

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

## New Surgical Center Brings Enhanced Service Offerings, Expanded Space In a Modern Design

Surgery 2, MMC's new surgical center, opens on October 19. The building boasts five operating rooms, 20 pre- and post-operative spaces, and bright, comfortable waiting areas to accommodate people waiting for loved ones to come out of surgery.

The facility is a direct reflection of our commitment to improve outcomes by providing the safest care for our patients. MMC is now better equipped to provide the right procedure at the right time and get patients back to living their lives as healthily and quickly as possible. Just as important, our enhanced service offerings provide area residents a local option for even more best-in-class care and treatment.

"MMC is committed to achieving our vision of making Maine the healthiest state in the nation," says Jeff Sanders, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "This project moves us closer to that goal."

The hospital performs approximately one-third of all inpatient surgeries in the state and 45 percent of interventional cardiology procedures. Expanded spaces – allowing for more staff and more technology in the rooms – combined with modern design, helps us meet demands for both routine and complex procedures.

"We've redesigned the process of caring for patients in this space, simple things like



*Surgery 2, seen from the Patient-Visitor Garage. The striped glass exterior provides privacy for patients, while allowing in natural light and helping control temperatures.*

how we are doing the shifts, how we are going to get patients in and out, and how we are dealing with the equipment," says Robert Ecker, M.D., Director of Neurosurgery.

An intermediate step in

MMC's Master Facilities Plan, Surgery 2 will have significant short- and long-term benefits for the medical center and its patients. The hospital's operating rooms were running at a utilization rate of up to 94 percent, which is substantially higher than industry standards.

"It allows our surgical staff to work in a space that supports their needs," says Marty Riehle, R.N., Vice President, Patient Care Services. "There's not a group that works harder, that is more devoted to patient care or to the high quality, high caliber surgery that we deliver every day."

### Surgery 2 Grand Opening Events

#### See the new space in a self-guided tour:

Sunday, October 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, October 5, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Come to the dedication ceremony:

Monday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome by Rich Petersen, MMC President and CEO

Remarks from: Robert Ecker, M.D., Director of Neurosurgery

John Allyn, M.D., Chief of Anesthesiology

Marty Riehle, R.N., V.P., Patient Care Services, and ACNO

# PEOPLE NEWS



*M. Robert Chamberlain, M.D.*

**M. Robert (Rob) Chamberlin, M.D.**, has joined Maine Medical Partners as Primary Care Medical Director.

Dr. Chamberlin comes from the Cambridge Health Alliance where he worked as a primary care physician and served as their Medical Director for Performance Improvement in Primary Care. He received his medical degree from Boston University and completed his training at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Haiti working in micro-finance. Dr. Chamberlin is originally from Augusta, Maine. He is moving here with his wife Dr. Gita Rao who will be working at the Portland Community Health Center, and his two young daughters Neela and Anya.



*Jonathan Fellers, M.D.*

**Jonathan Fellers, M.D.**, has joined the Maine Medical Center Department of Psychiatry. Before coming to Portland, he received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College and completed residency at University of Virginia, where he served as Chief Resident, Psychiatry. In 2013, Dr. Fellers successfully performed a Fellowship, Addiction Psychiatry, at Oregon Health & Science University.



*Robert A. Fulton, M.D.*

**Robert A. Fulton, M.D.**, has joined Maine Medical Partners - Falmouth Internal Medicine. He is arriving from Portland, Oregon, where he completed his residency at Oregon Health & Science University. He has had exposure to additional ambulatory training opportunities, including a rural preceptorship in Rockland, Maine. Dr. Fulton says he is drawn to MMC's innovation and the quality care it provides to our community.



*Kate Quinn, D.O.*

**Kate Quinn, D.O.**, has joined Maine Medical Partners - Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. Dr. Quinn comes to the organization from Birmingham, Ala., where she completed a primary care sports medicine fellowship through Trinity Medical Center/Lemak Sports Medicine and Orthopedics. She received her medical degree from Georgia Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2010, and completed an integrated residen-

cy in Family Medicine and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine at Florida Hospital in Orlando. She has special interest utilizing osteopathic manipulation to enhance healing from injury, and optimize athletic performance.



*Kohar Der Simonian, M.D.*

**Kohar Der Simonian, M.D.**, has joined Maine medical Partners - Falmouth Family Medicine. She has worked as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine and Obstetrics/Gynecology, as Medical Director for New Generation Health Clinic, and as a physician at One Medical Group. Dr. Der Simonian received her medical degree from University Of Vermont College Of Medicine, and completed residency at University of California San Francisco. She was a Reproductive Health Fellow at the Institute for Family Health/Beth Israel Family Medicine Residency Training Program from 2009 to 2010.



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