

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Moving to BBCH Inpatient Unit

MMC's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH) will be relocating to the 6th floor of the Bean Building, the current BBCH inpatient unit. The new PICU is slated to open January 2016.

Featuring eight rooms, the new unit will be one of the most sophisticated facilities for pediatric critical care in the northeast. The spacious, private rooms will have large windows, providing a more comfortable environment for family members

who are dealing with very serious issues.

The PICU at BBCH is Maine's largest and most comprehensive pediatric critical care unit. Patients are transported here for care from all over the state and parts of New Hampshire. The PICU cares for more than 450 critically ill children from birth to age 21 each year.

"Relocating the PICU will provide continuity of care for both patients and their families when making the

transition to the inpatient unit," says Zander Abbott, Vice President, Women and Children Service Line.

"They will also have access to all of the amenities and services of the inpatient unit, such as the family room, atrium, and daily activities and events."

PICU doctors and nurses are specially trained in pediatric critical care medicine with the expertise to care for our smallest and most critically ill patients. This includes advanced therapies such as ventilation

(mechanical breathing support), sophisticated monitoring techniques, and administering certain medications that can be given only under close medical supervision. The nurse-to-patient ratio is higher than the general pediatric unit to ensure constant monitoring and care.

Learn more about the new PICU during this week's Radiothon, when WGME-13's Kim Block interviews Justin Michaud, PICU Nurse Manager.

Cares for Kids Radiothon To Auction Off Harley Davidson

The Cares for Kids Radiothon presented by Rowe Westbrook and Rowe Auburn runs this Thursday through Saturday. Hosts from 107.5 Frank FM, 99.9 The Wolf, and WGME-13 will broadcast live from BBCH, sharing inspiring stories of our patients and their families.

Plus, get revved up! During the Radiothon, you can bid to win a Harley Davidson Street XG 500 (pictured), donated by LA Harley Davidson. Listen in to the Radiothon for auction details.



PEOPLE NEWS



Heather Gillespie, M.D.

Heather Gillespie, M.D., M.P.H., has joined Maine Medical Partners - Ortho-

pedics & Sports Medicine. Her addition continues the practice's recent efforts to offer a full complement of sports medicine services.

Dr. Gillespie comes to the organization from Los Angeles where she was an Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Team Physician for the UCLA Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. She received her medical degree from

the Duke University School of Medicine in 2003 and completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at Maine Medical Center in 2007.

Dr. Gillespie is looking forward to being closer to family and reconnecting with old friends in Maine. In her free time she enjoys swimming, painting, and perfecting her chocolate chip cookie recipe.

New PAPR Training Coming Soon

MMC is replacing all of its current Power Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) devices with the new 3M Versa-Flow PAPR. The new PAPRs are expected to be in use June 1. The new device is a significant upgrade from the current 3M Air-Mate model. Hood connections, hose connections, battery inspections, flow checks, and warning functions have all been added or modified.

Anyone currently trained to use PAPR must attend a 30-minute training session to learn how to use the new devices. Trainings take place throughout April. Sign up through Lawson.



COMING UP AT MMC

BBCH Book Fair
Wednesday, March 11
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Scarborough Surgery Center

BBCH Book Fair
Thursday, March 12
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, March 13
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
100 Campus Drive

403(b) Lunch and Learn
Thursday, March 12
11 a.m. - Noon
Dana 1

Nursing Grand Rounds
Glycemic Control Transformation Project
Wednesday, March 18
2 - 3 p.m.
Dana Auditorium

Health Literacy 101
Wednesday, March 25
2 - 3 p.m.
Dana 2

For details on these and all upcoming events, check out the Calendar on the MMC Intranet.



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