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Anything Left in Me?

By Marc Belcastro, DO, system chief medical officer, Premier Health



The Marine Corps motto is Semper Fidelis, shortened to Semper Fi, meaning always faithful.

Navy SEALs say, “The only easy day was yesterday,” while a

line from their creed is “I am never out of the fight.” The U.S. Airforce Pararescuemen (PJs) sacrificially say, “So that others may live.”

This article is dedicated to our physicians, APPs, nurses, respiratory therapists, and others caring for all our patients, especially those hospitalized secondary to COVID-19. I think about you and pray for you daily. I envision you as a group of highly trained professionals in a pandemic war fighting for our patients’ lives. The mottos from our special forces apply to your daily sacrifice and I cannot express the gratitude and pride I feel. Each motto above easily describes your commitment.

A new challenge has emerged with this most recent surge. You are exposed daily to

critically ill patients who suffer complications and sometimes death when these outcomes could have possibly been prevented. Your compassion and call to empathy are being challenged to their very core. Many of you feel this daily frustration that can easily lead to anger and even bitterness. I want to encourage you to remain faithful, stay in the fight, and continue to work so that others may live. As a neonatologist for 30 years, I experienced compassion fatigue in situations I believed may have been preventable. While in no way am I comparing this to the intensity of the current pandemic, I would like to share with you how my fight to remain empathetic carried me through difficult times.

The following discussion on empathy is taken from a two minute video by Brene’ Brown. The link is at the end of this article. Brene’ opens with stating, “empathy fuels connection, sympathy drives disconnection.” She goes on to share research done by Theresa Wiseman, a nursing scholar. Wiseman’s work uncovered four keys to empathy: 1. Perspective Taking. 2. Staying

out of Judgment. 3. Recognizing emotion in other people. 4. Communicating that emotion. In summary, empathy is feeling WITH people.

How do we practically do this? What I learned over the years can be summed up with the well-known expression, “less is more.” I worked hard to listen intently with no dialogue in my head and imagine myself in their situation. That helped me feel their pain and suspend judgment. All of us would truly desire empathy if we were facing a crisis, even if it was of our own doing. My responses were from the heart and simple. A hand on the shoulder, a genuine, “I am so very sorry,” or many times, sitting with the family in silence. There were times when the urge to say more was strong, but I resisted. I saw repeatedly that the silence and my presence were louder and penetrated deeper than anything I could or wanted to say.

Remain faithful, stay in the fight, continue to save lives, and when the clinical course deteriorates, listen, feel, and connect.

<https://youtu.be/1Evwgu369Jw>

Miami Valley Hospital, Upper Valley Medical Center Receive Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

Miami Valley Hospital and Upper Valley Medical Center have received the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospitals' commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the



most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, researched guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence from the American Heart Association (AHA).

Miami Valley Hospital and Upper Valley

Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a

designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, scheduling a follow up visit, as well as other care transition interventions.

Additionally, Miami Valley Hospital received the Target: Stroke Honor Roll and the Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll awards. The Level I Trauma Center and Comprehensive Stroke Center received the stroke honor roll recognition for meeting quality measures



developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

Miami Valley Hospital received the Type 2 diabetes honor roll recognition for providing this critical high-risk population the most up-to-date, evidence-based care for diabetics when hospitalized with cardiovascular disease or stroke.

According to the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the United States dies from stroke every 3 minutes and 33 seconds.

Join Us for a Free Back Pain Webinar



If your patient struggles with back or neck pain, there's hope. Invite them to join specialists from Premier Health Spine and Premier Health Physical Therapy for a free virtual event.

During this webinar, patients can submit their questions about back and neck pain for our panel of experts to answer. Because the panel includes both surgical and non-surgical specialists, they'll hear a wide range of insights to discuss with their physician.

Back Pain Webinar

Wednesday, November 3, 6-7 p.m.,
Panel Discussion and Q&A

FEATURING

Moderator

Ian K. White, MD

Neurosurgery – Spine Surgery
Premier Health Spine

Panelists

Sujit R. Bhimoreddy, MD

Neurosurgery – Spine Surgery
Premier Health Spine

Michael Pedoto, MD

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Premier Health Spine

Heidi E. Knellinger, PT, OCS, SCS

Premier Health Physical Therapy
Miami Valley Hospital

**Registration is required
for this free event.**

An email to access the
webinar will be sent
the day before the event.

