

# What's Happening



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## Research Institute Opens \$12 Million Expansion



*A ribbon cutting officially opens an expansion at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute.*

Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI) unveiled its newest addition on December 4, a \$12 million dollar expansion that houses the hospital's first dedicated clinical research facility.

The 23,000 square-foot expansion includes a patient-friendly entrance, examination and treatment room, nutrition station, and space for research coordinators and clinical investigators. The expansion is part of MMCRI's five-year plan to double the number of scientist investigators and add more clinical researchers.

"The growth of the Research Institute is also good growth for our economy," said Heidi Hansen, Past Trustee of Maine Medical Center, and the Past Chair of the hospital Board's Education & Research Committee. "It means good jobs that enhance Maine's position in the biomedical community, attract the best and brightest to our state, and provide inspiration for young people in our community to pursue science as a career."

MMCRI is comprised of laboratory-based and clinical research divisions, including

the Center for Molecular Medicine, Clinical and Translational Research, the Center for Psychiatric Research, and the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation.

"At Maine Medical Center, we say that we have three core missions: Patient Care, Teaching, and Research," said Kenneth A. Ault, MD, Director of the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. "We will best achieve our goals when these three are

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*Heidi Brown of our Admitting Department is in the holiday spirit as she paints a window in the Coffee Shop. See more holiday photos on pages 6-7.*

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# A special holiday thanks



It's hard to believe another year has nearly passed, but we're looking at 2008 in the rear view mirror and turning the corner into a new year.

It's a special time, one we spend with friends and families, reconnect with old acquaintances, and pause to appreciate the many reasons we have to be thankful.

We have incredible people here at Maine Medical Center. As

good as you'll find anywhere. I see that demonstrated every day of the year, and our patients do, too. Everyone, from direct caregivers to support staff, plays a role in the great care we provide each patient.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire organization and everyone on the Maine Medical Center team for all you do on behalf of our patients. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated and caring individuals who have devoted themselves to patient care. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your efforts and commitment.

This medical center is a very special place, and I hope you know that it's because of the special people we have here.

Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year. ■



*Cara Chasse of the Geriatric Elder Life Program has her hands full with the many gifts for patients donated by MMC employees and volunteers. The Elder Life program serves patients age 70 and older, with a special focus on preventing delirium and physical decline. Gifts included puzzles, calendars, and journals, as well as scarves, hats, and mittens.*

# MMC Honored With Silver Performance Award for Outstanding Stroke Care

Maine Medical Center has received the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines–Stroke (GWTG–Stroke) Silver Performance Achievement Award. The award recognizes MMC's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally-accepted standards and recommendations.

"With a stroke, time lost is brain lost, and GWTG–Stroke addresses the important element of time," says neurologist John Belden, MD, Medical Director of the Stroke Program. MMC has developed a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the Emergency Department. This includes always being equipped to provide brain imaging scans, having neurologists available to conduct patient evaluations, and using clot-busting medications when appropriate.

To receive the GWTG–Stroke Silver Performance Achievement Award, Maine Medical Center consistently followed the treatment guidelines in the GWTG–Stroke program for a year. These include aggressive use of medications like tPA, antithrombotics, anticoagulation therapy, DVT prophylaxis, cholesterol reducing drugs, and smoking cessation.

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# Getting to know ...

## Mara Gruppi

**Position:** Interpreter & Cross Cultural Services Coordinator

**Years at MMC:** 3.5 years

**What does your job entail?**

I schedule interpreters, do their payroll, do staff education on cultural competence, organize and distribute dual-handsets interpreter phones house-wide, and support and help the director with the administration of the department.

**What people may not know is that:** I was

born and raised in Crema, Italy, a beautiful medieval city 25 miles southeast of Milan, but despite social expectations of the opposite I can't cook! As of this year I am American also, I have received my citizenship on April 18, 2008!



**If I could have lunch with anyone:** It would be Dorothea Dix. As someone who is studying to become a social worker there is no better example of a strong independent woman who shaped the field of social work but also the society of her time.

