

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

## VIR Team Collaborates for Better Patient Care

Vascular Interventional Radiology's dedicated critical care nursing team began a successful collaboration in June. The team, consisting of permanent nurses, per diem nurses, and an experienced RADCU nurse, was created to care for the complex needs of critical care patients.

This group of nurses brings to the table a diverse mixture of acute and critical-care experience. The team helps facilitate a smooth transition from bed to pro-

cedure, alleviating demand on the critical care unit staff.

VIR is a rapidly evolving field, which utilizes minimally invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ system. The concept behind interventional radiology is to diagnose and treat patients using the least-invasive techniques available to minimize risk to the patient and improve health outcomes. The goals of VIR include shorter patient

stay, less invasive procedures, and decreasing financial burden on patients and the health care system. The interdisciplinary team brings together interventional radiologists, radiology technologists, and RNs.

Denise Owens, a nurse in SCU, was recently assisted by the VIR team while transporting a patient to IR. "I was able to leave after we got the patient on the table and gave report," says Denise. "The collaboration and smooth handoff allowed

me to return quickly to SCU and resume care of my other patients."

The VIR program was spearheaded by Bonnie Boivin, Director, Diagnostic Exam Room. Bonnie's vision involved a collaboration between management, IR techs, and nursing.

"We had great support of senior management, giving us the tools and resources to make it happen," Bonnie says. "It's the right thing to do for our patients."

## New Exhibit Features Work Dedicated to Medical Staff

The Dana Center presents a new art exhibit by Judith Kane, Ph.D. "Sunshine On My Shoulder" is a collection of paintings dedicated "to the staff and physicians of the medical community for it is they who truly bring 'sunshine' to their patients and their patients' families on a daily basis. And that light, of course, is the optimism and hope of healing."

Judy has been painting since elementary school and took classes at the Maine College of Art. As a retired psychologist, Judy says she likes to include people and man-made objects in her

work. "I am always intrigued by the relationship of individuals to their environment," she says. "These paintings are presented not as precise photorealistic renderings of a scene, figure, or object, but of their spirit or essence."

The exhibit runs through Friday, February 13. For more information or to purchase a painting, visit [judykanearts.com](http://judykanearts.com).

*At right: "Out For a Stroll" by Judith Kane on display in the Dana Center Lobby.*



## Pay Stub “Opt In” Begins in January

Starting with the February 6 paycheck, employees who receive direct deposit will have to “opt in” in order to receive a pay stub.

Fewer pay stubs use less paper and reduce the demand on payroll. The information currently found on your pay stub can be found quickly and easily using Lawson Self Service.

Here’s how:

- Go to the Intranet home page
- Click on the “HR Self-Service” icon in the top right corner
- Enter your username and password (same as your network login)
- On the menu at left, click on “Pay,” then “Paychecks”

If you would like to continue receiving a paper pay stub, send an email to

Payrollhelp@mmc.org with the subject line “I still want my paper pay stub.”

Want to stop pay stubs immediately? Send an email to Payrollhelp@mmc.org with “Stop pay stubs” in the subject line.

For help and questions, contact the HR Solutions Center, 661-4000.



## Town Hall Meetings

MMC has scheduled Ebola-specific forums open for all employees. The sessions feature updates on preparedness from Emergency Management and a Q&A session with Infection Prevention staff.

See NetNews for the latest meeting schedule.

## Open Enrollment Now Through Monday, November 17

You must re-enroll for benefits, even if you are not changing plans. This year’s options will not default to next year.

- Get started at [Mainehealth.bswift.com](http://Mainehealth.bswift.com)
- See changes to next year’s plans
- Watch an online presentation explaining your benefits
- This is your last chance to enroll for accidental or critical illness insurance without a medical exam.

  
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UP AT  
MMC

**Daylight Saving Ends  
Sunday, November 2  
Remember to turn  
clocks back at 2 a.m.**

**Cairns Symposium  
Wednesday,  
November 5  
8 - 11 a.m.  
Dana Auditorium**

**MMC Cancer Institute  
Volunteer Open House  
Thursday, November 13  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
100 Campus Drive  
Scarborough**

**CNA Informational  
Session  
Thursday, November 13  
6 p.m.  
Dana Auditorium**

**MaineHealth  
Improvement Science  
Academy Program  
Wednesday,  
November 19  
9 - 11:30 a.m.  
110 Free Street**

*For details on all  
upcoming event, check  
out the Calendar on the  
MMC Intranet.*

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