

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Kristie Bessey  
15 Years



Victoria Dalzell  
15 Years

### 35 Years

Ellen Brown-Bucknell,  
BBCH

Rachel Chenard, Supply  
Chain  
Karen Eldridge, Hospital  
Billing

David Esposito, General  
Mechanical

### 30 Years

Karin Boynton,  
Anesthesiology  
Chris Daniels, Patient  
Service Transport  
Teri Hammonds, Food  
Services

Nancy L'Heureux, MMP  
Administration

Erik Lowe, Food Services  
Karen Norton, Birth Center  
Sara Peacock, Cardiology

### 25 Years

Bonnie Boivin, Endoscopy  
Julie Doughty, Radiology  
Jocelyn Giroux, R9  
Karen Ross, MMP  
Administration  
William Sanborn, IS  
Diane Wentzel-Carrier,  
NICU

### 20 Years

Rita Bayer, Admitting  
Robyn Brown, Scarborough  
Surgical Center

*'Anniversaries'  
Continued on Back*

## 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.

# 3 things you need to know about Palliative Medicine at MMC

- 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.
- 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.
- Palliative care is provided to patients of any age from pediatrics to geriatric.** 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.

<i>'Anniversaries' From Front</i>	<b>10 Years</b> 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	Malaika Picard, Neurology Rodilyn Pomelow, Access Center Cerasela 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
<b>15 Years</b> 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	<b>5 Years</b> Amanda Bunker, CBO Maggie Caron, OR Trevor Clow, Distribution		



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