the creation of population health." The Office of Medical Affairs will oversee the Internal Medicine Residency Program.

The GME program was created in part to address the projected growing shortage of doctors and increased de-

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# President's Column

Michael Eisner, the former CEO of The Disney Company, wrote a book called *Working Together*, which is about the power of partnerships. He concludes that in life there are always unique individual achievers, but pull down the veil and you'll often find someone alongside them.

As the delivery of healthcare continues to change, partnerships are being used more and more to innovate and grow. This is also true for Mather Hospital.

Recently Mather formed Long Island's first hospital-chiropractor collaboration involving more than 70 chiropractors from the Hamptons to Commack. Recognizing that a large percentage of the population uses chiropractic care, it makes sense to coordinate patient care, education and outreach for those patients.

Our first venture into Graduate Medical Education, establishing a residency program in internal medicine, is being done in concert with Stony Brook Medicine. We have received initial accreditation for our Internal Medicine Graduate Medical Education program and plan to welcome our first class of residents in Internal Medicine this July. Stony Brook has also provided Radiologists to our Imaging Department since 2011.

Another partnership with North Shore Hematology/Oncology will result in Suffolk County's first hospital affiliated CyberKnife® Robotic Radiosurgery System, which will be located in East Setauket. CyberKnife® is a non-invasive alternative to surgery for the treatment of both cancerous and non-cancerous tumors anywhere in the body, including the prostate, lung, brain, spine, liver, pancreas and kidney. The procedure delivers beams of high dose radiation to tumors with extreme computerized accuracy. We hope to have the program operational by the summer.

Indeed there is great value in collaborations where those involved are driven toward a common goal. Moving forward, Mather will continue to seek out partnerships that help us toward our goal of becoming the best community hospital in New York State.

## People

Congratulations to our 2013 Health Care Heroes:

- **Marie Mulligan, MSN, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC**, Chief Nursing Officer/ Vice President for Nursing at Mather, who was named a Nurse Hero for providing outstanding leadership since assuming her position in 2008 not only for Mather's nursing staff but for the entire Hospital. She led the successful effort to earn Magnet® Recognition for Mather.
- **Alice Kolasa, DO**, Director of Mather Hospital's Palliative Medicine Program, who was named a Physician Hero. Dr. Kolasa joined the hospital in 2012 as the founding Director of the Palliative Medicine Program and was cited for her "integrity, kindness and compassion" and the care she provides for her patients and families.
- **Jean Larsen and Walter Hurney**, creators of the Pink Rock Golf Classic to benefit the Fund for Uninsured at the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather Hospital, who were named Volunteer Heroes. The annual golf tournament has raised more than \$350,000.

**Lucien Cardinal, MD** joined Mather as Program Director of the new Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Cardinal will oversee the implementation of an innovative program that will emphasize the training of Internal Medicine physicians focused on primary care delivery.

**Dennis Kramer** was named Director of Safety and Security and oversees all aspects of safety and security at the hospital, including emergency management. Dennis, who was our Assistant Director of Safety and Security since March 2010, was formerly a firefighter with the New York City Fire Department.

## Service

We honored our Volunteers and Auxilians who achieved milestones in their service to Mather. Those individuals included **Dot Milau**, with an astonishing 36,000 hours of service. Thank you to all our 186 Volunteers for their many hours of service to our hospital and our community.

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## Mather Partners with Chiropractors



Mather Hospital established Long Island's first Chiropractic Collaboration to provide coordinated patient care, education and outreach to patients who access both medical and chiropractic care. The Collaboration has more than 70 members from the Hamptons to Commack.

According to the American Chiropractic Association, approximately 20 million Americans a year, or 8 percent of the population, seek chiropractic services.

"For those patients who seek both chiropractic and medical care for their ailments, it makes sense that we coordinate and collaborate on their care with our area chiropractors for the best treatments and outcomes," said Richard Savino, MD, President of Mather's Medical Staff and a board certified orthopedic surgeon.

Chiropractors are the third largest group of healthcare providers, after physicians and dentists, who provide direct

patient care. American Medical Association policy supports physicians associating professionally with chiropractors and referring patients to them for diagnostic or therapeutic services.

"In order to participate in Mather's program, chiropractors must undergo a peer review of their credentials and work history and demonstrate that they are in good standing with various professional and regulatory agencies," said David BenEliyahu, DC, Director of Chiropractic Relations at Mather Hospital.

