

Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Bridgeport Hospital | February 2025

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BH Department of Medicine Leadership Changes

Earlier this month, Gregory Buller, MD, chair, Medicine, announced the following leadership changes in the department of Medicine:



Kaltrina Sedaliu, MD, was named program director of the Internal Medicine Residency program, replacing Armand Wolff, MD, section chief, Pulmonary/Critical Care/Sleep, who has served as interim program director for over a year.

Dr. Sedaliu received her undergraduate degree from

Fordham University, an MBA from Davenport University, and her medical degree from Windsor University School of Medicine. She completed her Medicine residency at Bridgeport Hospital as well as chief residency before doing a Nephrology fellowship at Montefiore. She returned to Bridgeport Hospital following her fellowship and worked as a hospitalist and a residency associate program director and created a Nephrology Clinic in the Primary Care Center. She is on the Yale Clinical faculty, ABIM board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology.



Additionally, **Mirela Dumitrescu, MD**, was named section chief of Rheumatology, following the retirement of Germano (Jim) Guadagnoli, MD. Dr. Dumitrescu received her medical degree from the University of Medicine in Timisoara, Romania, subsequently completing her medicine residency at NYU. She then successfully completed her Rheumatology fellowship at Stony Brook and joined the Rheumatology group in Trumbull—now the senior member of that NEMG practice. She attends periodically in our Rheumatology Clinic and is actively involved in resident education.

Dr. Morris reminds YNHHS about the importance of Compassion

Victor Morris, MD, Bridgeport Hospital senior vice president and chief medical officer shares the health system's Patient Experience Huddle Topic message for the month of February, which includes a reminder about the importance of showing compassion and using appropriate body language when working with patients.

See the video message here: [February Huddle Topic: Compassion](#) or visit <https://vimeo.com/1051239054>.

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Every Person, Every Time

Standard Of Professional Behavior: **Compassion**

Action: Pay attention to body language

- Make eye contact and smile
- Be mindful of your facial expression
- Don't cross your arms or turn your back

What our patients and families said:

"I especially appreciated his eye contact, rather than turning to the computer to type during my visit."

- Northeast Medical Group

Learn more on the Patient Experience department intranet page.

Hospital cuts ribbon on renovated rehab space

Bridgeport Hospital leaders recently celebrated improvements to the Ahlbin Rehabilitation Center in Stratford. Renovations included upgrading the space and equipment and installing artificial turf to create an environment that's more functional and enhances patients' recovery experiences.



YNHHS launches ambulatory telehealth platform

This month, Yale New Haven Health implemented a new ambulatory telehealth platform for one-on-one video visits with patients. Epic Video Client (EVC) is designed to improve workflow and efficiency by:

- Eliminating the need for patients to download a video application to join sessions
- Conducting hardware checks to help ensure microphones and cameras are working for clinicians and patients
- Using the same interpreter services vendor used for in-person visits

EVC replaces the MyChart + Zoom for one-on-one visits; YNHHS continues to use MyChart + Zoom for group video visits.

A virtual command center provides support from 7:30 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday, and will remain open as long as needed. For more information, visit Telehealth on the YNHHS employee intranet (under Departments and Communities) or email telehealth@ynhh.org.

Nominations close soon for 2025 Evening of Nursing and Philanthropy

Nurses Week 2025 will be celebrated the week of May 4. Bridgeport Hospital, in association with the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation, will be honoring nurses as a part of our Nurses Week celebrations.

Awards will be presented at the Evening of Nursing and Philanthropy in May.

Please nominate as many nurses as you would like. Nominations will be reviewed by an Awards Nomination Committee composed of representatives from all campuses and specialties.

Eligibility criteria for being nominated:

1. Employed at any inpatient or ambulatory unit at Bridgeport Hospital (including Bridgeport, Milford, PAMC, Urgent Care Centers, and Outpatient Rehabilitation)
2. Employed at any status (part time, full time or casual)
3. An employee holding a role requiring an RN license, including but not limited to, clinical bedside nurse, nurse manager, and other clinical or managerial nursing roles (e.g., transitional coaches, safety nurses, IV team, Magnet, etc.).
4. There will also be awards for two patient care technicians who fit criteria #1 and #2.

Deadline to submit nominations is **Feb. 28, 2025**.

Submit your nominations: Nurses' Week Award Nomination Form or at <https://keysurvey.ynhh.org/f/41770847/1476/>.

YNHHS' Orthopedics among 100 programs

Becker's Hospital Review recently included the orthopedics program at Yale New Haven Health among its 100 leading orthopedic programs in the U.S. *Becker's* noted YNHHS and Yale School of Medicine form a leading academic health system with a team of 52 orthopedic YSM faculty members across nine specialized divisions that run cutting-edge clinical trials and employ the latest innovations in orthopedic technology while delivering comprehensive, compassionate care to patients with musculoskeletal conditions and injuries.

