

# What's Happening?

A NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MAINE MEDICAL CENTER FAMILY

## ROR gets young readers off to a good start

Did you know that early literacy is one of the most important tools in life? Maine Medical Center has a program that helps families understand the importance of reading from a very early age. The Reach Out and Read Program (ROR) run by Elizabeth Matheson, RNC, Pediatric Clinic, is designed to help teach early literacy.

MMC's ROR program began in September 1998 with a grant from Boston Medical Center. The start-up grant provided seed money, 500 books, and support for the staff and volunteers involved in the program. Both the Friends of Maine Medical Center and the Department of Pediatrics have been very supportive of this worthwhile program. Currently, MMC is the only hospital in the state offering this program.

As part of the Pediatric Residency Program, residents are taught to incorporate a discussion about the importance of exposing children to reading, stories, and pictures in early life. Pediatricians are trained to counsel parents about the importance of reading with young children, offering age-appropriate tips and encouragement. In a survey given

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## New unit will improve care for cardiac patients

Journey to Excellence teams assessed many areas of opportunity during Wave I. Of these, a number were considered for re-design in Wave II. One was the area of cardiac surgery recovery.

The work of the re-design team led to the restructuring of two nursing units to provide more standardized care; improved patient, staff, and physician satisfaction; and decreased length of stay for cardiac patients. The Cardiac Surgery Recovery Unit (CSRU) has opened in the Special Care Unit (SCU) and has joined the R1 Cardiology Step-Down Unit under the leadership of a single

head nurse, Sheila Parker, RN (interim), and a medical director, John Braxton, MD.

"Prior to the advent of this CSRU," explains Kathy Viger, RN, Clinical Director for Cardiac Services, "patients recovering from open heart surgery were placed in SCU wherever beds were available and cared for by a variety of nurses. Now these patients are clustered in a dedicated unit and cared for by a specific nursing team.

"Having the same leadership in CSRU and R1 helps to guide patients along the recovery pathway toward discharge more

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## EPA salutes MMC for mercury reduction efforts

The US Environmental Protection Agency has recognized Maine Medical Center for mercury reduction achievements. The medical center has been accepted as a participant in the agency's "Partners for Change Mercury Challenge" program, which encourages New England medical facilities to lead the nation in eliminating mercury and mercury-containing waste by 2003 in return for EPA recognition.

MMC's mercury reduction plan includes identifying any mercury sources that have acceptable substitutes or reduced mercury alternatives. This year we've expanded our nickel-cadmium, lithium, and mercury battery program to include alkaline battery recycling. We were already collecting mercury hazardous waste for recycling. In addition, we're switching from mercury blood pressure cuffs to

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## Groom named President of AACCP

Robert Groom, CCP, Chief Perfusionist in Maine Medical Center's Cardiac Surgery Perfusion Department, was recently installed as President of the American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion (AACCP).

Cardiovascular perfusionists operate the heart lung machine and other life support devices during cardiac surgery. The goal of the AACCP is to encourage and stimulate investigation and study to increase knowledge of cardiovascular perfusion and to correlate and disseminate that knowledge.

Groom graduated from Geneva College in Pennsylvania with a BS in biology and received his training in perfusion at the Texas Heart Institute. He became certified in 1981. Before coming to MMC, Groom was the Assistant Chief Perfusionist at Fairfax Hospital in Falls

Church, Virginia.

Throughout his career, Groom has been committed to perfusion education. He has served locally, regionally, and nationally as an elected official and volunteer in the American Society of Extracorporeal Technology (AmSECT) and in AACCP. Groom has authored more than 50 perfusion-related articles and presented at national and international meetings. He has also served on the editorial board of *The Perfusion Journal* and the advisory board of the Perfusion Research and Educational Foundation. He is currently the associate editor of the *Journal of Extracorporeal Technology*.

Groom's commitment to perfusion education is based on the belief that only through education and open communication can the quality of care and patient outcomes be improved.

## NERHP earns award for special achievement

New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland (NERHP), a partnership between Maine Medical Center and HEALTHSOUTH Corporation, was recently honored at the HEALTHSOUTH Annual Administrators' meeting with the prestigious Special Achievement Award for the outstanding inpatient facility in the country and a President's Circle Award for clinical excellence.