Register now at
[premierhealth.com/
backpain](https://premierhealth.com/backpain) or call
CareFinders at
(866) 608-FIND.





Wright State, Premier Health Formalize Academic Affiliation Pact



Wright State University and Premier Health continue to advance a shared mission of providing quality health care and medical education to the local community through a new academic affiliation agreement.

The institutions will continue to collaborate on the training of medical students, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals in Southwest Ohio, as well as partner on academic, clinical, and research initiatives.

The academic affiliation agreement formalizes a longstanding working relationship that educates and retains physicians and other health care providers; elevates the quality, consistency and cost efficiency of patient care; creates opportunities to develop new or improved educational and clinical programs; and advances economic development locally.

The agreement includes Boonshoft School of Medicine programs and Wright State's nursing and health sciences programs.

Premier Health trains most Boonshoft School of Medicine residents, medical students, and many graduates who work in the Miami Valley, and employs numerous Wright State nursing graduates.

The agreement frames Wright State and Premier Health as preferred partners and the two institutions will prioritize working with each other on new initiatives.

A new Joint Strategic Planning Committee creates a formal communication structure through which Premier Health and Wright State can discuss emerging needs, opportunities to partner, and consider how the organizations can help each other.

The ongoing collaborative relationship between Wright State and Premier Health is expected to have a positive impact on the local economy through a commitment to train students from Ohio and out of state to remain in the state.

As a community-based medical school, the Boonshoft School of Medicine relies on academic partnerships, and its most expansive relationship in support of its education, clinical, and research programs with Premier Health. The agreement also underscores Premier Health's commitment to help the Boonshoft School of Medicine increase student enrollment.

The Boonshoft School of Medicine will continue to act as the academic sponsor of the residency program at Premier Health facilities. The Boonshoft School of Medicine sponsors residencies in 13 medical specialties and fellowships in 10 subspecialty fields.

The launch of the university's new College of Health, Education and Human Services, which includes the Nursing Program and other allied health programs, presents an opportunity for the two institutions

to expand the collaboration.

The Boonshoft School of Medicine and Premier Health share key faculty and clinicians who have provided leadership and care in the local community during the pandemic.

Wright State and Premier Health are partnering to create a rural family medicine residency program to train physicians who will establish medical practices in rural Ohio, where health systems struggle to find enough physicians to meet their communities' needs.

The Wright State University and Premier Health Clinical Trials Research Alliance (CTRA) conducts clinical trials throughout Southwest Ohio in a variety of health care areas. The Wright State and Premier Health Neuroscience Institute unites the university's advanced biomedical research capabilities with the clinical resources of the largest hospital system in the Dayton region.

Wright State's Institutional Review Board provides approval for Premier clinical trials and studies involving human subjects.

The Nursing Program at Wright State provides scholarship assistance for Premier Health nurses to pursue a bachelor's degree through the university's RN-BSN completion program.

Vaccine Misinformation: How to Respond

By Marc Belcastro, DO, system chief medical officer, Premier Health



“What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 1:9. The current divide and politicalization over masking, mandates, and vaccine recommendations is not new. Misinformation is even propagated by our colleagues. How do we respond to

misinformation spread by physicians? While not easy, I submit that grace trumps anger. First, a bit of history on anti-vaccination and how the medical field contributed.

The first documented anti-vaccine group was called the National Anti-Vaccination League. This was formed in 1866 after Britain’s government tried to mandate smallpox vaccinations for its citizens. This sentiment spread to the United States, where a similar anti-vaccination league spread misinformation about the vaccine in the mail. The opponents of the vaccine stated arguments similar to what we hear today.