**I love working at MMC because:** It is the most supportive environment in which I have ever worked among all jobs I've held in this country and in Europe. I feel appreciated and respected by all colleagues, and I truly feel part of a team in which all members are committed and loyal. Above all, I feel I am making a difference for populations in true need. ■

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**Who you gonna call?**

*David Hall is one of friendly voices who answers calls at the Help Desk, part of the Desktop Support team. In 2008, the team answered over 100,000 calls.*

*The seven-person Help Desk team does more than just answer your calls. Members also travel to offices to fix PC desktop issues.*



# Tdap Vaccination Blitz in January

Employee Health is providing a free Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) for MMC employees, allied staff, contract physicians, volunteers, and students.

*You should get the Tdap vaccine if you:*

- Have never had a dose of Tdap in the past and your last tetanus booster was more than two years ago
- You are between 19 and 64 years old
- You work or volunteer in a health care setting

*You should not get the Tdap vaccine if you:*

- Have already had a Tdap vaccine
- Your last tetanus booster was within the past two years
- You are pregnant

**Monday, January 26  
through  
Friday January 30,  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Location: TBD**

Questions?

Email

Tdap\_questions@mmc.org ■



# Database Project Aims To Improve Quality And Safety

MaineHealth is joining several other Maine health care organizations in a two-year demonstration project to improve quality and patient safety.

HealthInfoNet (HIN) is an independent non-profit organization working to build a statewide electronic health information exchange to allow hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers to quickly share the most current health information about patients, improving the coordination of care. This is particularly important for patients who are treated by several health care providers in different locations, or who receive emergency care from providers who are unfamiliar with their medical history.

The project will be demonstrated at six provider sites: Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), Martins Point, Eastern Maine Medical Center, MaineHealth, Central Maine Medical Center, and Franklin Memorial Hospital.

MaineHealth CEO Bill Caron was a founding member of HIN, and Jerry Edson – formerly MMC AVP of Information Services – has been a key consultant to the technical development team. Barry Blumenfeld, MD, MaineHealth VP of Information Services, is expected to join HIN's Board this winter.

Other MaineHealth organizations involved in the project include HomeHealth Visiting Nurses, VitalNetwork, NorDx, Miles Memorial Hospital, Stephens Memorial Hospital, St. Andrews Hospital, MMC Department of Surgery, MMC Trauma Service, MMC Adult and Pediatric Hospitalists, Health Information Management, and Information Services. Staff at some of these organizations will have read-only access to records in HIN.

Patient demographic and encounter data will begin to populate the HIN database early in 2009, when HIN goes live at MaineHealth organizations. This data includes information about patient conditions, diagnoses, or health problems, such as prescription medicines ordered by doctors, lab results, radiology images, allergy information, and transcribed documents such as History & Physical and discharge information.

The patient's HealthInfoNet record will *not* contain information from substance abuse treatment facilities, mental health treatment facilities (such as P6 or McGeachey Hall), and HIV lab tests; however, information about these types of care may be included in the H&P or other documents, viewed by caregivers with a "need to know" and proper ID.

Patients may opt out of HIN, but caregivers won't have access to their most current health care information.

MMC and MaineHealth have always been committed to safeguarding the privacy and safety of patients' health information, and will continue to protect it. Likewise, HIN takes privacy and security very seriously. HIN will use state-of-the-art protection to keep out anyone who should not view patient information; caregivers will

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# Vocational Service's Youth Program Shows MMC's Commitment To Community

Maine Medical Center was one of several local organizations that brought students with disabilities into the workplace last year, part of the Summer Youth Employment Program. The seven-week program is designed to provide students, ages 15-21, a paid work experience that helps prepare them for life beyond high school.

Participants spent their summer vacation at several MMC departments, experiencing a unique opportunity and gaining valuable work skills.

Students tackled many tasks that their adult counterparts perform each day. Work ranged from filing and cooking, to computer research and serving customers.

