

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Rob Gronkowski and family present \$25K donation to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, his father Gordon and his brothers Dan and Gordie presented Maine Medical Center Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey Sanders with a check for \$25,000 to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center (BBCH).

Rob Gronkowski also visited with children being treated at the hospital and gave them ball spiking lessons.



4-year-old Thomas Davis practices his "Gronk spike" for Rob Gronkowski and his family

PEOPLE NEWS



Robert Smith, M.D., Director of the Vector-borne Disease Lab at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute, has been appointed to the U.S. Department

of Health and Human Service's Tick-Borne Disease Working Group. The Tick-Borne Disease Working Group was established by Congress to help the federal government examine its research priorities and improve interagency coordination. The group will be putting together a report of recommendations for the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Congress.

"I like the breadth of the Working Group's charge,

which includes review of basic science, clinical initiatives and prevention for tick-borne diseases," Dr. Smith said. "I hope that we can provide a useful roadmap for the federal agencies involved and highlight gaps for enhanced research funding. The challenges presented by these diseases continue to grow, as we see so clearly here in Maine."

Dr. Smith is one of 14 voting members of the group. Its first report is due in December.

Gennadiy Bakis, M.D., of Portland Gastroenterology

Associates was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. Bakis received his medical degree from Albany Medical Center and will provide gastroenterology care.

Hassan B. Semaan, M.D., of Spectrum Medical Group, PA was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. Semaan received his medical degree from Tishreen University and will provide teleradiology care.

People News'
Continued on Back

Patient Care Support Services employees celebrated

Since 2003, Maine Medical Center has held a ceremony to celebrate the work of its Patient Care Support Services team (PCSS). PCSS employees work in the departments of Linens, EVS and Transport, Food and Nutrition Services, Clinical Engineering, Safety—Emergency Management, and Security.

Employees of the month from each of those departments, as well as in the Patient Experience and Switchboard team, were recognized.

Congratulations to all of our PCSS Employees of the Month!



Hodan Hassan, an EVS second shift charge, and Gebreegzjabber Abrha, an EVS second shift lead, enjoy sandwiches at the PCSS employee celebration.

MMC Specialty Pharmacy Program receives full accreditation



ACCREDITED

Specialty Pharmacy
Expires 02/01/2021

Maine Medical Center's Specialty Pharmacy Program recently received full accreditation from

URAC, the governing body that evaluates pharmacy program quality.

MMC's Specialty Pharmacy opened in January of 2015. It provides important services to ambulatory patients with complex, chronic conditions. It also serves the general community through our Retail Pharmacy at the Bramhall campus.

URAC, formerly known as the Utilization Review Ac-

creditation Commission, completed its survey in December and the accreditation is valid through February of 2021. The accreditation is an indicator that MMC's program maintains the highest standards of quality, patient centeredness and access to care.

Congratulations to the entire Pharmacy team for their achievement on behalf of our patients!

*'People News'
From Front*

Sheldon H. Stevenson, D.O., of Central Maine Medical Center ER Department was newly appointed to the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff. Dr. Stevenson received his medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and will provide emergency medicine care.



Maine Medical Center
MaineHealth

WHAT'S HAPPENING IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Comments, questions, and story ideas:
Caroline Cornish, Communications Manager
mmcnews@mmc.org