Sim Center’s virtual reality training brings clinicians “together”

The Yale Center for Healthcare Simulation (YCHS) now has a virtual reality (VR) platform to support interprofessional simulations for physicians, nurses, technicians and medical and physician assistant students.

Because clinicians all receive similar training, VR helps promote Yale New Haven Health’s Care Signature. Other advantages include realistic training, particularly for “patient unfolding cases,” in which a patient’s condition evolves. VR offers additional resources and simulation tools to help train clinicians to meet specific Joint Commission standards and could be used to collect safety and quality data and provide training to improve safety outcomes.



YCHS now has a virtual reality platform

With virtual reality training, clinicians can interact with “patients,” asking questions, making informed decisions and performing procedures in a controlled and safe space, and they do not have to be on site to participate.

U.S. News & World Report voting underway

Voting in the *U.S. News and World Report* reputation ranking is currently underway for all board-certified physicians within each of the applicable specialties evaluated by *U.S. News & World Report* (i.e., Cancer, Cardiology/CT Surgery, Diabetes/Endocrinology, ENT, Gastroenterology/GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Nephrology, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Pulmonary, Rehabilitation, Rheumatology and Urology).

Physicians should have received a request via email from Doximity, an online networking website for physicians used to calculate the reputational portion of the hospital rankings.

As the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are heavily weighted towards an institution’s reputation, the survey provides the opportunity for members of the medical staff to make their collective voice heard about the exceptional care provided across Yale New Haven Health.

All YNHHS hospitals and ambulatory practices are home to outstanding physicians who continually advance medicine through the safe, high quality and compassionate care provided to our patients. The reputation of the entire health system would be greatly enhanced if Yale New Haven Hospital is voted into the Honor Roll. One barrier to this in the past has been the reputational score, which is determined by physician vote. Members of the medical staff across Yale New Haven Health are urged to consider this when casting votes. Voting for the 2025 rankings will run through March. Please cast your votes.

YNHHS’ virtual food drive starts in March

YNHHS is holding its fifth online #GiveHealthy food drive March 1 - 31 to coincide with National Nutrition Month.

Employees and medical staff are invited to visit <https://ynhhs.org/givehealthy> and support one or more hunger-relief organizations in the communities YNHHS serves.

#GiveHealthy provides an online platform for hunger-relief organizations to set up “registries” listing items they need so you can choose the items you wish to purchase for a particular organization.

National Nutrition Month focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Because the food donated through YNHHS’ #GiveHealthy drive will ship from suppliers directly to hunger-relief organizations, you will be able to purchase healthy food items, including fresh produce, to improve the health of our communities.

For more information, visit YNHHS’ GiveHealthy site or contact Augusta Mueller, augusta.mueller@ynhh.org or 203-688-3862.

Castle Connolly ranks Yale New Haven Health seventh in the nation


Yale New Haven Health has been ranked as the seventh best health system in the U.S. by Castle Connolly, a healthcare research company that recognizes doctors considered among the best in their specialty.

YNHHS was also the top-ranked health system in the state of Connecticut. Yale Medicine, the clinical practice of Yale School of Medicine, was ranked third in the nation for physician practices and YNHHS' physician foundation, Northeast Medical Group (NEMG), ranked eighth. For state-wide rankings, Yale Medicine and NEMG ranked first and second respectively for physician practices.

Save the Date – Feb. 26 monthly Medical Staff Breakfast

You are cordially invited to the

Monthly Medical Staff Breakfast



Last Wednesday of every month
7 - 9 am

Medical Staff Lounge

A selection of breakfast foods will be served.

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Coming up: Highlights from the 2024 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting

To be held on Friday, March 28, 7 am – 3 pm, Anthony's Oceanview, 450 Lighthouse Road, New Haven, this meeting will highlight key takeaways from the 2024 ASH Symposium. Tailored specifically for hematologists, oncologists, primary care physicians, pathologists, fellows in hematology/oncology, oncology nurses, oncology social workers, and other healthcare professionals involved in blood cancer treatment, the program offers a comprehensive review of the latest research developments in hematologic malignancies from the past year, with a focus on their real-world applications in patient care.

Symposium is free of charge, but registration is required. With questions, contact the Center for Continuing Medical Education at cme@yale.edu. Credits available: AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (6.25 hours), non-physician attendees (6.25 hours).

For details on this and other Yale CME opportunities, visit yale.cloud-cme.com.

Digestive Health Virtual CME Series 2025: Trust Your Gut – March 20

Yale New Haven Health and Yale Medicine hosts the free, virtual Digestive Health CME series, called Trust Your Gut, on the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm. The series provides digestive health educational programming, professional development and networking opportunities for physicians and advanced practice providers. Tune in on March 20 when the topic will be Screening for GI Neoplasms.

Yale School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Newsletter submissions

The deadline to submit content for the March 2025 issue of Medical Staff News is Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

Please submit items for consideration to:
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