In addition to guidance on the job, students received support from job coaches who worked alongside providing support. By the end of the summer, each student had reached—and in most cases, surpassed—their vocational goals and attained new levels of independence.

The program ended with a celebration at the Dana Center, where students, employers, job coaches, and families to celebrate the participants' achievements.

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# MMC and American Cancer Society Introduce Patient Navigator



*Deb Webb, Radiation Therapy Scheduling Coordinator, squeezes hot fudge into a bowl of ice cream for NorDx's Donna Pelletier at the introduction and celebration of Maine's first American Cancer Society Patient Navigator.*

MMC's Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society (ACS) have introduced the state's first ACS Patient Navigator. The free program helps cancer patients, families, and caregivers by finding local and hospital resources, being a supportive listener, acknowledging cultural differences to both doctors and patients, and providing guidance and support as patients face the emotional, logistical, and financial challenges of their unique cancer experience.

Maine Medical Center's Cancer Institute, based at the Scarborough Campus, serves more than 2,500 cancer patients each year. Patient Navigators are trained to provide newly-diagnosed patients with customized, high-quality, current, easy-to-understand cancer-related information while also helping them navigate through the health care system.

"A cancer diagnosis can be a life-changing experience for patients, their families, and their caregivers," said Kip DeSerres of the American Cancer Society. "The Patient Navigator provides support every step of the way, from explaining what to expect with therapy, to finding resources for transportation to treatment appointments. Fighting cancer is a difficult, challenging journey; with the help of trained navigators, patients don't have to go through it alone."

"This program reaches patients at the time of diagnosis, a point when they are most overwhelmed and don't know where to turn," said Donna Green, Clinical Nurse Manager for MMC's Cancer Institute. "It provides a critical link to local resources that will they will need to support, maintain, and improve their quality of life."

There are currently 84 American Cancer Society Patient Navigator program sites across the U.S., including four in New England. The MMC program was officially unveiled at a reception in December. ■

# Portland Urologic Associates Joins Maine Medical Partners

Maine's largest group of urologists is joining the state's largest multi-specialty group practice and will continue to offer the most comprehensive, state-of-the-art urological care in the region. Beginning December 29, Portland Urologic Associates (PUA) will become Maine Medical Partners-Urology.

"Our local practice has long been recognized nationally and internationally for our efforts to improve urologic healthcare," says senior PUA partner Samuel Broaddus, MD. "And while our name and logo will change, the way we practice medicine will not."

Maine Medical Partners, a subsidiary of Maine Medical Center, offers primary care throughout Greater Portland, and specialty and sub-specialty care for the entire state.

"Portland Urologic Associates joining Maine Medical Partners allows us to expand our multi-specialty services to better serve patients throughout Maine," said Steve Kasabian, President of Maine Medical Partners. "We are always looking for ways to enrich the health and wellness of the communities we serve."

As part of this effort, Maine Medical Center is planning to develop a new urological residency program to train the next generation of urologists to help address the professional practice needs of the region. ■



# Holidays Bring Cheer, Laughter

December's weather was sometimes frightful, but thanks to plenty of MMC elves, the spirit throughout the hospital was always delightful. Here are a few of our favorite holiday moments from around the medical center.



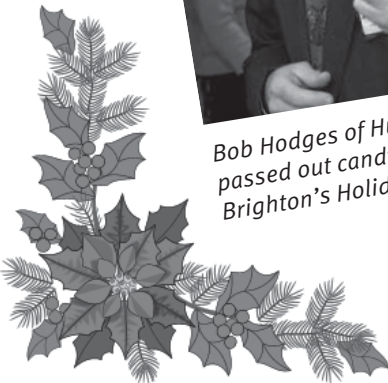
The holidays are a busy time for the crew at the Flower Box. Pictured left to right are Erica Harold, Irina Vander-Putten, and Cindy Champagne.



Engineering's Kevin Irish looks festive as he serves staff at Brighton's Holiday Celebration.



