

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

## MaineHealth to Partner with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute To Enhance Quality Cancer Care in Northern New England

MaineHealth is partnering with Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to provide residents of Maine and eastern New Hampshire with the best cancer care, close to home. Under this new relationship, cancer patients at the 11 MaineHealth member or affiliated hospitals will have streamlined access to Dana-Farber in Boston for complex specialty care and clinical trials, and Dana-Farber will provide consultation, training, and other services to physicians and their teams throughout the MaineHealth system.

MaineHealth and Dana-Farber also will work together to expand or develop a wide range of survivorship, second-opinion, education, and personalized medicine initiatives offered by MaineHealth.

The goal of MaineHealth's system-wide approach is to provide the best evidence-based care as close to home as possible, either for all of their care or after the most intensive complex treatments. As planned, the approach calls for a partner that can provide world-renowned cancer expertise

in partnership with our local hospitals. Dana-Farber is one of the world's leading centers of cancer treatment and research. It is the only center ranked in the top 4 of *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Hospitals for both adult and pediatric cancer care.

"Our affiliation with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is a wonderful opportunity for all of our partners," said Scot C. Remick, M.D., physician leader of the oncology service line for Maine Medical Center and MaineHealth. "It will open new

collaborations that benefit our cancer patients throughout the system."

"We are excited to formalize the strong relationship we already have with MaineHealth," said Edward J. Benz, Jr., M.D., president of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, "and we look forward to working together more closely to ease the burden of cancer in northern New England."

## Heart Patient Gives Back to Those Who Cared For Him

Four years ago, Fred Trani, a 74-year-old retired pastry chef who lives in Maine, developed cardiomyopathy, a disease that affects the heart muscle and the way it pumps. He had shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling, and frequent trips to MMC.

Fred finally had surgery at MMC where he received a VAD (ventricular assist device, or "heart pump"). Since then, Fred has seen many of his symptoms disappear. "It's the best thing I ever did," he says. "I can

run up a flight of stairs now."

On December 10, the anniversary of his surgery, Fred and his wife Halley brought homemade cookies to the CICU (Cardiovascular Inpatient Care Unit) to thank the caregivers who looked after him. Fred says he is so grateful for the compassionate care he received.

"They were fantastic, every single one of them," he says. "Maine Med was the best!"



*Kate Dyer, N.P., left, gets ready to examine Fred Trani, center. Fred's wife, Halley, holds homemade cookies to thank staff for taking care of Fred during his surgery and other visits to the hospital.*

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



*Karen Stone*  
25 Years



*Volkhard Lindner*  
20 Years



*Virginia Eddy*  
15 Years



*Sherry Johnson*  
10 Years

## 40 Years

Patricia Burnham, CICU  
Elaine Duguay, R6  
Jutta Nappi, CSP

## 30 Years

Troy Clark, Psychiatry  
Pamela Perkins,  
Nutrition Services  
Marianne Tufts, OR

## 25 Years

Mary Bauer, IS  
Elaina Breunig, Radiology  
Jenny Howitt, Float Interns  
Sandra Kennedy, SSC  
Mary Layug, Patient Access  
Denise Owen,  
Volunteer Services  
Jennifer Phillips, SSC  
Karen Stone,  
Family Birth Center  
Nancy Wyman,  
Dana Center

## 20 Years

Volkhard Lindner, MMCRI

## 15 Years

Glenn Dash, SSC  
Virginia Eddy, OR  
Amanda Fenton, Pharmacy  
Renee Gomm,  
Health Information  
Management  
Susan Kendrick, NICU  
Esther Maguire,  
Perioperative  
Henry McCarvel,  
Post Anesthesia Care  
Amanda Michaud,  
Family Birth Center  
Monica Russo, MMP  
Scott Sawyer, IS  
Mary Ann Violette, IS  
Debra Wilson, P6

## 10 Years

Amy Allard,  
Physical Therapy  
Luci Casey, R7  
William Connolly, ED  
Emily Doerfler, R7  
Edward Forsyth, ED  
Sherry Johnson, OR

Martha Lavertu,

Turning Point  
Amy Moore, Library  
Wendy Ouellette, IS  
Brian Pride, IS  
Geraldine Rose, R7  
Diane Stewart,  
Building and Grounds  
Jeanne Subilia,  
Nursing Floats

## 5 Years

Lisa Black, SSC  
Sarah Bockian, R4  
Briana Brooks,  
Family Birth Center  
Angela Campos, SCU  
Amy Caron, MMCRI  
Patricia Chen, IS  
Erika Cook, SCU  
Kelly Cote,  
Family Birth Center  
Daniel Cutler,  
Medical Affairs  
Laura Field, R4  
Shannon Gildart, R2

Erin Grenier,

Family Birth Center  
Lindsay Hanson,  
Post Anesthesia Care  
Thomas Harvey, Security  
Hugh Bradford Kelly,  
Nuclear Medicine  
Amanda Mendoza,  
Post Anesthesia Care  
Kathryn Michaud, R5  
Gabrielle Miranda, R5  
Stephanie Pettis, Radiology  
Erin Rourke,  
Post Anesthesia Care  
Tiffani Saxby, Perioperative  
Jacqueline Seguin,  
Tobacco Treatment  
Program  
Toni Stephenson, Finance  
Megan Wilson,  
Talent Shared Services  
Robyn Winchester, SCU



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