Doctors of Chiropractic Medicine graduate from chiropractic schools currently accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, which is fully recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Before chiropractors can practice, they must be licensed by their state. All states require them to pass the National Chiropractic Board examination.

Chiropractic services are covered by most insurance plans, including HMOs, PPOs, union plans, Medicare, No Fault and Workers' Compensation.

## Patients to Receive Health Education via TV

The Patient TV Education Task Force is in the process of designing and building the components of pCare, an interactive patient education and communication system, which is scheduled to go live later this year. pCare will be available free to all inpatients through the TV system.

**Pictured back row, left to right:** Janet Coacci, RN, 2 South; Edward Raven, Imaging Services; Julie Macauley, RN, Critical Care; Karen Tuzzolo, RN, Surgical Services; Lucien Cardinal, MD, Internal Medicine Residency; Jean McCarrick, RN, Behavioral Health.

**Front row, left to right:** Nancy Uzo, Public Affairs; Jennifer Hardwicke, Nurse Recruitment; Marina Grennen, RN, Nursing Education; Brandy Feliu, RN, Magnet Program.

**Not pictured:** Marie Ankner, RN, Nursing Education; Constance Calisi, RN, Nursing Infomatics; Maureen Chernosky, RN, Nursing Education; Joanne Connor, RN, Nursing Administration; Marsha Deckman, RN, Nursing Infomatics; Grace Ebinger, RN, 2 East; Kimberly Giordano, RN, TCU; Theresa Grimes, RN, Nursing Administration; Tara Howard-Saunders, RN, Inpatient Psychiatry; Jimmy Luna, RN,



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# NURSING matters

## Nursing Quality Showcase 2013:



Mary Jane Fisher, RN, explained the Nursing Quality Showcase poster to Kenneth Jacoppi, Chairman, Mather Board of Directors. The poster was made up of words used by patients to describe the quality of nursing care they received at Mather.



Mary Ferrara, RN, Manager of the Outpatient Transfusion Center, showed Marian Fracassa, RN her display on "Educating Patients on the Risks Associated with Transfusion Related Iron Overload", the accumulation of iron in bodies of patients who receive frequent blood transfusions.



Raymond Luttinger, ANP, explained his infection control display to Board Member Betsy Noyes Britton. The display showed how the Emergency Department staff cut the number of catheter-associated urinary tract infections by reducing the number of catheters being used.



Mary Ann Goodman, RN, Orthopedic Coordinator (right), showed her display on "Total Joint Replacement Program Quality Process Improvement" to Mary Grace Ventura, RN, Assistant Manager, Behavioral Health. The poster explains how nurses ensure the proper timing of administering antibiotics during joint replacement procedures.



## Nurse Preceptors

Nurse preceptors with instructors Maureen Chernosky, RN (back row left) and Brandy Feliu, RN (back row right). Nurse preceptors help new staff acclimate to their new position by serving as role models, socializers and educators, and coordinating learning experiences to assure competency-based orientation specific to the patient care unit.



## Nursing Grads

Nursing graduates with instructor Maureen Chernosky, RN (far right). Following a 4-6 month orientation, nurses from various schools and other healthcare facilities will be placed in their first Mather nursing jobs.



## Free Lung Screening Program Launched by Mather



Smokers and former smokers who meet certain high-risk criteria should be screened for lung cancer using low-dose computer tomography (CT), a procedure that has the potential to save thousands of lives each year. That was the conclusion of a major, decade-long federal National Lung Screening Trial, a study of current and former smokers.

In response Mather Hospital launched the Lung Cancer Screening Program, which provides free lung cancer screenings for high-risk individuals. The screening involves a low dose CT Scan using a 320-slice CT scanner to perform the test at the lowest possible radiation exposure. Individuals who should consider having a screening are current and former heavy smokers ages 55 to 74 with a smoking history of at least 30 pack-years or more without signs, symptoms, or history of lung cancer. Pack-years are calculated by multiplying the average number of packs of cigarettes smoked per day by the number of years a person has smoked. Other qualifying factors include a documented radon exposure or occupational exposure; a family history of lung cancer, COPD or pulmonary fibrosis; or a history of other cancers and exposure to radiation to the chest.

Eileen Zaoutis, RN, nurse navigator for the program, serves as a liaison between the community physicians, patients and radiologist and helps facilitate additional testing, appointments and follow-up, if necessary.

