

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Maine Medical Center Named “Most Wired”

Award reflects progress through innovation, leading to better patient care

For the fourth year in a row, Maine Medical Center has been named to the list of Most Wired Hospitals by *Hospital and Health Networks* magazine. The nation's Most Wired Hospitals demonstrate progress through innovation.

Results are based on the Most Wired Survey. The survey asked hospitals and

health systems nationwide to answer questions regarding their IT initiatives. Its methodology sets specific requirements in four focus areas:

- Infrastructure
- Business and administrative management
- Clinical quality and safety (inpatient/outpatient hospital)

- Clinical integration (ambulatory/physician/patient/community)

“Being named Most Wired yet again reflects our commitment to patient care,” says Andy Crowder, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for MaineHealth and Maine Medical Center. “The

award's criteria point to providing and accessing information that helps us provide better care for patients. Timely access to accurate and up-to-date patient information and treatment options helps our clinical staff make better decisions, and that's good for everyone.”



Bean 2 Crane a Curious Sight for Visitors and Employees

A giant, yellow crane is receiving a lot of gaping stares and excited smiles as it stands fully extended in the Bramhall access road. The machine is being used to lift heavy steel beams and columns onto the rooftop during Bean 2 steel construction.

Bean 2 will be MMC's new surgical unit, expected to open in September 2015.

The crane is a 24-ton luffing swing-away model (“luffing” means it can raise and lower while the hook remains at a fixed level). It's 257 feet tall and has a 77-ton counterweight. The crane can hold up to 4,600

pounds at maximum reach.

For safety, the crane will be retracted and lowered during high winds or when a medical helicopter is approaching the building.

For a good view of the crane, go to the P7 or P8 Connector windows. Please be careful around all construction zones.

Note: If you see welding during construction, take care not to stare at the light and sparks. Long exposure may cause temporary eye discomfort.

Documentary By Teens Draws Attention to Childhood Vaccination Controversy

The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, the Maine-Health Childhood Immunizations Program, and Vax Maine Kids will host Maine's first public showing of "Invisible Threat," followed by an expert panel discussion Wednesday, July 23, 5 p.m., in the Rines Auditorium of the Portland Public Library.

"Invisible Threat" is a documentary film created by high school students looking to understand the reasons for the ongoing controversy surrounding childhood immunizations. The students interviewed experts in infectious disease, parents who were concerned about immunizations' effects, in addition to

those who are immunization champions, autism scientists, and general pediatricians.

This discussion comes on the heels of a record number of measles cases this year in the United States. From January 1 to June 20, there have been 514 confirmed measles cases in 20 states – the highest number of cases since measles was eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. In addition, there has been a 24 percent increase in cases of pertussis compared to last year. The majority of these cases have been among those who are unvaccinated.

"Getting the recommended vaccines on time when babies and children are young

is the best way to give them the most protection possible," says John Bancroft, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics, Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

Light appetizers will be served at 5 p.m., followed by the film screening at 5:30 p.m., and an expert panel discussion. The panel includes research scientists, physicians, pediatricians, nurses, and parents, all with varying professional and public experience in many sectors of public health.

For more information and to RSVP, visit vax-mainekids.org/invisiblethreat.

Next Steps from *Let's Go!* Offers Support to Pediatricians Treating Childhood Obesity

Let's Go! is now advocating for more specific interventions for obese pediatric patients with their Next Steps guide. The guide consists of 18 different strategies or themes that can be customized to families' needs. Themes range from portion sizes to physical activity and understanding healthy foods.

To complement the printed materials, *Let's Go!* teamed up with the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation to release a free Next Steps online course that aims to equip pediatric providers with effective, evidence-based tools to guide their patients to better health.

The online course consists of 22 modules of 10 minutes or less each.

For more information, visit Letsgo.org and click on "Online Trainings." To purchase Next Steps, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics website.

COMING
UP AT
MMC

**WOW! Power Hour:
Self Defense
Wednesday, July 16
5 - 6 p.m.
MGB Lawn**

**CNA Informational
Session
Tuesday, August 19
6 p.m.
Dana Auditorium
Visit mmc.org for
details and registration**

**WOW! Rewards
Deadline
Sunday, August 31
Complete both your
fasting health
screening and online
health assessment.
[Mainehealth.org/
wowrewards](http://Mainehealth.org/wowrewards)**

**2014 Oncology
Symposium
Monday, September 15
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location TBD
mmc.org/symposium**

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



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