MMC honors two of its healthcare heroes in February

Healthcare Heroes, a program through the Philanthropy department, provides an opportunity for patients and their families to honor someone at MMC who had a meaningful impact during their experience with our hospital.

Kari Colburn on Unit P3CD received recognition from one of her former patients:

“Thank you for your expertise and compassion – your spirits brought my spirits up. You are truly a gift to the sick. Thank you.”

Jennifer Schleintz in the ED also was nominated by the family of a patient. Her nominator writes:

“Walking into the CC3 trauma room was the worst day of our family’s lives. Jennifer Schleintz had tunnel vision, in that her only goal was to save my father. It was apparent she was an expert in the emergency room, and our thinking that she was the best and brightest turned out to be true because she was the first nurse that saved my father’s life. We are forever grateful for her commitment to her patients and want her to know that she made an incredible impact to our life by saving my dad.”

Kari Colburn, a C.N.A. on P3CD, is one of two Healthcare Heroes honored by patients and their families in February.
1. Palliative Medicine provides patient- and family-centered care that optimizes quality of life by anticipating, preventing and treating suffering. Palliative care throughout the continuum of illness involves addressing physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual needs and facilitates patient autonomy, access to information and choice. The Palliative Medicine team is comprised of specialty physicians, advanced practice practitioners, social workers, chaplains and clinical ethicists.

2. Palliative care can be provided during any part of a patient’s illness and can be alongside curative intent. The palliative care team will work closely with the patient’s primary physician and other specialists involved in the care. The team helps patients and their families navigate through the complexity of serious illness by focusing on their hopes, beliefs and personal goals. The team also provides continuity during transitions of care and long-term follow up.

3. Palliative care is provided to patients of any age from pediatrics to geriatrics. MMC has a Pediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) that serves children from birth through young adulthood. The PACT also works closely with the prenatal care team. The PACT includes a physician, a nurse practitioner and a social worker specialized in pediatric palliative care. The team collaborate closely with child life specialists, pediatric spiritual care and the patient’s medical team.

### ‘Anniversaries’

**From Front**

Anthony Ciampi, Pharmacy
Crystal Fish, Food Services
Karen Flaherty,
Scarborough Gibson
Joyce Haas, P6
Greg Lavertu, Pulmonary Medicine
Audra Michaud, P4C
Atsuko Podgurski, SCU

**10 Years**

Alana Campbell, NICU
Amanda Caron, R5
Amanda Cass, MMCRI
Stacy DiPerna, Urology
Lindsay Edwards, Patient Access
Wayde Gendreau, OR
Jamie Grant, Security
Kerry Hanson, IS
Kimberly Henderson, R4
Leslie Henderson,
Scarborough Primary Care
Shannon May, Continuing Care Nursery
Faisa Mohamed, EVS
Tina Nickerson, Cardiology
Diane Paquette, Cardiology
Richard Veilleux,
Transitions of Care
Mollie Conners, Cardiac Cath Lab
Pamela Coombs, Turning Point
Brian Cote, Security
Albert Dibbins, Pediatric Surgery
Lea Florendo, EVS
Steven Gilbert, Psychiatry
Nancy Hoffman,
Continuing Care Nursery
Summer Knight, Neurology
Jennifer Lee, MMP Administration
Paul Lefebvre, Cardiac Cath Lab
Christa-Marie Magee,
Family Medicine
Portland
Kevin Martin,
Anesthesiology
Patrick Moening, MMP Administration
Molly Montgomery,
Cardiology

**5 Years**

Amanda Bunker, CBO
Maggie Caron, OR
Trevor Clow, Distribution

Malaika Picard, Neurology
Rodilyn Pomelow, Access Center
Cerascia Pricop-Saintpaul, MRI
Anne Rosenberg, Neurosurgery
Susan Santangelo, MMCRI
Melinda Schimmack, Hospital Medicine
Susan Shingleton, Employee Health
Debra Stetson, Pediatric Specialty Care
Shaun Taudvin,
MaineHealth Tobacco Treatment
Marie Villanucci, Adult Medicine
Matthew Wasco, Security

**15 Years**

Robin Austin, BBCH
Kristie Bessey, Cardiology
Brooks Betts, IS
Victoria Dalzell, Pediatric Specialty Care
Minhthanh Dang, Linen Processing
Rachel Dufresne, MMCRI
Margaret Gillooly, R4
Denise Metcalf, OR
Maria Peacock, CBO
Scott Raymond, IS

Molly Conners, Cardiac Cath Lab
Pamela Coombs, Turning Point
Brian Cote, Security
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