Good afternoon,

I hope you all had a great long holiday weekend. I realize many of you were also working to help care for our patients and keep the facilities running, so thank you.

Today, I would like to tell you a bit about an exciting relationship we continue to grow with both the University of Rhode Island (URI) and Providence College (PC) Athletics. We have built an ongoing sports marketing and community outreach relationship with both schools over the years, and it has proven to be an excellent opportunity to gain exposure for CNE in an environment that aligns well with the services we provide for our patients.

This year we have increased our presence quite a bit and believe it will continue to provide a great mechanism to spread the word about our programs and services, while partnering with two great institutions like URI and PC!


While I won’t get into all the details here, some of the highlights include naming rights to the Ryan Center basketball court at URI, as well as sponsorship rights to the annual Ocean State Battle Game between both schools – which is an annual college basketball highlight, and will also be nationally televised this year.

In addition, we will have increased visibility with both in-arena and tv-visible signage at both the Ryan Center and The Dunk, where PC plays all of its home games. It’s highly visible and very easy to rotate between service
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In conjunction with this outreach, we are reinstating the enhanced referral bonus program. As a reminder, with this program, qualified staff will receive $7,500 paid over three installments of $2,500 each at the new hire’s three, six, and 12-month employment milestones. This incentive applies to current staff that successfully refers benefit-eligible nurses hired in the following areas of focus: medical surgical units, care management, and emergency and surgical services (OR and PACU RNs).

It can be challenging to find staff to fill these positions. We hope you will serve as hospital ambassadors and draw from your personal talent pool of friends, professional contacts, and others whom you believe have what it takes to join Kent and be a part of our energized and focused team concentrating on clinical excellence, quality and safety, professional development and education, collaboration, and teamwork.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please stop by HR. To learn about our current job openings in nursing, visit carenewengland.org/nursing.

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Kent Hospital nurse recruitment effort
Open Enrollment for benefits offered through Care New England will begin today, Tuesday, Nov. 12 and will continue through Monday, Nov. 25. As a reminder, Open Enrollment is the one time during the plan year that employees are able to enroll, drop, or make changes to their benefits for the plan year. The only other time that changes can be made is within 30 days of a qualifying life event (such as marriage/divorce, birth/adoption of a child, or gain/loss of other coverage).

Beginning today, employees can use their computer at work or at home to visit the enrollment website carenewengland.bswift.com to review and make changes to their benefit plans for the 2020 plan year. Your username is your employee ID number and your password is the last four digits of your social security number.

Members of the iCare Benefits Team will be available to answer your questions at (401) 680-4400, option 2 (or ext. 12273) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the Open Enrollment period, or you can send questions via email to iCare@carene.org.

Women & Infants physician featured in Providence Business News

Providence Business News recently featured Dr. Vivian Sung, MD, a urogynecologist at WIH, in its Five Questions Health Update. In the interview, Dr. Sung discussed her research on the evaluation of the effects of surgical treatment enhanced with exercise for the mixed urinary incontinence ESTEEM trial.

The trial, which was also recently published by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), compares behavioral and pelvic floor muscle therapy combined with sling surgery versus sling surgery alone on improving mixed urinary incontinence symptoms. To read the article in its entirety, visit pbn.com/five-questions-with-dr-vivian-sung.

Women & Infants partners with the Rhode Island Department of Health on statewide behavioral health program

To help perinatal care providers meet the behavioral healthcare needs of pregnant and postpartum women in Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Center for Women’s Behavioral Health (CWBH) at Women & Infants Hospital have partnered to create the Rhode Island Maternal Psychiatry Resource Network (RI MomsPRN). The new statewide program provides real-time psychiatric teleconsultation services for healthcare providers, who can call (401) 430-2800, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The telephone service is staffed by a team of perinatal behavioral health experts from CWBH, including a resource and referral specialist, perinatal psychiatrist, and perinatal psychologist. These specialists are available to help with diagnosis, treatment planning, and medication management for pregnant and post-partum patients. For more information please visit, womenandinfants.org/RIMomsPRN.

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The Providence Center and Mayor Allan Fung to celebrate the grand opening of ProMail’s new location

On Thursday, Nov. 14, employees from ProMail and The Providence Center (TPC), as well as Steve Silva, vice president, Care New England Supply Chain, and Cranston Mayor Allan Fung, will officially celebrate ProMail’s grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. at its new location, 50 Sharpe Drive in Cranston.

ProMail is a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation and business of TPC Social Ventures, Inc. They provide bulk mailing and fulfillment services to more than 150 businesses and government agencies each year. Its mission is to provide job training and vocational opportunities to people who have barriers to employment. They currently employ 15 members from TPC.

During the grand opening, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., both ProMail and the Care New England Print Shop will also be holding an open house for colleagues and interested customers. All are invited to enjoy light refreshments, take a tour of the facility, and meet the staff.

