

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

MMC Orthopedics Rated in Top One Percent in U.S.

A recent Medicare study placed Maine Medical Center among the top one percent of hospitals in a national survey for its quality of care on both hip and knee replacement surgeries, as measured by patient readmissions and complications.

The Medicare study evaluated cases at hospitals throughout the country for the first time to determine quality of care on these two common elective procedures. The study looked at cases that occurred from July 2009 to June 2012.

There were 4,805 hospitals surveyed, and 2,747 of them had enough data to qualify for the study. Ninety-five hospitals had better-than-average performance in at least one of the two measures, readmissions or complications, and MMC is the only hospital in Maine names on this list. Of these 95 hospitals, just 25 showed



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better-than-average performance in both categories. “We know we have a strong hip and knee replacement program, and it’s rewarding to see how well it compares on a national scale,” said George Babikian, M.D., Director of the Division of Orthopedics at MMC and Medical Director of Maine Medical Partners – Ortho-

pedics. “Our patients trust us to deliver the top-quality care that gets them back to active lives.”

The Hospital Outcome of Care measures, which are readily accessible at medicare.gov, are significant because people who elect to have these surgeries typically research the hospi-

tal and physician to learn who has the best outcomes.

Also, beginning in late 2014, Medicare will adjust hospital reimbursement rates for hip and knee replacement surgeries, based on these measures as it currently does on a number of other measures.

WOW! Rewards Rescreening February 1–28

If you completed both steps of WOW! Rewards in 2013 and didn’t meet one or more targets, you are eligible to participate in the February 2014 Rescreening. Go to any designated NorDx screening site in February for a free rescreening of any target you did not meet.

For more information and instructions, visit mainehealth.com/wowrewards.

Anterolateral Hip Replacement Surgery Offers Less Pain and Quicker Recovery

Free Information Session

Learn about Anterolateral hip replacement surgery from Maine's leading experts. Orthopedic surgeons George Babikian, M.D. and Adam Rana, M.D. of Maine Medical Partners – Orthopedics, will be available to answer your questions about this minimally invasive procedure that offers less pain, quicker recovery, and fewer restrictions.

Registration is required for this free session. Please call (207) 662-0822 or visit www.mmc.org/jrcevents.

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2014
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Location: Maine Medical Center
 22 Bramhall Street,
 Portland, ME
 East Tower, Classroom #3
 Use the Visitor's Parking Garage,
 Level P8



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COMING UP AT MMC

Affordable Health Insurance Information Session
Monday, January 27
1 – 5 p.m.
Dana Center

Geriatrics Grand Rounds
Tuesday, January 28
7 – 8 a.m.
Dana 4

Women's and Children's Grand Rounds
Thursday, January 30
9 – 11 a.m.
Dana Auditorium

Portland Sunrise Rotary Social to Benefit Maine Children's Cancer Program
Wednesday, February 5
5:30–8:30 p.m.
DiMillo's on the Water Portland
\$30 Advance/\$35 Door

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

Flu Update

The CDC reports that for the 2013-2014 flu season:

- Influenza activity remains high nationwide.
- 2009 H1N1 viruses are predominating for the first time since the pandemic.
- Severity indicators reflecting hospitalizations and deaths are increasing.
- Most (61 percent) hospitalizations are occurring in people 18 to 64 years old.
- CDC has received sev-

eral reports of severe illness in young and middle-aged adults, including pregnant women and the obese.

Continue to follow masking protocols, proper hand hygiene, and cough etiquette. If you are experiencing upper respiratory symptoms regardless of your vaccination status, please wear a mask.

We are up to 80 percent compliance (Vaccination or Declination). That means 20 percent of staff have yet to comply with policy and

provide documentation to Employee Health Services (EHS), including per diem staff.

If you received your vaccination elsewhere, have a documentation form completed by your provider or bring in proof of vaccination.

You can find the Influenza FAQs, Declination Forms, and provider forms on the MMC Intranet.

EHS continues to offer vaccination. Call 662-4011 to make an appointment.



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