

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

New Simulation Center Opens at MMC's Bramhall Campus

In January, MMC will officially open and celebrate a new medical team training facility at its Bramhall campus. It took a team effort for this new space to come together, including collaboration between employees in R3, Surgery, and Simulation, and two years of planning by the Facilities team to transform the 80-year-old Pavilion 3A area into an innovative team training facility.

The new 1,600 sq. ft. site is a satellite location to the 18,000 sq. ft. Hannaford

Center for Safety, Innovation, and Simulation located at MMC's Brighton Campus, which has hosted training for more than 25,000 medical professionals since it opened in 2010.

At the Bramhall campus, people and spaces were relocated throughout MMC in a series of at least 10 moves. The result of everyone's efforts is a new satellite location that enables interdisciplinary medical teams to train together on a routine basis to repetitively practice critical events,

where rapid delivery of high-quality care makes a difference in patient outcomes.

The facility features a patient room, where medical teams including residents, nurses, and therapists can practice actual emergency situations. The training facility will be outfitted with an adult and pediatric patient simulator. These simulators will be used for emergency training exercises such as Code Blue (Adult and Pediatric), stroke, and DART

(Difficult Airway Response Team).

It also includes a skills lab, where surgeons can prepare for the use of robotics technologies. The surgical skills room will accommodate three work stations outfitted with virtual trainers. The da Vinci robotic simulator, Heartworks TEE, TTE simulator, and the Symbionix Bronchoscopy and Colonoscopy trainer are all located in the skills room.

PEOPLE NEWS

Joel Botler, M.D., Physician Leader of the Adult Medicine Service Line, has been selected as interim Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs.

This role was held for the past seven years by **Peter Bates, M.D.**, who will be turning his full-time efforts toward education and research in his role as Chief Academic Officer (CAO).

"Joel and Peter exemplify what it means to be a leader

at Maine Medical Center," says Rich Petersen, President and CEO. "We are a stronger organization for their service, and I look forward to seeing how they enhance our Mission, Vision, and Values in their new roles."

Joel has built his career as a physician and health care leader in Maine over the past 35 years after doing his undergraduate work at Princeton University and earning his medical degree from SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, N.Y. Before be-

coming an employee of Maine Medical Center, Joel built a successful private practice and was one of the founders of InterMed.

Peter has been affiliated with MMC in numerous capacities over the past 28 years. A co-founder of South Portland-based Chest Medicine Associates, Peter has overseen a great deal of our growth and progress, serving as Chief of Medicine for nine years before helping develop the Tufts-MMC MaineTrack Program and taking on the dual role

of CMO and CAO. Peter is also a member of the MMC Board of Trustees.

Peter Marro, M.D., has elected to step down from his leadership roles as Division of Neonatology and Medical Director of the NICU this winter to resume greater patient care responsibility. **Joe Vitterito, M.D.**, will take on the responsibilities of Division Director and Medical Director of NICU in early January. Dr. Vitterito has been a member of the Division of Neonatology for seven years.

Santa Brings Gifts and Plenty of Good Cheer to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

The jolly big guy surprised patients at a party on December 7. The event, sponsored by Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, also featured Nickles, the company's mascot. The kids were treated to pizza and ice cream, and Santa brought presents chosen specially for each child.




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