

# Medical Staff News

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## Milford Campus ICU earns Beacon Award

Bridgeport Hospital was recognized for excellence in maintaining its Milford campus Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with a gold level Beacon Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

The Beacon Award recognizes hospitals that provide excellent care as measured against key benchmarks. The gold level requires meeting or exceeding stringent goals set by the AACN, which includes demonstrating “effective and systematic approach to policies, procedures and processes that include engagement of staff and key stakeholders; fact-based evaluation strategies for continuous process improvement; and performance measures that meet or exceed relevant benchmarks.”

“We are incredibly proud of our Milford Campus ICU for receiving the AACN Beacon Award for Excellence – one of very few ICUs in the state to achieve this prestigious designation and the first one to have met gold-level criteria. This award is a testament to our team’s dedication to providing compassionate, evidence-based care to our



Bridgeport Hospital Milford Campus ICU staff.

critically ill patients,” said Joubin Bavarian, MHA, BSN, vice president of Operations and Nursing at Bridgeport Hospital.

Congratulations team!

## BH Emergency Departments win Lantern Awards

Bridgeport Hospital’s Emergency Departments in both Bridgeport and Milford have been honored with Lantern Awards from the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). Established in 2011, the three-year award recognizes excellence in emergency departments.

This year, only 94 hospitals nationwide received the honor for demonstrating exceptional performance in key areas. This is the first time Bridgeport Hospital has won.



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“This award honors our Emergency Departments that excel in leadership, clinical practice, education, community advocacy and research through outstanding and innovative performance,” said Mary Christoffersen, RN, DNP, Bridgeport Hospital chief nursing officer.

Applicants had to demonstrate how their departments showed a commitment to care and initiatives to improve nursing staff’s well-being.

Bridgeport Hospital President Anne Diamond, DBA, JD, noted that Becker’s Hospital Review listed the hospital’s ED as the 35th busiest in the country. “This award demonstrates that high volume coupled with the management of complex trauma and burn is possible while maintaining exceptional quality,” she said.

Awardees will be honored at the ENA’s annual conference this month. Congratulations!



Staff at Bridgeport Hospital’s Bridgeport (cover photo) and Milford Campus EDs celebrated earning the Emergency Nurses Association Lantern Award.

## **BH awarded reaccreditation from Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons**

The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS), has granted a new three-year accreditation to Bridgeport Hospital. The hospital was recognized as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program. To earn CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

## **Exchanging ideas: Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center hosts surgeon from Ukraine**

Roman Chornopyschuk, MD, from Vinnytsya Regional Clinical Hospital in Ukraine, recently spent four weeks with Yale New Haven Health as part of the Scholars at Risk – Ukraine program led by Doctors United for Ukraine.

Dr. Chornopyschuk was one of seven surgeons participating in the program and he spent part of his time visiting the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Unit was impressed by Bridgeport Hospital’s burn technology, which he hopes will one day be available in Ukraine.

“It’s been an eye-opening two weeks,” said Alisa Savetamal, MD, Burn Unit director. “I’ve learned a great deal from him, as have the rest of the burn team. In the United States, we have access to advanced products that aren’t available in many places around the world. It makes you think about how things have to be done differently when the same resources aren’t available.”

“Burn patients need specialized care no matter where they are,” she said. “Ukrainian doctors work under such different circumstances than we do. It’s amazing what they’re able to achieve for their patients.”



Ukrainian burn surgeon Roman Chornopyschuk, MD, (second from left) spent time at BH’s Burn Unit as part of a program at Yale New Haven Health and Yale School of Medicine. With him are (l-r): Christian Silva, RN; Alisa Savetamal, MD, Burn Unit director; Kailin Kyle, RN; and Maria Gomes, burn technician.

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## Bridgeport Hospital named an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Top Performer



Bridgeport Hospital, along with Greenwich, Lawrence + Memorial, Westerly and Yale New Haven hospitals - has been designated as an “LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer” in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s 16th edition of the Health Equality Index (HEI).

The HEI is the nation’s foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees. A record 1,065 healthcare facilities actively participated in the 2024 HEI survey and 462 of those earned an “LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer” designation.

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## Ena Williams named YNHHS chief nurse executive



Ena Williams, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN, will become the chief nurse executive for Yale New Haven Health in January 2025, succeeding Diane Kelly, who will retire in January.

Williams has been a nurse with Yale New Haven Health for 32 years, advancing to the role of chief nursing officer for Yale New Haven

Hospital in 2018. Through her impactful leadership on the local and national levels, she has been an integral part of elevating the practice of nursing at Yale New Haven.

When Williams steps into the role of CNE, she will help steward three Magnet initiatives. In 2025, Bridgeport Hospital will submit their document for Magnet designation for the first time and Greenwich and Yale New Haven hospitals will seek redesignation. Across the system, Williams will lead the standardization and implementation of best practices in nursing to improve quality, expand innovative training opportunities and leverage talent to meet the needs of a changing healthcare environment.

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## YNHHS preparing for mandatory flu vaccinations

Beginning in early October, YNHHS will provide vaccinations to employees throughout the health system. As a condition of continued employment, physicians and employees must receive a flu vaccination annually or provide an approved medical or religious exemption.

