

WHAT'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 New 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 surgery. The procedure reduces the size of the stomach, decreasing the amount of food that can be consumed. Patients experience an earlier sensation of fullness and are

satisfied with smaller amounts of food. On average, patients lose between 50 and 60 percent of their excess body weight. The multidisciplinary team at the MMC Bariatric Center offers both sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass surgery to patients interested in surgical weight loss.

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

Accredited bariatric surgery 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



Igor Prudovsky
15 Years



William Jean-Blanc
10 Years



Tina McGowan
10 Years

40 Years
Lena Hawkins, Continuing
Care Nursery

35 Years
Bonnie Berg, R1
Robin Grigsby, Communi-
cations & 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

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, Anesthesia
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

Rachel Gagne, NICU
William JeanBlanc,
Psychiatry
Tina McGowan, OR
Nancy Murphy, EVS
Paulene Perham, Center for
Clinical and Profession-
al 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

Roe Gasi, EVS
Beth Hallowell,
Birth Center
Michael Juneau, OR
Arthur Lounsbury, EVS
Christine Mallar,
Simulation Center
Marita Marino, SSC
Amy McLellan, R1
Sean Murphy,
Property Management
Edward Noblet, IS
Lowella Ouellette,
Occupational Therapy
Elizabeth Ruarke,
Financial Services
Ann Sutter, Care Partners
Deborah Thibodeau,
Vocational Services
Serena Whitcher,
Nutrition Services
Earl Wright,
General Mechanical