Bob Hodges of Human Resources passed out candy canes at Brighton's Holiday Celebration.



The Boutique in the East Tower offered a selection of holiday gifts for both new moms and babies. Staff Joyce Dearborn, Karen Spizuoco, and Laura Chambers show off a few of the popular holiday items.





Melinda Dorr paints a bow on a snowman during our Window Decorating Contest. She and Laurette Russell from the Interventional Radiology Team won the Children's Choice Award. Other winners: Environmental Services Team, Board Award; and East Tower Team, People's Choice Award.



Tom Hatch of Safety and Purchasing's Bob Barber were among the servers at this year's Bramhall Campus Holiday Celebration.



The Healing Arts Chorus kicked off the holiday season with an early December performance at MMC's Cancer Institute at the Scarborough Campus.



# People

**Tiffany Townsend, FNP-C**, has accepted the position of Director of Employee Health Services. Townsend has been serving as Interim Director of Employee Health Services since September. She joined MMC in 2004, and previously worked as Manager of Employee Health Services.



*Tiffany Townsend, FNP-C*

**Kelly McLaughlin**, has accepted the position of Purchasing Manager, Materials Management. McLaughlin has worked at MMC for a year as the Senior Buyer for the Operating Room. Prior to joining MMC, she held a variety of management positions within the Sears, May Company and Kohl's chains, including Buyer, Store Manager, General Manager and Regional Manager.

**Catharine M. Cadigan, MD, FACP**, received the American College of Physicians (ACP) Maine Chapter Laureate Award. The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the ACP who have demonstrated an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the ACP, with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. Dr. Cadigan has been the Director of the Maine Practice Network, affiliated with the Maine Medical Center, since 2003, where she is the Outpatient Internal Medicine Clerkship Director and is on the teaching faculty. She is a Clinical Instructor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and at Tufts University School of Medicine.



*Catherine M. Cadigan, MD, FACP*

**Tara O'Connor**, a Senior Buyer in Purchasing, has become Chairperson of the Materials Council for VHA New England. VHA/Novation is the buying group used by MMC as well as MaineHealth. Tara joined MMC in 2004.

**Bob Pappagianopoulos** has joined MMC as Director of Computer Technology. Pappagianopoulos comes to MMC from Partners Healthcare System where he served as the Chief Information Security Officer; Corporate Director, Technical Services and Operations; and Corporate Manager, Data Center Services. Prior to working at Partners, Bob held a number of IT positions at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**Kim Bassett, MS**, has been promoted to Director of Operations for Medical Affairs. She joined MMC in 1987 as a staff Speech Pathologist, and most recently worked as Program Manager in Geriatrics. Bassett previously held leadership roles in Rehabilitation Medicine and Speech-Language Pathology. ■



*Kim Bassett, MS*

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only be able to see specific patient records. Employers and insurance companies will not be able to get information from HIN that identifies patients. The system is tested often to assure it stays secure, and HIN keeps track of everyone who views records.

HIN is currently a 24-month demonstration project, and differs from MaineHealth's EPIC effort: EPIC is an ambulatory electronic record, HIN is a database reference for caregivers. When HIN is fully operational, Maine will become one of the first in the country to have a statewide system of this kind.

Training for MMC staff will be provided prior to HIN implementation; supervisors will have more information to share soon. To learn more, visit [www.hinfontet.org](http://www.hinfontet.org). ■



# When Co-workers Become Patients, Keep Health Information Private

Maine Medical Center staff often turn to MMC for care, knowing they'll receive the best available. When co-workers (or friends) become patients, we should follow all health information guidelines to safeguard the privacy of these important patients.

Remember, access to any patient's health information is solely for the purpose of doing your job. The following examples illustrate common situations you may encounter:

**Q: My colleague was in an accident. May I tell co-workers?**

A: If you gained this information from a public source — such as the news — and not hospital information, you can share this common, or public, knowledge.