Onsite flu vaccinations will begin at locations throughout the health system beginning the week of Oct. 7. The deadline to comply with the flu vaccination program is Dec. 1, 2024.

The 2024-2025 Moderna mRNA COVID vaccine is also available for employees and physicians at onsite vaccination clinics. This latest vaccine, while not mandatory, is highly recommended to help protect against currently circulating variants of COVID-19. It is available at select YNHHS onsite vaccination fairs as well.

Employed physicians may schedule an appointment for an onsite flu vaccination by going to Infor and under Employee Information, selecting Employee Health/Get Your Flu Vaccine or a COVID vaccine by selecting Employee Health/Get a COVID Vaccine.

Non-employed Licensed Independent Practitioners may schedule an appointment for a flu vaccine at <https://fluvaccination.ynhh.org> or a COVID vaccination through <https://vaccinepartner.ynhh.org/>

In addition to the onsite locations, employees may choose to get vaccinated by their primary care physician, at a YNHHS outpatient pharmacy or at a participating retail pharmacy in either the CVS Caremark vaccination network or a CVS Minute Clinic.

Employed physicians enrolled in a YNHHS Medical Plan will have their copay waived if they get vaccinated at one of these participating retail pharmacies after Sept. 1, 2024.

Additional details about vaccination options, including how to submit documentation of vaccination by a primary care provider or participating pharmacy are available on Infor. For additional questions, email [vaccineinfo@ynhh.org](mailto:vaccineinfo@ynhh.org).

## Library Services resources for staff – PubMed

*The library at Greenwich Hospital provides access to outstanding health information resources and services that support education, research and patient care.*

### PubMed

PubMed is a free search engine that provides access to biomedical, nursing and life sciences literature. PubMed contains over 36 million citations and provides users with full-text online access to articles from journals your library subscribes to.

Library staff can assist in locating the specific resource to meet your needs. Contact: Donna Belcinski, MLS, MS at 203-863-3293.

## Top Hospitals Nominations Now Open

For over 30 years, Castle Connolly has named Top Doctors as a source for trusted, quality care. The annual list is based on nominations from doctors themselves and represents the top 7 percent of physicians in the U.S.

Castle Connolly is now extending this recognition to celebrate Top Hospitals, highlighting the institutions that set the standard in medical excellence, patient care, and groundbreaking research.

All licensed MDs, DPMs, and DOs are invited to submit their nominations for Top Hospitals and contribute to highlighting hospitals that set the standard for exceptional care.

To nominate Top Hospitals:

1. Visit the Doctor Portal at <https://providers.castleconnolly.com> and log in with your email address and password. (First time visitors can register using their NPI number.)
2. Nominate Top Hospitals for overall excellence and exceptional care in your specialty.
3. Submit your selections

## Save the Dates

See below for several informative conferences and webinars coming up:

### An Update on Obesity Management – A physicians' CME buffet dinner

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:15 pm  
Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Rd, Fairfield  
RSVP to [Alison.Tighe@bpthosp.com](mailto:Alison.Tighe@bpthosp.com)

### Implementing the best science from ASCO 2024 and beyond

Part of Yale Advancements in Technology series  
Friday, Sept. 27, 8 am – 4 pm  
Anthony's Ocean View, 450 Lighthouse Road, New Haven  
Register at the Yale CME portal at <https://yale.cloud-cme.com>

### Caring for Metastatic Breast Cancer

A conference for patients and caregivers  
Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am – 2 pm  
The Greenberg Center, 391 Prospect St., New Haven  
Register at <https://medicine.yale.edu/event>

### Preserving Hope: Fertility Care for Patients with Cancer and Hematological Disorders

Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Cohen Auditorium, 230 S. Frontage Road, New Haven  
Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/fertility-conference>

### Digestive Health Virtual CME Series 2024: Trust Your Gut

Thursday, Oct. 17, 5 – 6 pm (virtual)  
An update on Fatty Liver Disease. Credits: 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ per session, a total of 12.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for the series. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at [yale.cloud-cme.com](http://yale.cloud-cme.com).

### 39th Annual Ella T. Grasso Memorial Conference in Gynecologic Oncology

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 8 am – 1 pm  
Yale West Campus, 800 West Campus Dr., West Haven  
To register: <https://bit.ly/conference-in-gynecologic-oncology>

### Yale Obesity Symposium – CME Event

Friday, Nov. 22, 7:45 am - 4 pm, The Anlyan Center (TAC), 300 Cedar St., New Haven

A one-day CME event designed to improve the skill set of general practitioners in treating the disease of obesity, discuss new developments in the field of obesity and how to apply them based on input from leading experts in the field. Credits: AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (6.00 hours), Non-Physician Attendance (6.00 hours). To register, visit [cme@yale.edu](mailto:cme@yale.edu) or <https://yale.cloud-cme.com>

## Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the October 2024 issue of Medical Staff News is Friday, Sept. 27. Please submit items for consideration to: Alison Tighe at [alison.tighe@bpthosp.org](mailto:alison.tighe@bpthosp.org) or Myra Stanley at [myra.stanley@ynhh.org](mailto:myra.stanley@ynhh.org).