The criteria used to determine the facility's ranking include the development of new clinical programs, retention and recruitment of staff, high quality of patient care services, and overall operational excellence.

"We are proud to be in partnership with an organization that produces programs of the quality of the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland," says Vincent S. Conti, MMC President and CEO and Chair of NERHP's Governance Committee. "When we joined forces to create a model inpatient rehabilitation hospital on MMC's Brighton campus, we held high hopes for quality. Those hopes have been realized, and HEALTHSOUTH's recognition of the facility as first among all its hospitals confirms it."

"These awards are a true honor for the hospital," says Amy Morse, Chief Executive Officer of NERHP and director of HEALTHSOUTH operations in Maine. "The dedication of all of our employees and the support services employees of MMC, to providing outstanding care and

### *The 31st Annual Spring Surgical Symposium*

#### **A Festschrift for**

**Albert W. Dibbins, MD**

**Associate Chief, Dept. of Surgery & Director of Surgical Education**

**Friday, May 12, 0800--1600 hours**

**Dana Center Auditorium**

#### **The Isaac M. Webber Surgical Lecture**

***Treatment of Tracheal Malacia and  
Congenital Tracheal Stenosis in Children***

**Robert M. Filler, MD**

**Director of Telehealth and External Medical Affairs**

**The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto**

**Sponsored by MMC Dept. of Surgery. To register or to receive a brochure,  
call Helen McLoy, 871-2934, or email mcloyh**



## Partnership series begins on Maine PBS

Maine OnHealth, a six-part series on Maine PBS, premieres May 7. The series of one-hour programs will explore important healthcare topics from the Maine perspective, as host Ann Murray interviews studio guests and introduces taped segments from a number of locations.

Funding for the series was provided by MaineHealth, with the goal of bringing thoughtful, locally-oriented health programming to Maine viewers. Physicians, nurses, and other professionals from throughout the MaineHealth system and beyond provide the expert information that the Maine PBS production team has crafted into the hour-long shows.

The shows feature viewer call-in segments, with questions answered by the studio guests. Maine PBS is also creating web sites for each program so viewers can seek more information at their own convenience.

All shows air at 1900 hours Sunday.

### The Maine OnHealth Program Schedule

May 7	Cardiovascular Health
May 14	School Health Care
May 21	Diabetes
May 28	Senior Health
June 4	Managed Care
June 11	Access to Health Care

## MMC nurse receives high honor

Claire Berg, MS, RN, CCRC, Cardiology Research Nurse Coordinator for Maine Medical Center's Division of Cardiology, recently received the American Heart Association New England Affiliate's annual Cardiovascular Nurse Recognition Award, along with a nurse from Mid Coast Hospital.

In her role as Research Coordinator, Berg is currently working on several studies, including a sudden cardiac death in heart failure trial. She has been named with one other nurse to sit on the national steering committee of an atrial fibrillation trial; 200 North American hospitals are participating in the study. In addition, she is working with Costas Lambrew, MD, Director of Cardiology at MMC, to develop a

method of measuring pressure in the heart that will be non-invasive. Berg's responsibilities include interdepartmental planning to implement protocols, patient screening, initiation of protocols, data collection, patient follow-up, and acting as hospital educator/resource person for selected programs.

Berg holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Maine; she earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham. She took her first position in the field in 1972 at Portland City Hospital. She came to MMC in 1976, where she has been a staff nurse, cardiac surgical patient educator, head nurse, and now cardiology research nurse coordinator.

## Women take charge of their health

**Spring into Action:** **MaineHealth's Women's Wellness Day**, a holistic health conference for women of all ages, will take place Saturday, April 29, from 0800 to 1430 hours in the Dana Center. It is sponsored by MaineHealth and Community Health Services, Maine Medical Center, Southern Maine Medical Center, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, YWCA of Greater Portland, University of Southern Maine's College of Nursing and Health Professions, and the City of Portland, Portland Public Health Division.

The day begins with a keynote address by Judy Norsigian, Program Director, Boston Women's Health Collective, and internationally known co-author

of *Our Bodies, Ourselves* and *Our-selves for the New Century*. She will discuss "Women and Health: Obstacles and Opportunities, New and Old". She will also facilitate the workshop "Pill for Prevention vs. the Precautionary Principle".