**Q: A coworker had chest pains, and I helped get her to the Emergency Department. I stayed until family arrived, and overheard private health information. Upon return to my office, I was asked how she is doing. What is appropriate to share?**

A: Limit your response to a minimum — what you did to assist her — but don't share any other information that you learned. However, if the co-worker specifically gave you permission to tell others, you may do so, being judicious in limiting what information is disclosed, as the individual may have second thoughts about any disclosure.

**Q: As a supervisor, do I have the right to know why an employee received FMLA?**

A: No. Unless there is a direct impact, such as the staff person having an infectious disease, you do not have a right to know why someone is on the Family Medical Leave Act.

**Q: A co-worker is hospitalized. May I use the electronic systems to check on his/her condition?**

A: Sorry, accessing electronic information — or paper or verbal information — is not authorized, since it's not part of your job duties. You may contact the operator and ask for the patient. If the

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## 2009 MMC Holidays

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1
Presidents Day	Monday, February 16
Patriots Day	Monday, April 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25

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"The Stroke Program at Maine Medical Center is in its third year and achieving the GWTG-Stroke Silver Performance Award is recognition of our program reaching and maintaining national stroke care and prevention standards," says Dr. Belden.

Maine Medical Center was first hospital in Maine to be certified as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. This certification recognizes MMC's adherence to best practices in delivering integrated and coordinated care for stroke victims. The Stroke Program at MMC is a key component of its Neuroscience Institute, an initiative to improve care in all areas of neurologic disease and injury through interdisciplinary collaboration in patient care, education and research.

According to the American Stroke Association, approximately 780,000 people suffer a stroke each year. When considered separately from other cardiovascular diseases, stroke ranks third among all causes of death, behind heart disease and cancer. On average, someone dies of a stroke every three to four minutes. ■

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If your department would be interested in hosting a summer student next year, or if you know a student with a disability who might be interested in participating in the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact Erin Igo at [igoe@mmc.org](mailto:igoe@mmc.org) or 662-2714. ■

# Marketplace

So that everyone has an opportunity to use the Marketplace, ads may be placed once. Repeats will be permitted only as space permits.

## FOR SALE

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116K miles, AWD, Power Everything.  
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Dollhouse - \$430. Accessories - \$150.  
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44K miles, air+ generator. Runs great.  
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Buick Century. Air. Looks and runs  
great. 1900 John Deere manure  
spreader. 1973 Ford Mustang conv.  
Baby blue. White top.

Generator and snow blower. Call  
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Diamond solitaire necklace. 0.54  
carat on a 18k yellow gold 18" chain,  
Over \$2k value but will sell for \$775.  
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out grown paid \$125..call 799-7274  
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friendly. Call 899-4676 or 712-7422  
or email

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spacious BR, eat-in K that opens  
into cozy LR, OS pkg, NS, W/D,  
cable TV, internet. owner occupied.  
\$850/mo incl utils. ST or LT rental,  
Call 799-2294.

Westbrook: 1BR, 3rd fl. Apt with  
nice yard, OS winter parking \$650/  
mo + util. 1st mo rent & sec dep req.  
Call 831-3526.

Ptld, 145 Rockland Ave: LR, sun  
room, DR, and K on 1st fl. 3 BR, 1  
BA. Bsmnt with 1/2 BA+W/D. New  
furn. & windows. Hdwd & tile 1 car  
oversized garage. NS\$1400/mo + util  
& Sec dep. Call 671-6394 or email  
[mrcrouch@maine.rr.com](mailto:mrcrouch@maine.rr.com).

Ptld, 65 Sherman St: 450 sq ft room,  
\$575/mo incl H, HW, & Electric.  
Monthly lease. Call 831-6973 or  
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Convenient 1800 sq ft, hdwd, home  
office w/built-ins, large deck, W/D,  
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[lizandrada@yahoo.com](mailto:lizandrada@yahoo.com)

Ptld: 3 BR Garrison, 1 car garage,  
family friendly n'hood. Range, refrig,  
W/D. NS, NP. \$1300/mo + utils. Call  
846-4962 or 671-4813.

