# AT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

#### **MMC Breast Care Center Earns** NAPBC Accreditation

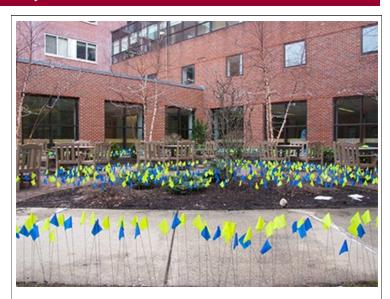
The Breast Care Center at Maine Medical Center has been granted a 3-year/Full accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons. Accreditation is given to those centers that have voluntarily committed • to provide the highest level • of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. During the survey process, the center must demonstrate compliance with standards established by

the NAPBC for treating women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease.

The standards include proficiency in:

- Center leadership
- Clinical management
- Research
- Community outreach
- Professional education
- Quality improvement

A breast center that achieves NAPBC accreditation has demonstrated a firm commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease.



The MMC Courtyard is covered in blue and yellow flags in April to mark Donate Life Month. The flags represent the many lives saved by organ donations in News England last year. More than 117,000 patients are on the US transplant waiting list.

Visit DonateLifeNewEngland.org to learn more or register as an organ or tissue donor.

### Bariatric Surgery Program Offers New Procedure and Earns Re-Accreditation

The MMC Bariatric Surgery Program now offers a procedure called Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy as one of the options for weight loss surthe size of the stomach, dethat can be consumed. Patients experience an earlier sensation of fullness and are gical weight loss.

satisfied with smaller amounts of food. On average, patients lose between 50 and 60 percent of their excess body weight. The gery. The procedure reduces multidisciplinary team at the Center. MMC Bariatric Center ofcreasing the amount of food fers both sleeve gastrectomy. Accredited bariatric surgery and gastric bypass surgery to patients interested in sur-

In addition, the Bariatric Surgery Program has been re-accredited as an American College of Surgeons Level 1 Accredited Bariatric

centers provide the highest quality of care to their patients, including the hospital resources necessary for optimal care of morbidly obese patients, plus the support and resources that are necessary to address the entire spectrum of care and needs of bariatric patients.

#### Did You Know?

LifeFlight makes about 400 stops at Maine Medical Center every year, transporting patients from across Maine and parts of New Hampshire.

## April Anniversaries



Lisa Marion 15 Years

40 Years Lena Hawkins, Continuing Care Nursery

35 Years Bonnie Berg, R1 Robin Grigsby, Communications & Marketing Martha Mita, Radiology

30 Years Daryl Cook, IS Lynne Gobeil, Nursing Lorraine Jordan, MMCRI

25 Years
David Bodfish,
Central Services
Vladimir Mizerak,
Pulmonary Medicine
Ruth Smillie, Family Center

20 Years Shelley Chorney, Medical Affairs



Igor Prudovsky 15 Years

Wendy Osgood, Adult Medicine

15 Years
Beth Burke,
Occupational Therapy
Paul Creedon, R3
Rose Foley, EVS
Georgia Golder, ED
John Lanham, IS
Lisa Marion, P3CD
Igor Prudovsky, MMCRI
Martha Taylor, Anasthesia
and Pain Management
Jeffrey Walsh,
Central Services
Peggy Walsh,
Central Services

10 Years

Sally Brewer,

Pulmonary Medicine
Patricia Burdo-Emery, R4
Virginia Field, Viral Disease
Treatment Center
Antonio Floridino, IS

Michael Clark,

Supply Chain
Na-Kee Davis,
Nutrition Serv
Dianne Dunn, P6
Danielle Fradette,
Kimberly French,



William Jean-Blanc 10 Years

Rachel Gagne, NICU
William JeanBlanc,
Psychiatry
Tina McGowan, OR
Nancy Murphy, EVS
Paulene Perham, Center for
Clinical and Professional Development
Sean Petone, Engineering
Cathleen Reinfelder,
Psychiatry

5 Years
Muna Ali,
Patient Care Services
Melissa Allen, R1
Laurie Carpenter,
Outpatient
Michael Churchill, EVS
Michael Clark,
Supply Chain
Na-Kee Davis,
Nutrition Services
Dianne Dunn, P6
Danielle Fradette, R4
Kimberly French, SCU



Tina McGowan 10 Years

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General Mechanical



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