Local leaders in the women's health community will present 19 workshops focusing on consumer empowerment and shared decision-making between patients and healthcare providers.

The cost of the conference is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Scholarships are available and no one will be turned away because of inability to pay. Off-site childcare is also available but requires pre-registration. For more information or to register, please call 781-1730 or 885-8570.



## CARDIAC RECOVERY, FROM P. 1

efficiently and effectively. All of this adds up to specialized, expert care for our recovering open heart surgery patients."

Along with the ten beds in CSRU, four more beds for cardiac surgery recovery are available in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. Also, four beds are held on R1 to assure early transfer of patients from CSRU as appropriate.

The continuous presence of a clinical decision-maker focused solely on cardiac surgery recovery is another plus of this new arrangement. A nursing care coordinator manages care for CSRU patients from 6 AM to 6 PM, seven days a week, and physician assistants (PA) provide round-the-clock in-house coverage.

"Working closely with other caregivers," Viger says, "the care coordinator facilitates the patient's movement through the recovery pathway, and measures, tracks, and provides feedback to the care team. The coordinator keeps tabs on all patients in the service, looking at who can transfer to the R1 Step-Down Unit, working with R1 staff and physicians toward discharging patients, and examining why patients may experience unusual differences in their recovery pathways."

All of this will help reduce length of stay where appropriate, which has the dual benefit of getting the patient home to complete recovery in the comfort of familiar surroundings, and of reducing the cost of care.

MMC's cardiac surgeons have agreed to basic protocols for recovery from surgery, standardizing care to the "best practice". Having one standard makes it possible for both staff and patients to clearly understand care goals and whether they are being met. With the focus

on continuum of care and common management principles from surgery to post discharge, the patient recovers more quickly.

"After surgery," says Viger, "each patient receives a 'picture pathway', showing what their progress should be each day while they are recovering in the hospital, as well as information to take home and use to continue their recovery to good health. The emphasis is on patient and family education, with a portfolio of material tailored to each patient's particular circumstance. This new care model stresses standardized follow-up and communication to patients, families, referring physicians, and extended caregivers."

Daily rounds in CSRU include the PA who covered the previous night, the PA just coming on for the day, physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and others. They look at care issues, examine the patient census in SCU and CSRU, and assess which patients can "step down" to R1. Additionally, the head nurse, medical director, and CSRU and R1 staff meet weekly to review data collected by the care coordinator and review how the program is working.

"The front line people are the ones responsible for making this program happen and for dealing with major changes," says Head Nurse Sheila Parker, RN, "it's the nurses, physician assistants, and surgeons who make it all work."

Patients now generally remain in CSRU for only one day. As experience is gained, it is hoped that patients will be ready to transfer to R1 late the day of their surgery. An important piece of the program is avoiding surgery cancellations whenever possible while not compromising the recovery of patients not yet discharged.

## It's Our Place!

*Thank you*

for your support of MMC's Annual Giving campaign.

If you didn't attend the Thank You Celebration and pick up your t-shirt, please stop by the Courtyard Corridor on the Bramhall Campus to receive yours.

Friday, May 5

0700--0900 hours

1100--1300 hours

1430--1600 hours

*Please bring the card you received in the mail to present for your t-shirt.*

*We think it's great that staff are trying to follow MMC's smoke-free campus policy.*

*As people who work at a respected medical center, we are all seen as role models for good health practices. Smoking opposite MMC buildings does not support that image to our patients, employees, visitors, and our community.*

*The Tobacco Independence Program is here to help. Call 871-2768 for more information on tobacco cessation. Call Human Resources, 871-2107, for information on how the benefits program can support your efforts to quit using tobacco.*

*Thank you.*

*fresh air*



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electronic ones as they wear out.

Mercury is a highly toxic, naturally occurring metal that moves between water, air, and soil as a result of natural and human activities. Its primary health effects are on the neurological development of children exposed through fish consumption and fetuses exposed through their mothers' consumption of fish. Removing mercury thermometers and other mercury-containing equipment from the healthcare industry waste stream is one of the most effective methods of reducing the amount of mercury in the environment.

