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A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
WINTER 2015

Precision CyberKnife of New York Opens



Precision CyberKnife of New York, Mather Hospital's program with North Shore Hematology/Oncology Associates (NSHOA), officially opened its doors in November. Precision CyberKnife offers treatment of complex tumors through a non-invasive procedure that offers sub-millimeter accuracy without pain. The new program is located at 181 N. Belle Meade Road, East Setauket. More information at www.precisioncyberknifeofny.org.

At the ribbon cutting (from left) from NSHOA are Patrick McManus, Vanessa Kay, Dr. Joseph Cirrone, Nicole Gregory, Dr. Jeffrey Vacirca, Dr. Martin Silverstein and from Mather Hospital are Kenneth Roberts, Kevin Murray, Kevin Koubek and Michael Burghardt.

Bariatric Program Celebrates 10 Years of Success and Excellence



Mather Hospital's Bariatric Program marked its 10th anniversary at the end of 2014 both at the hospital and at a special reception for patients at East Wind Caterers in Wading River.

Hundreds of former patients gathered at East Wind and shared their personal stories of how weight-loss surgery changed their lives and offered their gratitude to Arif Ahmad, MD, Director of the program.

In the 10 years of the program, more than 3,000 bariatric procedures have been performed by Dr. Ahmad, with volume steadily increasing year-to-year. Also, the Bariatric Program at Mather has achieved Center of Excellence designation from Surgical Review Corporation and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

Kevin Winter of Environmental Services won a beach bike in the employee contest which asked hospital staff to guess the total weight lost by bariatric patients since the program's inception. Winter's guess was closest to the 149,498 pounds.



Arif Ahmad, MD, (right), who was joined by his wife, Seema, (second from right) was honored as Director of Mather Hospital's Bariatric Center of Excellence by (from left) Kenneth Roberts, President, and Carolyn Williams, Vice President.

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President's Column

On Dec. 29, 1929, John Titus Mather's wishes were fulfilled with the opening of the first general hospital in the Town of Brookhaven. The hospital, named for its benefactor, had 54 beds, an emergency room with a single bed and what was considered to be the finest X-ray, laboratory and surgical technology available. Last of a family of Port Jefferson shipbuilders, Mather had created a bequest in his will that called for a non-sectarian charitable hospital to be built in Port Jefferson that would be "a success and credit to the community".

Eighty-five years later, with our sixth consecutive "A" Hospital Safety Score from The Leapfrog Group, our Magnet® designation and our continued recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top hospitals in New York State, I believe our founder would agree that we continue to fulfill his vision.

Mather's will stipulated that the hospital be "... so designed and constructed as to permit future enlargement, assuming that future needs may justify such action..." As you know, our building project – the Arthur & Linda Calace Family Pavilion – will address the current and future health needs of our community and will include a 35-single bedded unit, offices, meeting rooms and patient care areas to support our growing Graduate Medical Education Program, and a state-of-the-art Conference Center. The project is on schedule to be completed by July 2015.

We also continue to invest in new technology, including our purchase this year of a new 3T MRI and our investment in Precision CyberKnife of New York, a joint effort with North Shore Hematology and Oncology Associates.

People

Congratulations to our 2014 Health Care Heroes – **Joan Faro, MD**, Chief Medical Officer (Physician Hero); **Mary Ferrara, RN**, Nurse Manager for the inpatient Oncology Unit and the outpatient Infusion Center (Nurse Hero); and our **Lung Cancer Screening Program** (Community Outreach). All were honored by *Long Island Business News* at an awards breakfast in November.

We welcomed **Keri Ann Dunne** as our new Director of Volunteers. Keri Ann comes to us from the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Commack.

Service

The Employee Engagement Team recognized two winners of the 2014 TOP OF THE WAVE Contest for their outstanding commitment and dedication to Mather – **Donny Rodriguez** from Special Procedures and **Jake Santacapita** from Environmental Services.

Donny, an Imaging Radiology Tech, was involved in a procedure for a dying patient. The patient was very nervous and scared and asked Donny to sing to her. Donny sang *Moon River* during the procedure to soothe her. Shortly after the procedure, the patient had an untoward event and passed away within a few hours.

Jake, an Environmental Services Aide, worked the evening of a major rain storm, which caused a breach in the temporary enclosure at the building construction site. During the night water cascaded into the facility, and Jake spent hours trying to hold back the ongoing swell of water. He remained to assist the next shift team with the final clean-up efforts.

Congratulations also to the runners-up – **Laura Block**, Physical Therapy; **Cindy Court**, Public Affairs; **Joy Foley**, HIM; and **Kyle Nigro**, Engineering.