Pulmonologist Daniel Baram, MD, said patients are referred to the program by their physician, who provides a prescription for the CT scan. Following the screening, the patient meets with his or her physician to discuss the results. A suspicious nodule detected by the screening does not necessarily indicate lung cancer. According to current studies, more than 95 percent of initially suspicious lung nodules are non-cancerous. Based on the findings, a patient may be referred to a specialist even if the diagnosis is not lung cancer.

**For more information about Mather's free Lung Cancer Screening Program, contact Zaoutis at 631-686-2500.**

## Mather Offers New Non-Surgical Weight Loss Alternative

Mather Hospital which has long been recognized as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence now offers a non-surgical weight loss alternative. Through Mather's Comprehensive Medical Weight Management Program patients receive guidance from a team of healthcare professionals including a physician, dietitians and counselors. Arif Ahmad, MD is the Director of this new program.

Presented in 12-week cycles, a specialized plan based on each participants needs is developed. The plan includes:

- Physician-supervised safe, effective monitoring
- Real-life coping skills and behavior modification strategies
- Regular one-on-one meetings with a nutritionist

**For more information, call the Comprehensive Medical Weight Management Program at 631-686-7998.**

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## Mather's New Patient Care Pavilion Timeline



October 2013  
Groundbreaking



March - Early June 2014  
Steel delivered, steel structure built.

November 2013 - Early February 2014  
Foundation work



July 2014  
New structure  
weather  
interior work  
Portion of old  
roof removed  
Heating, cooling  
ventilation work



## Mather Giving Campaign Success

The 2013-2014 Mather Giving Campaign was dedicated to support the new patient care pavilion that will house a 35-single-bedded patient care unit, offices and teaching facilities for a Graduate Medical Education Program and a state-of-the-art conference center has raised more than \$162,000 to date.

The campaign was coordinated by the 12-member

*Mather Giving Committee: (top row, left to right) Brandy Feliu, RN; Laura Juliano; Maureen Dimaiuta; Cathy Hammer; Kim Wilson; Nancy Uzo; (bottom row, left to right) Joan Samborski; Olga Larios; Mary Ferrara, RN; Lisa Moore; Miriam Hacken; and Tiffany Ketcham.*



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**October 2014**  
Two elevator shafts expanded to new third floor.

**January 2015 - June 2015**  
Interior work continues. Construction of rooms and offices. Installation of flooring and furniture. Construction of Conference Center Courtyard and Patient Care Unit Garden.

**August 2014**  
Carpenters begin interior metal stud work.

**September 2014**  
Begin installation of sprinkler pipes; plumbing, mechanical and electrical work starts.

**November - December 2014**  
Painting begins.

**July 1, 2015**  
Expected completion of building project.

**2014**  
Structure made airtight, work begins. Second floor moved. Cooling and work begins.



All dates are estimates.  
\*Source: Kevin Koubek, PE, Director of Hospital Design and Construction



## Supports Building Project

Member employee committee, co-chaired by Laura Juliano, Director of Annual Giving; Brandy Feliu, RN, Magnet Program Director; and Tiffany Ketcham, Assistant to the Chief Medical Officer.

“It was an honor and privilege to work with such a dynamic and energetic campaign team,” Feliu said. “The collaboration and communication of the team demonstrated our ‘Magnetic’ culture here at John T. Mather Memorial Hospital.”

“Thank you to the Employee Committee members who donated their time and energy, and to the local retailers and restaurants who generously donated raffle prizes,” said Ketcham, “And thank you to all of our wonderful and generous Mather employees.”

Employees and volunteers who still wish to contribute to the campaign may contact Laura Juliano in Public Affairs at 476-2723.



## Voyage Teams Welcome New Members

Working together to continue the Voyage to Excellence and promote the Standards of Excellence are the eight teams listed below:

### Bright Ideas Team

**Senior Sponsor:** Wayne Shattes

**Leader:** Chris Livreri

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### Communications Team

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### Leadership Development Team

**Senior Sponsor:** Kevin Murray

**Leader:** Jean McCarrick

**Members:** Marie Anknor, Lucien Cardinal, Carol Cruz, Denise Driscoll, Lorraine Farrell, Olga Larios, Lisa Malcomson, Pat Mirabella, Nirupa Ramjisingh, Cathleen Roster, Barbara Scavetta, Bernadette White

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**Chairs:** Carol Cruz, Lois McCarthy

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10,000 Hours: Mather President Kenneth Roberts (left) and Mather Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (right) congratulate Al Breitenbach and Genevieve Mikorenda. (Not pictured: Loraine Altman.)