The Partners for Change Mercury Challenge, a branch of the Partners for Change recognition program, promotes voluntary, measurable mercury reduction at medical facilities. Medical facilities commit to meeting their own specified mercury reduction goals and agree to make good faith voluntary efforts to identify and implement prevention measures. To be recognized as a partner, MMC had to have a mercury inventory, a quantifiable mercury reduction goal, and an action plan, and must report on progress made toward achieving its goal.

*The Depressed--Manic  
Depressed Portland Group*  
meets every Monday,  
1900--2100 hours, and every  
Friday, 1900-2000 hours, in  
Dana Center Classroom 2.  
A peer support program for  
people dealing with  
depression and  
manic-depression.

## *Ethics at the Center*

The Ethics Confidential Helpline is available  
for your questions and concerns.

Call the Helpline at 871-4646.

Or, you may contact Ethics Implementation Committee  
Chairman Mike Swan, 871-2944.

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to parents before the program begins, parents are asked about their own reading habits. They are encouraged to read to their children daily, even if it is for only a short period of time.

Each child gets a new age-appropriate book at each healthcare maintenance (well child) visit, starting at six months old and continuing until they are five years old. These books are used at the well child visits to evaluate how a child is developing. Through Reach Out and Read, every child starts school with a home library of at least ten children's books, and parents learn that reading aloud

is the most important thing they can do to help their children love books and start school ready to learn.

Hospital volunteers and nursing students from the University of Southern Maine model reading in the waiting room of the Pediatric Clinic. If a sibling comes to a visit with a patient, he or she is given a used book to take home. So far this program has given away about 700 books!

The ROR program is always looking for volunteers to read. If you are interested in reading to our young patients, please contact MMC's Office of Volunteer Services at 871-2205.



Reach Out and Read volunteer Denise Wheeler, USM nursing student, reads to Kiet Ho in the Pediatric Clinic waiting room.



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## Quitters and Winners

The Quit Smoking and Win program was a great success! Some of the 37 participants won cash prizes: \$500 to Judy McGovern, and \$50 to her sponsor, Tiffany Hon, both of Food Services, Brighton Campus; \$250 to Ken Davis, and \$50 to his sponsor and wife, Diane Davis, R3; and \$100 to Barbara Joyce, Brighton FirstCare, and \$50 to her sponsor Cheryl Hammer. Twenty-five of the participants did not smoke during the five-week program and were eligible for prizes. Nearly all quitters are confident they will remain non-smokers!

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**Join a group of proud losers!**

**Weight Watchers series begins soon**

**Sign up at an Open House**

**Tuesday, May 2, OR Thursday, May 4**

**16 members needed in *each* class!**

**\$110 for the series. Payroll deduction available!**

**8-10 weeks depending on enrollment.**

**Tuesdays, 1200-1300 hours, Dana Classroom 9**

**OR**

**Thursdays, 1530-1630 hours, Dana Classroom 1**

**Questions? Call Martha Davoli, 871-2196**

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## Simmons/UNE Partnership

### Family Nurse Practitioner Program

RNs training to be family nurse practitioners need pregnant women as volunteer patients. Patient involvement includes a history and physical exam; patients receive \$50 for the 1 1/2 hour exam. (You may schedule more than one.)

Exams take place Saturday, May 6, at UNE - Westbrook College Health Center in Portland. FMI call Carole Moor at 797-7261 x4309.

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## MMC Track & Field

Continue your March into May goals! Join other employees, residents, spouses, volunteers, and retirees in friendly competition in structured meets. Running for all distances, speeds, and field events. Six meets: May 24, June 7, June 17, June 28, July 12, July 22. Wednesday meets start at 1730 hours, Saturday meets start at 0930 hours.

Tentative information session and fun run-walk May 18, 1700 hours. Meet in Dana Center Lobby. Cost is \$20 per person for meet fees and uniforms. Member of Maine Corporate Track Association. FMI contact Joe Hermans, 871-2610 (W-F) or [hermaj@mail.mmc.org](mailto:hermaj@mail.mmc.org).

## Breathe Easier

"Breathe Easier" is a free program for adults with asthma. A new series begins May 4 and continues each Thursday evening in May, meeting from 1830 to 2000 hours at the MMC Family Practice Center at 272 Congress Street in Portland.

Asthma sufferers will learn how to recognize, understand, and manage asthma symptoms.

Group size is limited, so register now. Call 871-4578.