Quality & Safety

Mather was once again recognized for patient safety by The Leapfrog Group, which awarded us a sixth consecutive "A" Hospital Safety Score. Mather is one of only 204 hospitals nationwide that have earned the top score in all six rating periods from Leapfrog, an independent industry watchdog.

U.S. News & World Report's 25th annual Best Hospitals rankings rated Mather among the best hospitals in New York State. Mather was ranked 20th out of nearly 250 hospitals in New York State – up from 31st in last year's rankings. The 2014-15 rankings looked at 4,743 medical centers across the country. Mather was also recognized as high-performing in diabetes care and endocrinology, gastroenterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, and urology. Mather also was ranked above the state and national averages for patient satisfaction.

Mather received the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/

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Donald E. Lippencott, MSFS, Named to JTM Foundation Board

Donald E. Lippencott, MSFS, of East Setauket has been named to the JTM Foundation Board, which seeks and secures philanthropic support for Mather Hospital.

A principal of Lippencott Financial Group, a financial consulting firm, he has more than three decades of experience in the insurance, estate planning and financial services business. Since 1997, he has been a Member Agent of The Nautilus Group® and has served on its board for the last four years. Lippencott is a board member and most recent past President of NYL-ARC an agent-owned reinsurance company. He is also an Investment Adviser Representative with Eagle Strategies LLC, a Registered Investment Adviser.

Lippencott has earned numerous industry and com-

pany achievements, including Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table (which is recognized throughout the industry as the standard of excellence in life insurance sales performance), the National Quality Award given by the National Association of Life Underwriters (NALU), and the 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Agent of the Year of New York Life's Long Island General Office. He's a member of Suffolk County Life Underwriters Association, National Association of Life Underwriters, and current First Vice President of New York Life's North East Agencies. He has attended both Gordon College in Wenham, MA and Stony Brook University for undergraduate studies, and holds a Master of Science degree in Financial Services from the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Mather Earns Sixth Consecutive "A" For Hospital Safety



The Leapfrog Group has once again given Mather Hospital its top rating—an "A" Hospital Safety

Score. Mather is one of only 204 hospitals in the nation and one of only two on Long Island to have achieved an "A" grade in all six score rating periods.

The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries and infections. It is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group, an independent industry watchdog focused on initiative breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of health care for Americans.

Leapfrog's hospital ratings are designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay and can be found at www.leapfroggroup.org.



Mather's 2014 Health Care Heroes: (from left) Joan Faro, MD; Mary Ferrara RN, BSN, OCN; and Eileen Zaoutis, RN.

Mather Staff Honored as Health Care Heroes

At the annual Health Care Heroes awards ceremony in November, Mather's Chief Medical Officer Joan Faro, MD, was honored as Physician Hero and Mary Ferrara, RN, Nurse Manager for the inpatient Oncology Unit and the outpatient Infusion Center, as Nurse Hero. The Lung Cancer Screening Program was cited as a Community Outreach honoree by event sponsor *Long Island Business News*.

Faro was honored for demonstrating exceptional vision and leadership in positioning the Hospital to meet the future challenges of healthcare while strengthening its reputation for excellent patient safety and care.

Ferrara was nominated as a caring, committed nurse whose passion for helping others goes beyond the walls of the Hospital.

The Lung Cancer Screening Program uses low-dose CT scans to detect lung cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages.

Mather Stroke Program is Good as Gold

Mather Hospital has received the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients.

Mather earned the award by meeting the quality measures aimed at reducing death and disability, which included medications and risk reduction therapies.

Mather also received the association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll for meeting stroke quality measures that reduce the time between hospital arrival and treatment with the clot-buster tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. People who suffer a stroke and who receive the drug within three hours of the onset of symptoms may recover quicker and are less likely to suffer severe disability.

SERVICE EXCEL

Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



July 2014



August 2014



September

Frances Abbott
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 Junielon Adame
 Johanna Agudelo
 Theresa Aiello
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 Brian Alfredsen
 Eric Alfredsen
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 Nicole Drepaniotis
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 Anella Droskoski
 Carmen Duggan
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 Danielle Duryea
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LENCE AWARDS

and consideration have been singled out by patients and/or their families.