OOB:1 BR Apt. Near ocean. Quiet  
n'hood. Furn or unfurn. Small  
well behaved pets considered. New  
windows. New efficient propane  
heater. \$650/mo+util. Call 937-2279.

Ptld: close to MMC, Sunny 2 BR  
Apt. Eat in K, new appliances, hdwd,  
back porch, 2 OS parking spaces,  
W/D. 950/mo incl Wi-Fi + Heat.  
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Ptld, near Payson Park: 1 BR Apt.  
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1201

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Ptld, 39 Neal St: West End 2 BR Apt,  
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pkg, 2 economical rennai gas heaters,  
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plus util. 1st and last mo rent plus sec  
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as all the necessities. Please NS/NP.  
Everything included \$1500/mo. Call  
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util. Must like dogs, there are two. OS  
Pkg. On busline. Call 229-4386(c) or  
899-4101(h).

Ptld: Eastern Prom 3 BR apt to share  
w/prof M/F Rent \$640/mo Avail. 1/09  
email [miok37@maine.rr.com](mailto:miok37@maine.rr.com).

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operator does not acknowledge that this person is in the hospital, it may indicate that the individual is at another facility or has chosen to opt-out of the hospital directory and is a restricted patient (“R” in SCM). Since there is no acknowledgement of this person as a patient, this also means no flowers or visitors unless the patient initiates, according to HIPAA regulations and MMC’s Confidentiality and Privacy Policy.

### **Q: A co-worker is pregnant and we’re having a baby pool. Can the Labor and Delivery staff call us with details after the baby arrives?**

A: No, this is protected health information. Only the baby’s parents may disclose this information.

In summary, it’s natural to be concerned about our coworkers, but accessing patient information (electronic, paper, or verbal) for non-work-related purposes is a privacy violation. The patient decides what, if anything, is disclosed. Please follow these simple rules and remind others to help safeguard patients and their information.

If you have questions, or want to learn more, contact the Privacy Office, 662-4443. ■

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tightly woven together. I think all would agree that today the three are more tightly woven than ever, and the addition that we are opening today is emblematic of this.”

For example, the Maine Medical Center Research Institute was recently awarded a \$10 million grant from The National Institutes of Health for stem cell research. The grant helps MMCRI develop a better understanding of how stem cells function — particularly how they develop into the cells that become organs — and then translate those findings into better tests and therapies for patients.

The Maine Medical Center Research Institute has also joined a prestigious group of other high quality academic medical centers as one of 40 centers in the nation to conduct the country’s largest longitudinal study of children’s health. The National Children’s Study – developed by the National Institutes of Health – will

examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of more than 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21.

“These and other efforts, as well as the many published works that come from those who use this facility, are a testimony to the quality of people we have, and the good work that they do,” said Richard Petersen, Maine Medical Center’s Interim President and CEO.

The Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Northern New England’s leading hospital-based research center, supports patient care and medical education, with a focus on bench and clinical work. Areas of focus include cardiovascular disease, renal failure, psychiatric disorders, medical outcomes, angiogenesis, and stem cell biology. Currently there are more than 280 clinical research trials in progress at Maine Medical Center, involving approximately 3,200 patients. ■



# Calendar

2008 Safety eLearning Test  
for MMC Employees  
Due January 1

Free Tdap Vaccination  
Available For MMC Staff

January 26 - 30,  
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location TBD

Email Tdap questions to:  
Tdap\_questions@mmc.org ■

## Looking Back...

### *Here Comes Santa Claus*



*This is a scene from the Christmas celebration of 1960, as reported in the January 1961 issue of the hospital newsletter, General Newsense. The smorgasbord meal was served in the decorated hospital dining room by members of the administration and entertainment was supplied by various hospital musical groups. Santa (possibly Martin Barron, MD) is joined here by two members of the Christmas Party Committee as they celebrate with some of the 900 hospital employees that passed through the cafeteria lines in shifts.*

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