MMC Surgical Care Receives National Recognition

The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) has recognized Maine Medical Center as one of 52 ACS NSQIP participating hospitals that have achieved meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care. As a participant, MMC is required to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and collect data that directs patient safety and the quality of surgical care improvements.

“There is nothing more important than getting stellar outcomes for our patients,” says Brad Cushing, M.D., Chief of Surgery. “I am very proud of the team who were able to accomplish this through very disciplined hard work and commitment.”

MMC achieved the distinction based on its outstanding composite quality score in the following areas: mortality; unplanned intubation, ventilator>48 hours; renal failure; cardiac incidents (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction); respiratory (pneumonia); SSI (surgical site infections-superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); or urinary tract infection.

ACS NSQIP is a major program of the American College of Surgeons, and the only nationally validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients. It is currently used in more than 650 adult and pediatric hospitals.

Hector M. Tarraza, M.D., Honored By March of Dimes

The March of Dimes Maine Chapter honored Hector M. Tarraza, M.D., Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology, at this year’s Greater Portland Signature Chefs Auction, October 1, at DiMillo’s on the Water in Portland.

Dr. Tarraza’s clinical area of expertise is gynecologic oncology. In addition to the tremendous contributions he makes to Maine Medical Center, Dr. Tarraza has an active interest in Global Health. He works with numerous nonprofit organizations providing primary and surgical care in Africa, Latin America, and Asia and participates in many overseas mission trips.

Claire Danby, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Partners – Women’s Health Maternal-Fetal Medicine specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Danby received her medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, and completed her residency at MMC. She most recently completed a fellowship in Reproductive Infectious Diseases at Magee-Women’s Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Danby will offer comprehensive women’s care including obstetrics, gynecology, and gynecologic surgery, with expertise in infectious reproductive diseases and vulvovaginal disorders.

Elizabeth Pearce, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Partners – Otolaryngology. Dr. Pearce received her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and completed residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. While there, she was awarded First Place, Oral Presentation, in the annual Vanderbilt Resident Research Competition. Dr. Pearce was a varsity athlete in springboard diving at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and served as volunteer coach for Girls On The Run, an after-school running program in Nashville.

We’re Halfway to Our Goal!

Thanks to you, the MaineHealth United Way 2015 Campaign has already raised $150,000 of our $300,000 goal. If you haven’t pledged yet, look for the email from ePledge@unitedwaygp.org sent on September 16, and make a donation.

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