

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

New Program Brings Stroke Expertise to Hospitals Through Video Conferencing

The MaineHealth Telestroke Network (MTN), a partnership with the MMC Neuroscience Institute and other hospitals in Maine, uses video conferencing technology that allows stroke neurologists and emergency department doctors to work together in assessing and treating stroke. The MTN provides Maine residents with access to the highest quality of stroke care in their local participating emergency departments.

The program is supported clinically by providers at Maine Medical Partners (MMP) Neurology and Pen Bay Neurology. Equipment and technology are supported by MaineHealth's Telehealth IT.

"By offering timely and seamless acute stroke cov-

erage 24 hours a day, hospitals can improve patient outcomes," said Jane Morris, M.D., of MMP Neurology and MTN Medical Director. "This service will also decrease stroke-related disability and health care costs, while keeping the patient close to home."

The goals of the MaineHealth Telestroke Network include:

- Inclusive access to expert evaluation and treatment of stroke.
- Regional collaboration and clinical partnerships among all participating hospitals and physicians.
- Improving the standard of stroke care in Maine.
- Standardized metrics and nationally benchmarked goals for

stroke care in Maine and participating Southern NH hospitals.

- Continuous performance improvement and education for all participants.

Each Telestroke consultation follows specific steps to diagnose, consult, and begin patient treatment. Within five minutes of a call from a partner ED, a Telestroke neurologist calls to discuss the patient's condition. Within 20 minutes of the initial call, a two-way audio/visual system allows Telestroke specialists to consult with partner hospital providers and the patient. Recommendations are made and treatment begins. The process is concluded with a follow-up consultation and record of the event.

Education and training is an integrated component of the Telestroke program. MMC provides standardized, streamlined educational sessions to other hospitals in the state who access the network. Other resources include assistance with the Joint Commission Primary Stroke Program Certification process, inclusion in MMP Neurology Grand Rounds, and additional clinical education through discussion of patient case studies and feedback.

The first successful MTN consult occurred on February 25 with Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta. The program to date has provided 12 Telestroke video conferences to participating hospitals and their patients.

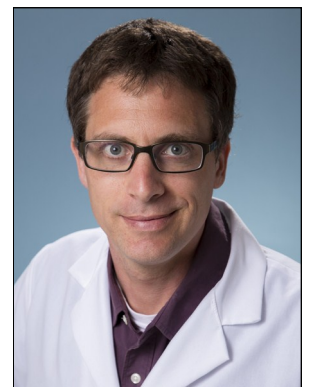
PEOPLE NEWS

Anthony Foianini, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Center Emergency Medicine. Dr. Foianini received his medical degree from University of Colorado School of Medicine and

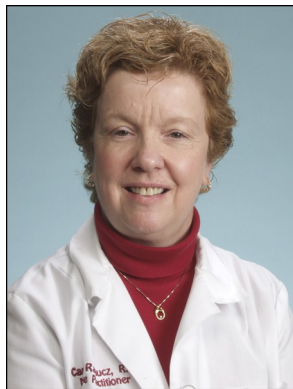
completed his residency here at Maine Medical Center. Most recently, Dr. Foianini was in the Emergency Department at Central Maine Medical Center. His special interests include

medical education and health policy.

Outside of work, Dr. Foianini enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters hiking, biking, skiing, and exploring the Maine outdoors.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Caryn Radziucz
35 Years



Eric Larsen
10 Years



Todd Dadaleares
5 Years



Amanda Lamb
5 Years

40 Years

Gail Crocker,
Turning Point

35 years

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Outpatient Clinic
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30 Years

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25 Years

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20 Years

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15 Years

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