

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

MMP – Neurosurgery and Spine Recognized for Transplant Support



Annemarie Griffin, a surgical scheduler with MMP – Neurosurgery & Spine, and Reeven Elfman, the director of practice operations show off their award.

Maine Medical Partners – Neurosurgery and Spine is one of two recipients of the Donate Life Maine Employer Recognition Award from New England Donor Services (NEDS). The award honors employers that provide extraordinary support of an employee when the employee or employee’s family member goes through the transplant process or is waiting for a transplant. The award also recognizes employers who show extra support of an employee who donated an organ as a living donor. “We created this award to recognize and celebrate workplaces that have gone

above and beyond to support their employee during their transplant journey,” said Jennifer Cray, the volunteer program manager for NEDS. “Transplant patients and their families face many challenges, and a supportive workplace can help make that time less difficult.”

The MMP practice allowed a colleague whose family member was receiving a liver transplant to have a more flexible schedule. Colleagues also sent food, cards and prayers to the family, so they could focus on the transplant recipient’s recovery.

Lambrew Research Retreat Connects Scientists and Clinicians

About 200 physicians, nurses, scientists and trainees from MaineHealth came together earlier this month for a daylong multidisciplinary medical research symposium. Designed to foster collaboration and identify opportunities to strengthen our institution’s research efforts, the annual Costas T. Lambrew Research Retreat included a keynote speech by Cliff Rosen, MD, a senior scien-

tist and principal investigator of the Northern New England Clinical & Translational Research Network at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI).

Dr. Rosen reviewed the history of research at Maine Medical Center, an overview of projects underway and a look ahead at what scientists at MMCRI would like to accomplish. The day

also included 60 scientific posters, eight podium presentations, topical research discussions in small groups and a networking reception.

“The day was filled with conversations between investigators who might not generally cross paths during their work day,” said Ivette Emery, MD, MMCRI translational research scientist and the co-chair of the

retreat. “Basic scientists and clinicians of multiple disciplines had the opportunity to discuss pressing health issues together.”

The research retreat was named in 2017 to honor the legacy of Costas T. Lambrew, MD, and the many contributions he made to the academic mission and culture at MMC over his decades of service.

MMC Celebrates Nurses Week with Awards and Dress-Up Days

MMC nurses got into the spirit of Nurses Week with a variety of activities.

Among them, the annual Nursing Excellence Awards, which began in 2002 as a way for our nurses to recognize their peers.

Selection Teams for each of the awards consist of previous recipients of the awards, a co-chair representative from one of our Nursing Councils, a member from the Nursing Professional Excellence Council and other staff

from MMC, depending on the award. A full list of award winners is in eNews.

Nurses also celebrated in their own ways, whether it was mustache and sundae day at The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, a visit

from Slugger on R4, or “farm day” on R5.

Thanks to our nurses for all that you do!

