Operational Excellence is reaching even more employees with a new gemba walk that went live on October 12. The 5 a.m. walk visits SCU, R3, Gibson, ED A/B, PICU, and BBCH every Wednesday morning.

“This walk is specifically to engage the employees who are not usually working during the day,” says Isabelle Savoie, Project Manager, Center for Performance Improvement. “It also allows people like me to see another side of our services that happens at night.”

Overnight walk participants are working on the same board and KPIs as their daytime counterparts, which means data can now be gathered on participating units over 24 hours, instead of just during the day shift.

Corey Fravert, Director, Neurosciences, and Gemba Coach, recently attended the walk and says, “The discussions were lively, the boards were well attended by our providers, all were engaged, and our leaders for the walk were excellent.”

Join us for the new walk Wednesday mornings at 5:15 a.m. at the customer service desk in the Main Lobby.
The Immunization Action Coalition has included Maine Medical Center and Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital on the Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll recognizes hospitals and birth centers across the country that have implemented policies according to this standard and that have attained high coverage levels for administering the hepatitis B vaccine. MMC and BBCH immunized 90 percent of newborns prior to discharge between August, 2015, and September, 2016.

Hepatitis B is a serious viral infection that can lead to life-threatening chronic liver disease. The national standard of care to prevent hepatitis B infection in babies is to screen mothers for infection and administer the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine to all newborns before they leave the hospital or birthing center. This provides immediate protection for some infants and sets all infants on a path to continue receiving life-saving vaccines throughout their childhood.

MaineHealth Recognized for Providing Healthier Options

MaineHealth has been recognized with a Healthier Future Award from The Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA), which works with the private sector and PHA Honorary Chair First Lady Michelle Obama. Nearly 10 percent of all hospitals in the U.S. have joined PHA’s Hospital Healthier Food Initiative. As one of the first hospital systems to join in October 2012, MaineHealth has delivered healthier options for patients, visitors and employees eating at 10 of its member or affiliate facilities across the state. MaineHealth has provided access to a wider variety of nutritious choices for more than 185,000 patients, and nearly 13,000 employees.

It's Boxwood Season at the Flower Box

Pre-order your boxwood tree between November 18 and December 3. Pick up your tree any time through Thursday, December 22.
Stop by or call to place an order, 662-2771.

The Flower Box is operated by the Visiting Board of the Children’s Hospital.
Proceeds benefit children and teens in the hospital.