## Thrift Shop Fashions on the Runway

Volunteer models took to the runway at the Fashion Show Luncheon. The annual event features some of the Thrift Shop's best offerings in leisure, business and evening wear. The Fashion Show raised \$5,000.



The following individuals were feted for achieving hour milestones:

**36,000 Hours**

Dorothy Milau



**13,000 Hours**

Ida Forstel



**11,000 Hours**

Cornelia Wakefield



**10,000 Hours**

Loraine Altman

Al Breitenbach

Genevieve Mikorenda



**8,000 Hours**

Jeannine Cook

**5,000 Hours**

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Mary Martin



**4,000 Hours**

Barbara Junior

**3,000 Hours**

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**2,000 Hours**

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Julia Tramantano

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**Almas Abbasi, MD**

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**James Badia, MD**

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Residency: Radiology, Methodist Hospital, NY  
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**Lev Bangiyev, DO**

Specialty: Radiology  
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Long Island College Hospital  
Fellowship: Neuroradiology, New York University Medical Center  
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department, HSC L4, Room 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

**Ajay Berdia, MD**

Specialty: Neurology  
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Residency: Psychiatry, Neurology, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, NY  
Practice: St. Charles Specialty Care Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson (631-474-6300)

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**Dara Brener, MD**

Specialty: Internal Medicine  
Medical School: St. Georges University School of Medicine, Grenada  
Residency: Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola  
Practice: 200 Belle Meade Road, Port Jefferson (631) 474-6374

**Varghese Cherian, MD**

Specialty: Radiology  
Medical School: St George's University, Grenada  
Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York Methodist Hospital  
Fellowship: Cardiovascular Imaging, NYU Langone Medical Center  
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Dept., HSC L4 Rm 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

**Linda Chernoff, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: Clinical Anesthesia, Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA; Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, 333 Route 25A, Suite 225, Rocky Point (631-744-3671)

**Jared Dunkin, MD**

Specialty: Radiology  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, SUNY Stony Brook  
Fellowship: Neuroradiology, Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Dept., HSC L4 Rm 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

**Eric Feldmann, MD**

Specialty: Radiology  
Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Residency: Radiology, Stony Brook University Medical Center  
Fellowship: Musculoskeletal, Hospital for Special Surgery, NY  
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Dept., HSC L4 Rm 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

**Jerry George, DO**

Specialty: Hematology/Oncology, Internal Medicine  
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Residency: New York Medical College at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY  
Fellowship: Hematology and Medical Oncology, Lenox Hill Hospital, NY  
Practice: North Shore Hematology/Oncology Associates, PC, 235 North Belle Mead Road, East Setauket (631-751-3000)

**Anita Gill, MD**

Specialty: Neurology  
Medical School: Dayanand Medical College, India  
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Practice: Mather Hospital

**Althea Hamilton, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
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**Donald Harrington, DO**

Specialty: Radiology  
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**Marc Hayes, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Science  
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# STAFF matters

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## **Kenneth Levine, MD**

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Practice: NAPA Management Services Corp., 68 South Service Road, Suite 350, Melville (631-945-3000)

## **William Martin, MD**

Specialty: Vascular Surgery  
Medical School: University of Vermont College of Medicine  
Residency: General Surgery, Mount Sinai Medical Center  
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## **Roxanne Palermo, MD**

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## **Steven Perlmutter, MD**

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## **Matthew Rutman, DO**

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## **Marilyn Temkin, MD**

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Practice: Mather Hospital

## **Charles Thompson, MD**

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## **Roy Ward, MD**

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Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, Winthrop University Hospital  
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# COMMUNITY matters

## Louis J. Bove Named Chair of Golf Classic

Louis J. Bove of Bove Industries has been named the 2014 Golf Committee Chairman. Bove has served on the Golf Committee since 2007. His father, the late Vincent Bove, who was Chairman of Mather Hospital's Board of Directors, was also a chairman of the event.

The Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 2, 2014 at the Port Jefferson Country Club at Harbor Hills.

Former Mather Board member Gene Gerrard, who founded Mather Hospital's Golf Classic and served as its chairman for 28 years, stepped down from the post last year.