NERHP, FROM P.2

clinical rehabilitation excellence for all of our patients is recognized by these awards. We are so proud to be able to offer Maine residents such outstanding rehabilitation care."

NERHP is the only specialty rehabilitation hospital in Maine, and was selected for the award from a field of 100 hospitals owned or operated by HEALTHSOUTH. NERHP offers specialty programs for inpatients including stroke and young stroke, brain injury, orthopedics, spinal cord injury, amputee, oncology, and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation. NERHP also offers outpatient programs for comprehensive neurologic rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, lymphedema treatment, The Maine Wound Center, aquatics, and specialty clinics.

HEALTHSOUTH provides management services for the rehabilitation services at MMC and several other Maine hospitals and operates ten outpatient centers located from Springvale to Bangor.



# Marketplace

In order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to use the Marketplace, ads may be placed *once only*. Repeats will be permitted only on a space-available basis.

## FOR SALE

Cannodales: R500, RSX drive train, STI shifters, green, '98, \$800 & Killer V 900 Deore XT/LX drive train, rigid fork, silver/blue, '95, \$500. Both bikes reconditioned for spring. Call 282-7779.

1990 Sunbird Corsica 218 Powerboat w/235 hp OMC Cobra engine, excellent condition with all maintenance records. \$7,995 or BO. Call 282-3708.

Beautiful pine hutch, 6' 8" high, 7' long, 19" deep. Lighted dry sink, 4 drawers, 4 doors on bottom & 2 glass doors on top half w/lights. Asking \$400 or BO. Call 539-4468.

AKC Eng. Springer puppies. \$400. Ready to go Mother's Day. Call 871-1361 after 6 p.m. on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Picture perfect 3.7 acre lakefront building lot w/1,100 ft. of frontage on Tacoma Lake. Loons, trees, private, spectacular views, easy access, level building lot w/building permit. Ready for year-round home. \$69,500. Call 603-626-7201.

1992 Ford Taurus GL 4 door sedan. Loaded, 113K miles, very good condition. \$3,200. Call 885-5856.

Old Town Tripper Canoe 17ft., dark green, \$300; Franco Belge Coal Stove, burns for hours unattended. Limited supply of pea coal w/sale, \$300; Handmade wooden cupola unfinished w/cast iron clipper ship weathervane, \$125. Call 846-6307.

Yarmouth: Classic Colonial. 2300 sq. ft. 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, plenty of closet space, LR w/fireplace, open floor plan w/tile & hardwood, 2 car garage. \$225,000. Call 846-6307.

Woods humidifier. Floor model, walnut finish, used very little. Call 797-7929.

1992 Nissan Stanza, drives like

new, no rust, no burns, 5 speed, loaded, reliable, economic, all serviced, new sticker, well maintained. Asking \$3,595. Call 655-2315.

Scarborough, 3 - 4 BR farmhouse. Recent updates, 1.5 BA, porches, 2 story barn w/stalls, workshop, carport. All on 2.5 groomed acres, gardens, apple trees. \$195,000. Call 883-1965.

Garden lovers: lupine, pachysandra, rudbeckia, enchincea, foxglove, iris and more. Mature-size plants \$5.00. Call 655-2440.

Great home near MMC and good schools. 2 BR, 1 BA raised ranch w/finished basement. New appliances, garage w/attached porch, nice yard & deck. Call 773-2984.

Benefit Yard Sale at King Middle School, Park Ave., Portland. Rain or shine May 6 from 0800 - 1300 hours. Call 871-2881.

1991 Dodge Spirit. Automatic, 108,600 miles, runs great. Asking \$1,000. Call 878-3998.

## FOR RENT

Sublet available immediately until 6/10. West End, 4 min. walk to MMC. 1 BR, den, eat-in kitchen, bay window, unfurnished, heat/hot water inc. \$650/mo. or BO. Call 304-434-2775.

2 BR, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. on 302 Portland/Westbrook line. Parking, newly renovated, W/D hookup. \$675 + utils. Call 773-9742.

Waterfront camp on Lake St. George, Liberty. 3 BR, lg. dock and deck. Excellent fishing and gorgeous sunsets. \$650/wk. Call 799-6972.