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October 2014



November 2014

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Gabriela Martinez

Robin Martinez
Joshua Martino
Kathleen Martoscia
Rosemary Mason
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Leesa Yu
Paul Zampieron
Nancy Zavesky
Farid Zeidan
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Jeanette Zirpoli

welcome new doctors

Jason Arellano, MD

Specialty: Bariatric Surgery
Medical School: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Residency: Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow
Fellowship: Minimally Invasive Surgery, Albany Medical Center
Practice: Long Island Laparoscopic Surgery, 625 Belle Terre Road, Suite 202 (631-689-0220)

Kanwardeep Arora, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, India
Residency: Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine-Queens Hospital Center, NY
Practice: Mather Hospitalist Department (631-686-7654)

Cynthia Bernal, MD

Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, West Indies
Residency: Obstetrics and Gynecology, Rochester General Hospital, NY
Practice: Suffolk Obstetrics and Gynecology, 118 North Country Road, Port Jefferson (631-473-7171)

Jeffrey Wen-Ting Chiao, MD

Specialty: Bariatric Surgery, General Surgery
Medical School: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, PA
Residency: General Surgery, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
Fellowship: Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, PA
Practice: New York Bariatric Group, 3003 New Hyde Park Road, Suite 307, New Hyde Park (516-616-5500)

Grace Chung, MD

Specialty: Cardiology
Medical School: New York University School of Medicine
Residency: Internal Medicine, University of Chicago Medical Center
Fellowship: Cardiovascular Disease, New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY
Practice: Heart Associates of Long Island, 220 Belle Mead Road, Suite A, East Setauket (631-941-2273)

Jennifer Diaz, MD

Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School: New York Medical College
Residency: Pediatric Medicine, Cohen Children's Medical Center, NY
Practice: ENT and Allergy Associates, 251 East Oakland Avenue, Suite 102 (631-928-0185)

Francis D'Orazi, DO

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Residency: Internal Medicine, New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, NY
Fellowship: Pulmonary and Critical Medicine, Stony Brook University Medical Center
Practice: Mather Hospital Intensivist Program (631-686-7836)

Andrew Maleson, MD

Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: Stony Brook Medicine
Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, Stony Brook University Medical Center
Fellowship: Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, PA
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department, HSC L4 Rm 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

Ronald Matuszak, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, FL
Residency: Internal Medicine, Nassau University Medical Center, NY
Practice: Mather Hospitalist Department (631-686-7654)

Yelda Nouri, MD

Specialty: Hematology/Oncology
Medical School: St. George's University, West Indies
Residency: Internal Medicine, Winthrop University Hospital
Fellowship: Hematology and Oncology, Stony Brook University Hospital
Practice: North Shore Hematology/Oncology Associates, 235 North Belle Mead Road, East Setauket (631-751-3000)

Samir Patel, MD

Specialty: Hematology/Oncology
Medical School: The Chicago Medical School, Chicago, IL
Residency: Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO
Fellowship: Hematology and Medical Oncology, New York Medical College
Practice: North Shore Hematology/Oncology Associates, 235 North Belle Mead Road, East Setauket (631-751-3000)

Rasel Rana, DO

Specialty: Orthopedics
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Residency: Orthopedic Surgery, Millcreek Community Hospital, PA
Fellowship: Spine Surgery, Johns Hopkins University Hospital, MD
Practice: Long Island Bone & Joint Associates, 635 Belle Terre Road, Suite 204 (631-474-0224)

Yevhen Reznyk, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
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Residency: Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Practice: Mather Hospitalist Department (631-686-7654)

Harinder Sawhney, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Dayanand Medical School, India
Residency: Internal Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NY
Fellowship: Hematology and Oncology, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NY
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Kelly Steed, MD

Specialty: Rheumatology

Medical School: Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC

Residency: Internal Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY

Fellowship: Rheumatology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY

Practice: Rheumatology Associates of Long Island, 315 Middle Country Road, Smithtown (631-979-1609)

Transitional Year Program Approved

Mather Hospital's Transitional Year Residency Program has been approved and will accept its first students in July. This residency program provides medical school graduates an intern year of generalized training, which is required before entering some specialty programs in the PGY-2 year. To match with these advanced programs, medical students apply and interview at both specialty programs and intern year programs at the same time.

Find out more at www.matherhospital.org/gme/transitionalyear.

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Nursing Partners with DAISY Foundation



Mather Hospital is proud of the care and compassion our nurses give our patients every day. To honor that care, Mather is now a part of the DAISY Foundation.

The DAISY Foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of an auto-immune disease at age 33. During Pat's hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided to him and everyone in his family. The DAISY Award was created in Pat's memory and recognizes nurses who make an enormous difference by the super-human work they do.

