

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

MMC Tick Lab Launches Website Focused on Prevention

Enjoy Maine's Great Outdoors, But Do your Tick Check

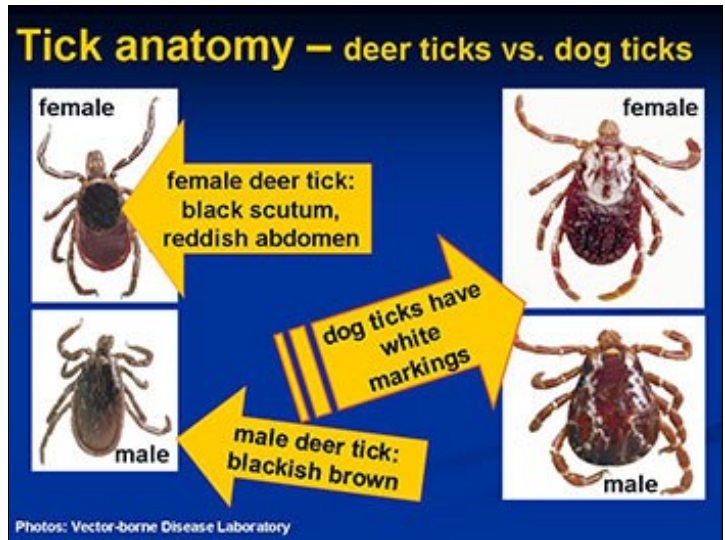
Where in Maine are you at greatest risk for tick bites? How can you protect yourself? What's the proper way to remove a tick? How can you remove ticks from your property? Did you know that deer ticks in the state are now infecting people with at least four diseases?

Now the Maine Medical Center Research Institute's Vector-borne Disease Laboratory or "Tick Lab" has launched *ticksinmaine.com*, a website to answer these questions and more with information based on the lab's 26 years of research on

ticks, their hosts, habitats, and disease transmission, the scientists said.

Last year, 14,000 people in Maine were infected by tick bites in addition to many animals, including pet dogs and horses.

"This new website is specific to Maine and Mainers and focuses on prevention of tick-borne disease," said Peter Rand, M.D., the lab's senior investigator, who warned Mainers in the mid-1980s that the deer tick was on its way into Maine.



A graphic from ticksinmaine.com shows how to identify ticks.

"The great outdoors is what tick check," says Dr. Rand. Maine is all about. Just remember to always do your

MMP and NECS Oncology Partnership To Improve Inpatient Cancer Care

On August 17 Maine Medical Partners (MMP) Hospital Medicine launched a collaborative effort with New England Cancer Specialists (NECS) that redefines how inpatient care is provided for medical oncology patients at MMC.

With the goal of improving patient care, medical oncology patients will now largely be under the primary care of MMP Hospital Medicine during their hospitalization.

"As Hospitalists, we look forward to helping the team at NECS leverage their exceptional expertise in cancer treatment to better serve both their inpatient and outpatient populations," said Dan Meyer, M.D., Assistant Director and Quality Lead for Hospital Medicine at MMC. "It's a partnership that we hope will serve as a model for collaboration going forward."

To accomplish this, the

hospitalist service will be launching a new inpatient medical oncology team with a focus on care of patients with cancer.

NECS will remain closely involved with all oncologic patients, but will serve primarily a consultative role seeing patients specifically for issues related to their cancer care. They will, however, continue to serve a primary role in the care of patients with acute hemato-

logic malignancies and those admitted primarily for the start of chemotherapy.

"This partnership provides access for our patients to the established expertise of the MMP Hospitalist physicians in enhancing inpatient outcomes and patient safety, building on the reputation for quality, compassionate care for which NECS is known," said Devon Evans, M.D., of NECS.

PEOPLE NEWS



Michael Ferguson, M.D.

Michael A. Ferguson, M.D., has joined the Maine Medical Center Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Ferguson received his medical degree from The University of Queensland, Australia in 2005, and after two further years of training went on to complete a Pediatrics Residency at Bay State Children's Hospital in Springfield, Mass. He was most recently a Pediatric Critical Care Fellow at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. His clinical interests include research on disorders resulting from traumatic brain injury, cardiac arrest, and lung stretch injury.

Nicole M. Geissen, D.O., has joined Maine Medical Partners – Cardiothoracic Surgery. A graduate of the



Nicole Geissen, D.O.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Geissen completed her general surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Horizon, where she was chief resident in the Department of General Surgery and Department of Medical Education. She completed her cardiothoracic surgery residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She has expertise in minimally invasive surgery of the esophagus and a keen interest in complex benign esophageal problems. She also sees patients with all types of benign and malignant problems in the chest.

Dr. Geissen also enjoys cooking, traveling, and snow skiing.



Laurel Knapp, M.S., D.O.

Laurel Knapp, M.S., D.O., has joined Maine Medical Partners Hospital Medicine. She received her medical degree from University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at New York Methodist Hospital where she conducted research on women and heart disease.

In her free time, Dr. Knapp enjoys hiking, traveling and spending time with her family.

Michael P. Robich, M.D., MSPH, has joined Maine Medical Partners – Cardiothoracic Surgery. He earned his medical degree at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio, and completed his residency



Michael Robich, M.D., MSPH

in general surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Dr. Robich completed a research fellowship at Harvard Medical School and Brown University, investigating chronic myocardial ischemia and regenerative therapies, and a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. Well trained in traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques, he sees adult patients with a full range of cardiac and thoracic vascular surgical issues.

Dr. Robich other interested include music, playing hockey, and spending time outdoors with his family.

United Way Food Drive Coming Soon!

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