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## President's Message *(continued from page 2)*

Under the continued leadership of **Olga Larios**, our Fall Blood Drive collected a total of 82 pints. That will help 246 patients. Thanks to everyone who donated and to Olga and her blood drive captains for another successful drive.

## Quality & Safety

As noted in *Newsday*, Mather Hospital became one of only four hospitals on Long Island to achieve the top "A" Hospital Safety Score from The Leapfrog Group and one of only two hospitals to receive that score for all four consecutive rating periods. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national nonprofit focused on initiative breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of healthcare for Americans. Congratulations to everyone at Mather for that achievement.

## Innovation & Growth

We recently launched our Lung Cancer Screening Program following an almost decade-long national study that found that certain high risk current and former smokers who were screened with low-dose computed tomography (CT scan) had a 20 percent reduction in lung cancer deaths as compared to those who were screened with chest X-rays. In late December, an influential panel of medical experts recommended that low-dose CT scans be offered to people at high risk – those between ages 55 and 80 who smoked the equivalent of a pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years. Mather now offers the screenings free of charge to those who meet the high risk criteria.

We're in the process of converting to ICD-10, the 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), a diagnostic coding system implemented by the World Health Organization (WHO) to replace ICD-9, which has been in use since the 70s.

ICD codes for diseases, signs and symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases. ICD-10 expands the number of codes used from about 13,600 to approximately 69,000. Implementation of the new system is mandatory for all institutions covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), with a deadline of October 1, 2014.

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## Mather Receives Accreditation for Internal Medicine Residency Program *(continued from page 1)*

mand for primary care physicians. A study by the Healthcare Association of New York State found that more than 1,200 doctors are needed statewide, one third of them in primary care.

Under the Affordable Care Act, projections are that an additional 1.2 million New Yorkers will be covered by health insurance, adding to the demand for primary care physicians.

At the same time, large numbers of our community members are entering their retirement years, when healthcare utilization dramatically increases.

"We believe some doctors who complete their residencies at Mather will choose to stay and practice in our beautiful community and become the care providers for our families and neighbors," said Mather President Kenneth Roberts.



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## Lucien Cardinal, MD

### Honored by City of New York

Lucien Cardinal, MD, Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Mather Hospital, was recently presented with a proclamation for his achievements



in Medicine and Medical Education, presented by Deputy Majority Leader Leroy Comrie on behalf of the City of New York.

The award recognized Dr. Cardinal's role in designing a delivery system for stroke care that began with ambulance pick-up and continued through rehabilitation; development of a wound treatment/hyperbaric center; and creation of a medical education training program. He was also acknowledged for his expertise in direct patient care and his compassionate manner.

# FAMILY matters

### Educational and Professional Achievement:

**Revenue Cycle:** Carol Cruz completed her studies through the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business and earned her Executive Certificate in Leadership and Management. **Melville**

**Wound Treatment Center:** Karen Petrosino, RN, BSN attained recertification as WCC (Wound Care Certified).

### Milestone Life Events:

**Bariatrics:** Kathleen Caruso was married. Lucia Bush gave birth to daughter, Olivia Raquel Bush. Karinna Escabi married Andrew Ribeiro. Lisa Messineo became engaged to Vik Angadi. Amy Beierle became engaged to Mark Eimer.

**Finance:** Cathy Hammer Mendelsohn, who became Administrative Assistant to Joseph Wisnoski, Sr. VP & CFO in September, was married October 26, in Las Vegas to Matt Mendelsohn. **Patient**

**Access:** Nicole Genovese and Tom Nagel became engaged. Kristina and Daniel Repperger welcomed their first child, son Daniel Henry, on November 3. He was 7.8 lbs, 20 in. **Revenue Cycle:** Stacey and Sean Keane welcomed their first child, McKenzie Grace, November 11. Patricia Schadelbauer and her husband welcomed home their daughters, Desislava and Daniela, in July.

### Miscellaneous:

**Melville Wound Treatment:** Donna Randone participated in the NYC Marathon on November 3. **Employee Health:** Eileen Ventura celebrated the graduation of her daughter, Lindsay, from Long Island University Brooklyn where she earned a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. **Physician Liaison:** Kerry Baker's son Ryan will be attending LIU Post this fall with an academic/athletic scholarship to play lacrosse.