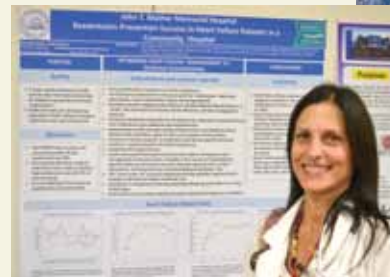
Patients and their families and friends may nominate a Mather Hospital nurse for a DAISY Award which will be given quarterly. For more information, visit www.matherhospital.org/daisyaward.

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Nursing Hosts Quality Showcase

(Right) Kathryn Frey of the Mather Hospital Board of Directors visited the Quality Showcase hosted by the Nursing Department in October. The event highlights the various initiatives and programs aimed at quality improvement throughout the hospital.



(Left) Phyllis Macchio, ANP, GNP, focused on early identification of patients at risk for readmission in "Readmission Prevention Success in Heart Failure Patients in a Community Hospital."

(Right) Lois McCarthy, RN, explains surveys on patient satisfaction in various departments and programs as well as hospital-wide and how the results are measured and reported.



(Left) Joanne Lauten, RN, BSN, SCRNP and Lucien Cardinal, MD talk about the efforts Nursing is making to work with Emergency Medical Services teams to improve stroke outcomes for patients.



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Saluting the 2014 Top of the Wave Honorees

Donny Rodriguez from Special Procedures (*right*) and Jake Santacapita from Environmental Services (*left*) were selected



as the Grand Prize winners in the 2014 Top of the Wave contest. The Employee Engagement Team presented them both with commemorative certificates and iPads.

Rodriguez was involved in a procedure for a very ill patient, who was very nervous and scared. She asked him to sing to her to soothe her fears. Rodriguez sang *Moon River* during the procedure and helped the patient remain calm and peaceful. He was recognized for this commitment to go above and beyond for the benefit of Mather's patients.

Santacapita was working the evening shift when an unprecedented rainstorm caused a breach in the temporary enclosure of the active construction site. The water went from an isolated room to a whole unit, then to the heavily trafficked passage way. Throughout the night on his own, Jake fought to hold back the swell of water, even staying beyond his shift to help with clean-up efforts. The Team honored him for his commitment to the entire organization.



The Employee Engagement Team also recognized four Runner-Up winners, each of whom received a Certificate and a \$50 Gift Card: Kyle Nigro, Engineering; Laura Block, Physical Therapy; Joy Foley, HIM; and Cindy Court, Public Affairs.

Voyage Team Members Continue to Work for Excellence

As Mather Hospital strives to be the best community hospital in New York State, we continue to foster a culture based on excellent service in an environment where employees are empowered to perform at their highest level. Our Voyage teams work diligently throughout the year to promote that culture of excellence. Serving on teams this year* are:

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* As of Jan. 22, 2015.

VOLUNTEER matters

Auxiliary Welcomes New President



Barbara Zinna has taken over the helm of the Auxiliary of Mather Hospital. She was officially installed by Senior Vice President Kevin Murray along with fellow officers Ida Forstel, First Vice President, and Dorothy Duggan, Treasurer. The Auxiliary celebrated its 65th anniversary in 2014 and has raised more than \$5.7 million for the Hospital through the Thrift Shop, Gift Shop and other fundraising activities.

Thank you for your service!

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Dot Kuehn
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Steve Elmaleh

14,000 Hours

Ida Forstel



Auxiliary Fashion Show

Elegant evening wear capped off the annual Fashion Show presented by Mather's Auxiliary. The annual luncheon, held this year at Lombardi's, showcases the quality merchandise that is available at Mather's Thrift Shop.

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

American Stroke Association for the treatment of stroke patients. Get With The Guidelines Stroke helps hospital teams provide the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Mather earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients.

Innovation & Growth

In November, we opened Precision CyberKnife of New York in East Setauket. Precision CyberKnife is a non-invasive alternative to surgery for the treatment of both cancerous and non-cancerous tumors located anywhere in the body that offers sub-millimeter accuracy. Precision CyberKnife focuses multiple beams of high-dose radiation with extreme accuracy to the tumor, while avoiding healthy organs and tissue that is close by. It adjusts for even the most subtle motion made by the patient during the treatment.

Behavioral Health Services went live in December with Sunrise at Mather (SAM) electronic medical record system. Sunrise Emergency Care, which we have titled SAM-ED, is scheduled to go live March 10, 2015. SAM-ED will add the Emergency Department to our SAM (Sunrise at Mather) system. This will lead to improved efficiencies and improved patient safety. Physicians, nurses, allied health providers and other care providers will now have one clinical patient record to view that would include our patients' Emergency Department care as well as the Inpatient and Outpatient care that presently reside in SAM. An interdisciplinary team is currently testing the system.