Camp on lake in central Maine, approx 3 hrs from Portland. Private, secluded, relaxing. Use of canoe & paddle boat. Full K & BA. Close to many hiking trails. \$475/wk. Call 353-9720 days or 871-2805 eves.

Waterfront on Little Sebago Lake. Memorial Day weekend thru Sept. 30. Furnished cottage. Boat dock off

The deadlines for announcement-length items and **MARKETPLACE** are

May 10 for the May 24 issue

and

May 24 for the June 7 issue.

*All items must be in writing*

and may be sent by

interoffice mail to the Public Information

Department, by e-mail to FILIPL,

or by fax to 871-6212.

small island w/picnic table & grill. Cottage has new 8' x 12' BA addition, newly remodeled K & BR, LR w/woodstove, sofa bed, etc.

Screened porch. Rent by season \$5,500, month \$1,900, or week \$575. NS. Pets negot. 30 min. to MMC. Call 871-4565 days or 428-3828 evenings or weekends.

Large, sunny 1 BR 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. apt. near MMC w/parking. Very private w/unusual atmosphere. \$550/mo. incl. lights & hot water. Heating cost negotiable. Call 775-2234 evenings.

Vacation week June 17 - 24, at Southcape Resort & Club, Mashpee, MA, on the Cape. Incl. 2 BR unit, full kitchen w/beach & golf nearby. Sleeps 6. \$650/wk. Call 926-3389 eves.

## ROOMMATE WANTED

Share house in Portland. Quiet neighborhood in East Deering, 10 min. from MMC. Large yard, parking, W/D. Must be NS. \$400/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Call 773-5510.

NS for large Gorham house. W/D, dishwasher, lg. yard. Incl. all utilities. \$500/mo. Call 893-2342.

## SERVICES

Will do your household or office odd jobs & interior painting. I do the small jobs that contractors don't have time for. Call 892-2913.



## What's Happening?

### at Maine Medical Center

- All month** **Healthviews.** Comm. TV Network TV 4, Thursdays, 1400 and 2000 hours; Fridays, 0700 hours.
- Apr. 29** **MaineHealth Women's Wellness Day,** 0800-1430 hours, Dana Center.  
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- May 2** **New Weight Watchers** series begins.  
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- May 2** **Skin Screening,** 1800-2100 hours, MMC Scarborough. Call 871-2196.
- May 3** **Skin Screening,** 1800-2100 hours. Lake Region Primary Care, Windham. Call 871-2196.
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- May 12** **Spring Surgical Symposium,** 0800--1600 hours, Dana.  
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- May 12** **Medical Center Singers** Concert, 1900 hours, Dana.
- May 20** **AHA Heart Walk,** 0930-1400 hours. Call 871-2196.
- June 9** **Honor Night.**
- June 17** **FirstCare Safety Fair,** 1000--1400 hours, MMC-Brighton.

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## Nursing scholarships available

The Scholarship and Loan Committee of Maine Medical Center's Department of Nursing Services will soon consider grants for the 2000-2001 school year.

Any MMC employee enrolled in or accepted to an accredited nursing program (MS, BS, AD, Diploma, LPN, CNA) is eligible and invited to apply. The committee considers grants for both the Spring and Fall semesters at the same time, so applicants should anticipate their needs for the full year.

Applications are available in the office of the Vice President for Nursing/Patient Services. The application deadline is Friday, July 7. For further information, please contact committee chairperson Suneela Nayak, MSN, RN, in Nursing Resources, 871-2397.

## About People

- At the national All Children's Hospital Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Conference in March, **David Kissin, RRT**, Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care, and Lt. Terry Walsh, MEDCU, discussed designing a customized ambulance for neonatal and pediatric critical care transports. **Kelly Bowden, BSN, NNP, NICU**, and **Debbie Igo, RRT**, Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care, presented a session on transport safety and training.
- **Mylan C. Cohen, MD, MPH**, joined other expert panelists discussing choices in cardiac stress imaging during the Scientific Sessions of the American College of Cardiology in March. He was featured as a prominent nuclear cardiologist during the proceedings, where MMC also received notable attention.

Learn about jobs available at MMC: [www.mmc.org](http://www.mmc.org)



**Call K-A-F-E (x5233)**  
You'll hear the soup, hot entree, heart healthy, and vegetarian choices, and the grill offerings for the day in MMC's Cafeteria.

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