

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

USDA Secretary Recognizes MMC for Efforts to Reduce Obesity



Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture Tom Vilsack visited Maine Medical Center on Thursday, March 14, to recognize the hospital's efforts to combat childhood obesity.

Speaking to a packed audience at the Dana Auditorium, Vilsack highlighted the outstanding work of our Let's Go! program, saying, "This issue is about the health of the country."

Petersen agreed, and said, "Improving the health of our state's population is at the heart of our mission, with the ultimate goal of making Maine the healthiest state in the nation."

(left) MMC President and CEO Rich Petersen presents USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack with a Barbara Bush Children's Hospital necktie. See more photos on the MMC Intranet and visit letsgo.org for more information.

MMC to Participate in Initiative to Improve Care and Reduce Costs for Medicare

Maine Medical Center is one of more than 500 organizations chosen to participate in the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative, an innovative new health care payment model. Through this initiative, The Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) will test how bundling payments can result in more coordinated care for beneficiaries and lower costs for Medicare.

The initiative includes four models of bundling payments, varying by the types of health care providers involved and the services included in the bundle. MMC qualifies as a "Model 2" participant, and will be testing bundled payments for

Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), a type of surgery that improves blood flow to the heart. The bundling is expected to encourage hospitals, physicians, post-acute facilities, and other providers to work together to improve health outcomes and lower costs.

Phase 1 of the initiative, during which hospitals receive new data from CMS on care patterns and engage in shared learning to improve care, began in January and continues through July. As a Phase 1 participant, MMC is expected to continue on to Phase 2, in which participants take on financial risk for episodes of care starting in July 2013.



Child Life Services celebrated 25 years of care at MMC on March 12. Ashley Holmes and Sherisse Wormell serve up cake in honor of the staff who work hard to normalize the hospital stay for children and their families.

Did You Know?

The Switchboard fields an average of 1,200 calls every day. Operators also call codes, play an integral role in emergency situations, and are the voice of Maine Medical Center.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



Margaret "Meg" Sutton
30 Years



Bill Williams
10 Years



Vanessa Chabre
5 Years



Stanley Chaleff
5 Years

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Donna Irish,
Care Management

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Cathleen Chapman, Patient
Accounts
Margaret Sutton,
Occupational Therapy
Geraldine Yates, BBCH

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Debora Beaulieu, Radiology
Sharon Crichton, R1
Eileen Dockendorf, CPI
Stephen Wojtysiak, General
Mechanical

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Nathan Burrill, Pharmacy
Ann Clifford, BBCH
Barbara Conley, MMCRI
Cinderella McCabe,
Outpatient Clinic
Manuelito Ramos, Environ-
mental Services
Andrew Scotton, IS
Beverly Spares, BBCH
Pamela Tozier, Birth Center

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Margaret Coyne,
Health Information
Management
Jefferson Howe,
Health Information
Management
Robert Jones Jr, OR
Katherine Legere, ED
Linda Pease, R1
Linda Stover, IS

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Jossary Gerry, Pulmonary
Medicine
Mary Greene, Radiology
Linda Hodgkins, ED
Cristy Koffler, Nursing
Floats
Jessica Langella, R2
Nicholas Maravell, SSC
Gary Marshall, GPV
Maryanne Nemeo,
Nutrition Services
Peter Paradis, Supply Chain
Sally Prokey, Nursing
Andrew Reed, Pharmacy
Jacqueline Shur,
Care Management
Stacey Stevenson, IS

Mary Verdi, MMCRI
Carie Washburn, IS
Lisa Werner, BBCH
Keith White, ED
Bill Williams,
Medical Affairs
Rocket Wong, CPI

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Hamdi Abdi,
Environmental Services
Monica Alexander, P3CD
Patricia Bisnette,
Environmental Services
Laurie Britto, CICU
Patricia Carbonneau, R4
Vanessa Chabre, IS
Stanley Chaleff,
Maine Children's Can-
cer Center
Lisa Chasse, R4
Susan Deluca, R9
Deborah Desjardins, ED
Karen Eaton, BBCH
Catherine Foley, SSC
Michelle Fontaine, MMCRI
Leslie Foreman, GPV
David Gaines, IS
Lisa Glines, SCU
Frank Hager Jr, OR

Margaret Heney-Bergen,
Anesthesia & Pain Man-
agement
Sarah Landry, NICU
Todd Lehoux,
Environmental Services
Deborah Martin-Smedal,
Oncology
Cynthia Pappas,
Post Anesthesia Care
Victoria Quinlan, GPV
Stephen Rand, Security
James Reinholdtsen,
Distribution
Judith Ridge, Security
Barbara Sammon, SSC
Mariam Samuel,
Environmental Services
Luzviminda Small, R1
Elizabeth Spofford, Family
Center
Richard Vaglia, IS
Brian White, SSC
Jessica Wilson, OR