In addition, we are also working on electronic prescribing of medications (ePrescribing), including the electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS). New York State has mandated that as of March 27, 2015, all medication scripts for patients that are to be filled outside of the hospital must be sent electronically to those pharmacies.

It is because of the work you do every day that Mather Hospital at 85 continues to improve, invest in our future and move closer to our goal of being the best community hospital in New York State. I am confident that John T. Mather would be proud of the hospital that bears his name.

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Family Matters *(continued from back cover)*

Florida Ironman competition in November. **Laboratory:** Jamie Gunderson of the Phlebotomy Department welcomed a healthy baby boy. **Revenue Cycle:** Liz and Mike Pistone welcomed their first child, Ryan Michael Pistone, May 30, 2014. **Telemetry:** Tara Mattamore, RN, and the Schem Moms collected 161 turkeys for needy families for Thanksgiving. Lauren Coppola, RN, became engaged to Denis Nankervis. Jonathan Vitte, RN, married Abby Rohm on December 1. Erma Glanville, NA, travelled as a missionary to Jamaica in August, bringing food, clothing and school supplies. Christina Scalzo, daughter of Theresa Scalzo, NA, is engaged to Michael Lomarco and a June wedding is planned. Ralph Tillman, son of Carol Tillman, NA, was wed in November. Jennie Marshall, RN, got engaged and an August 2015 wedding is planned. Hatty Baldwin, RN, welcomed son, Freddy, on November 5. **2 East:** Theresa and Mike Egan welcomed daughter, Elizabeth Rose, on Thanksgiving. Larissa Friedman, NA was married on December 20.

A Note of Thanks

Brian Haggerty, speech-language pathologist, passed away suddenly on November 30. His wife, Sandra, would like to thank the Mather family for its outpouring of support and the generous donations given to Sandra and her three sons, ages 7, 4 and 2 years.

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Educational and/or Professional Achievements:

Behavioral Health: Deborah Austin of the Chemical Dependency Clinic obtained certification as an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor. **Infusion Center:** Minna Waldeck, RN, and Marion Fracassa, RN, received their chemotherapy/biotherapy provider cards, which validate that they have the theoretical foundation needed to administer cytotoxic and biotherapeutic agents. **Sleep Disorders Center:** Bernadette (Bonnie) White, MS, RT, RRT, RPSGT, Director, was named Sleep Practitioner of the Year by the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) at the organization's December 2014 International Congress. In addition, Stony Brook University's Health Sciences Center in November recognized her as Faculty Sleep Clinician of the Year. **Speech-Language Pathology:** Dina Sposito, Director of Speech-Language Pathology, Danielle Riccobono, Speech Pathologist, and Audrey Scollan, Speech Pathologist, are three of 1,017 people in the United States to have successfully

completed the requirements of the MBSImP (Modified Barium Swallow Impairment Profile) certification to become Registered MBSImp Clinicians. This expertise allows them to specifically and accurately identify and quantify swallow impairments, providing patients with state-of-the-art assessments and treatments.

Telemetry: Earning Medical Surgical Nursing Certification were Candice Fella, RN; Christopher Ljucovic, RN; Scott Colton, RN; Martene Overton, RN; Jamila Thompson, RN; Julie Tegay, RN; and Glenda Dumlao, RN. Keresia Gordon, NA, started classes to achieve her Master's in Social Work. Danielle Delio, NA, passed her LPN Boards and is continuing her education to achieve her RN. **2 East:** Earning their bachelor's degrees in nursing were Donna Hardwicke, RN; Denise Bonnevillie, RN; Elizabeth Picozzi, RN; Holly Hannon, RN; and Kathy Biase, RN.

2 South: Maryanne Wisniewski, RN, and Pat Danowski, RN, received their Medical Surgical Nursing Certification.

Promotions

2 South: Maria Dutra, RN, BSN and Michelle Thorman, RN, MSN were promoted to assistant nurse managers.

Information Services: Recent promotions include Jimmy Bryant to Junior Systems Administrator; Catherine Cummings to Systems Coordinator; George Devlopoulos to Database Administrator; and James Niewadomski to Interface Analyst. **Revenue Cycle:** Carlynn Dowling was promoted to Insurance Credentialing Analyst.

Retirements

Infusion Center: Peggy Popp, RN, after 36 years and Maryanne Pirraglia, RN, after 34 years. **Laboratory:** Claudette McGinley retires from the Accessioning Department after 11 years.

Milestone Life Events:

Imaging Services: Cameron Gittens and Michele Desimone were wed in Costa Rica. **Information Services:** Christa Dwyer completed the 2014

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