

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

ACS Re-Verifies MMC as a Level I Trauma Center

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has once again verified Maine Medical Center (MMC) as a Level I Trauma Center, the only one serving Maine and Eastern New Hampshire.

Level I is the highest designation for trauma centers, and the re-verification shows MMC has voluntarily met specific criteria for providing the highest quality care to trauma patients.

The designation means the hospital not only provides resources for trauma care, but for the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of injured patients, from the pre-hospital phase through rehabilitation.

“It takes an extraordinary level of coordination and cooperation between specialty services and care teams to achieve this level of verification,” said Joel

Botler, M.D., MMC’s Chief Medical Officer. “This designation is a testament to our colleagues’ focus on providing optimal patient-centered care.”

ACS is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College has over

72,000 members, and it is the largest association of surgeons in the world.

ACS surveyors visited MMC at the beginning of February and the medical center received formal notification of the re-verification a few weeks later. The verification will last through 2023.

Special Post-Partum Meal Coming to Mother-Baby Department

Moms and their partners on the Mother-Baby unit will now receive a special, complimentary comfort meal after delivery. The patient can choose from a menu of fresh, healthy dinner options, including a starter

salad, entrée (vegetarian and vegan options available), sides, dessert and a beverage. Special Evening-In Meals will be available from 4 – 6 p.m. the day of or the day after delivery.

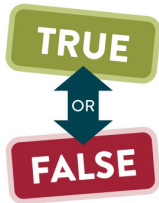


Above: Danny Cummings, Nutrition Services; Chris Gray, Nutrition Services; Stephen Desjardins, Nutrition Services; Maya Naismith, RN, Mother/Baby; Alisa Kidney, RN, Mother/Baby, took part in a taste test of the new menu last week.



Left: A vegetarian meal option.

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms

TRUE
 FALSE

Screening, starting at age 50, can prevent colorectal cancer

TRUE
 FALSE

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer

TRUE
 FALSE

Both men and women can get colorectal cancer

TRUE
 FALSE

COLORECTAL CANCER: PREVENTABLE. TREATABLE. BEATABLE.

Source: American Cancer Society

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT MAINEHEALTH.ORG/CANCER

April Diabetes Prevention Program Classes in Cumberland County

April 3 at 9 a.m.
Learning Resource Center in Falmouth

April 14 at 3:30 p.m.
MMC Library

April 20 at 5 p.m.
300 Southborough Dr.
in South Portland

PEOPLE NEWS



Congratulations to the MMC School of Surgical Technology's 98th graduating class! Thirteen students completed the one-year program and celebrated during a graduation ceremony at the Dana Center on Thursday, Feb. 20.

The School of Surgical Technology is currently offering paid training opportunities to eligible MMC employees interested in becoming certified surgical technologists. Please reach out to Brenda Buck at blbuck@mmc.org for more information.



Daniel Cullinane, MD, has joined Maine Medical Partners – Surgical Care, in the Division of Acute Care Surgery.

Dr. Cullinane is a surgeon specializing in Trauma, Acute Care and Surgical Critical Care from the

Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

He received his medical degree from the Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Cullinane went on to complete his residency in General Surgery at Georgetown University Medical Center and his and his fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



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