The Program in Women’s Oncology at Women & Infants hosts mindfulness retreat for patients

More than 50 oncology patients recently participated in a mindfulness retreat at the Whispering Pines Conference Center located on the Alton Jones campus. The retreat was organized by our social workers and Drs. DiSilvestro and Mathews from The Program in Woman’s Oncology. Thanks to generous donations, the fully funded retreat provided patients with an opportunity to relax, learn mindfulness techniques, and appreciate the company of fellow oncology patients. The day’s activities included mindfulness exercises including meditation, Qigong, yoga, expressive arts, and Jin Shin Jyitsu, in addition to healthy eating discussions.

Butler Hospital represented at the American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry’s annual conference in Chicago, Illinois

Pictured from left to right: Jack Turban, MD, resident physician, MGH/McLean and Harvard Medical School; Timothy van Deusen, MD, associate professor of psychiatry, Yale University; Erin Ursillo, LMHC, manager of Young Adult Programs, Butler Hospital; Gerrit van Schalkwyk, MD, assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and unit chief, adolescent unit and Young Adult Programs, Butler Hospital; and Michelle Forcier, MD, professor of pediatrics, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Each year, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) holds an annual conference in which people can network and learn about cutting edge psychiatric topics. This year, Erin Ursillo, LMHC, manager of Young Adult Programs, Butler Hospital; Gerrit van Schalkwyk, MD, assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and unit chief, adolescent unit and Young Adult Programs, Butler Hospital, were invited to present on gender-affirming care for transitional age youth, or young adults. Dr. van Schalkwyk spoke with the audience about patients who began the process of transitioning, but then decided to stop, and what that decision does or does not indicate. Erin spoke to the assembly about the development and launch of the True Self Program, and the goal of her department in providing affirming care. The presentation was held at the Hyatt hotel in Chicago, Illinois, in late October.
All employees, volunteers, and contractors must meet their flu shot requirement by Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019. CNE will be providing the influenza shot free of charge at any of our scheduled clinics or in the Occupational Health Office. You will receive documentation of your flu shot at that time. If you receive it elsewhere, please be sure to obtain a copy of the record. You must also submit your documentation to be in compliance by Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

Flu shot clinics will run through Friday, Nov. 22. For a complete schedule and more information visit the Human Resources section of Carenet here.
When it comes to having a satisfying, healthy birth experience, what you know can make all the difference. Join us for a conversation on informed decisions from preconception to birth and beyond. From place, provider, and partnerships with community resources, we will cover it all.

Light refreshments will be served. Transportation and childcare may be provided, if needed. For more information, please email Elisabeth Howard, at EHoward@Wihri.org. This event is followed by Doulas of Rhode Island’s Meet the Doula Night.

Health Literacy Series
Wednesday, Nov. 13 | 6 to 7 p.m. | South Pavilion, Auditorium 4
This month’s topic: Understanding choices in childbirth: Resources for developing an empowering birth partnership

KENT HOSPITAL
Reception for Drs. Dyer and Patterson
Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 4 to 6 p.m.
The Breast Health Center at Kent

Please join us for a farewell reception honoring Candace Dyer, MD, of the Breast Health Center at Kent, and welcoming Jamie Patterson, MD, to the Breast Health Center as the new director. The reception will take place at The Breast Health Center at Kent on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

KENT HOSPITAL
EMS Educational Session:
Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Management
Thursday, Nov. 21 | 5 to 7 p.m.
Kent Hospital, Doctors’ Auditoriums A and B

Join us for the last of our three educational sessions this year, “Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Management” presented by Junyang Lou, MD, interventional cardiologist at Kent Hospital. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for each of these sessions. The program will be held in Kent Hospital’s Doctors’ Auditoriums A and B, beginning with networking and a light supper at 5 p.m., followed by the presentation from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To register, please contact Jeanne Therrien at JTherrien@Kentri.org or (401) 737-7010, ext. 32880.
Once again, Care New England is collecting donations for its annual “Thanks for Giving” food drive.

Last year, the combined total throughout the organization reached a phenomenal 2,825 pounds of food. This year, our goal is to reach 3,000 pounds.

Once again, we’d like to request that each employee help us reach our system goal by providing generous, non-perishable food donations.

Like last year, The West Bay Community Action group will be the recipient of these donations for its food pantry.

Donation boxes can be found at the following locations below:
- Business offices at Kent and Women & Infants hospitals
- The staff break room at Butler Hospital, Blumer building
- All HIM departments at Kent, Women & Infants, and Butler hospitals
  (W & I: Main Medical Records department;
  Butler and Kent: Medical Record departments)

Patient Access Departments:
(Kent: Testing and Admitting break room, Emergency department Testing and Admitting Center office, and Imaging Center registration desk;
W& I: Emergency Department and Main Patient Registration in the main lobby)
- Registration offices at all operating units

Collections will be gladly accepted until **Friday, Nov. 29, 2019**.