These movements gained traction as vaccines were developed during the 20th century, starting with diphtheria in the 1920s until rubella in the early 1970s. Most of the claims were around harm often fueled by poorly run and even false literature. For example, in 1974, a study was published in the Archives of Diseases in Children reporting that 36 children receiving the DTaP vaccine developed neurological problems in the first 24 hours. It was later learned that the researchers did not evaluate

the children for months or years after the paper was published. During the 1980s and 1990s, many public figures, including celebrities, appeared on talk shows providing the anti-vaccine movement to an audience of millions. In 1998, a British physician, Andrew Wakefield, claimed the MMR vaccine predisposed children to neurological conditions, including autism. It was later found that his data was fraudulent, and he lost his medical license. A retraction appeared in The Lancet, but it was 12 years later.

In our current century, social media has provided another platform to reach millions and is structured to provide the user with the information they seek. Another shift in our current century is focused on big pharma and conspiracy theories.

The current pandemic has resulted in significant global morbidity and mortality. It has literally taken our health care systems and workers to their knees. Once again, the data is overwhelmingly clear regarding vaccine safety and efficacy for COVID-19, and once again, misinformation abounds, resulting in lives lost. This has taken me on a journey of anger, self-reflection, and finally grace. My grace for the person in no way compromises my ability to share facts and have conversations. In fact, the grace has opened conversations with many resistant individuals when anger could have shut it down. If we can turn even one colleague who is misinformed, lives may be saved. One life is worth our effort to respond with grace.

Upper Valley Medical Center Attains Level III Trauma Center Designation

Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) has achieved designation as a Level III Trauma Center from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The designation follows a trauma survey conducted in mid-July.

UVMC joins Premier Health’s trauma network, which includes Miami Valley Hospital’s Level I Trauma Center, Atrium Medical Center’s Level III Trauma Center, and Miami Valley Hospital South’s Level III Trauma Center.

Trauma center levels are based on depth of available resources for treating trauma patients as well as the quality of care provided. Characteristics of Level III trauma centers

include providing rapid care for all forms of traumatic injury and offering 24-hour immediate coverage by trauma surgeons.

Trauma patients who require more complex and intensive care will be stabilized at UVMC and transferred to Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton’s most experienced Level I trauma center.

Among trauma cases coming to the Emergency Department would be falls, farm accidents, industrial accidents, motorcycle crashes, and head injuries, often from falls.

Women's Center of Strategic Growth Prepares to Launch

By Beth Blank, director of service line strategy, women's service & cardiovascular, Premier Health



Atrium Medical Center is getting ready to launch the first Women's Center of Strategic Growth for the Premier Health system. Atrium is geographically located in an area with substantial population growth and operationally has key components needed to provide a destination for all women's health care needs.



This location will be multi-faceted, spanning across many service lines and programs. Services include: the Natural Beginnings Birthing Center; midwifery services; comprehensive OB/GYN care; menopause clinic; breast center; headache clinic; bone

care; women's cardiac care; urogynecology/urodynamics; oncology; genetic testing; support groups; concierge services; and a strong continuum of care with our primary care partners.

Several components of this destination will be virtual. However, through a centralized intake phone number to a patient access expert, patients will easily be connected to the provider and service needed. Patients will also have the opportunity to schedule multiple appointments at once to make efficient use of their time while at our facility. Patients who require more complex, integrated care will be partnered with a nurse navigator, making certain the patient is getting connected to the right resources internally and in the community.

Atrium will be equipped to service the needs of our female patients along every step of their health care journey.

We look forward to the execution of the comprehensive women's center and continuing to be the destination of choice for our patients.

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Elimination of Race in CKD-EPI Equation for eGFR

CompuNet Clinical Laboratories will be eliminating race in the calculation for the estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) based on formal recommendations from both the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN). After careful review of evidence gathered from diverse stakeholders, the NKF-ASN Task Force recommended immediate implementation of the CKD-EPI creatinine equation refit without the race variable in all U.S. laboratories.

The change will take effect on the following dates:

November 1, 2021: For all ambulatory practices/non-hospital provider orders

November 8, 2021: For all Premier Health hospital inpatient orders

Current calculation:

$GFR = 141 * \min(Scr/\text{D}, 1) \text{D} * \max(Scr/\text{D}, 1) - 1.209 * 0.993 \text{Age} * 1.018$ [if female] * 1.159 [if black]

New calculation (eliminates race specific variable):

$GFR = 141 * \min(Scr/\text{D}, 1) \text{D} * \max(Scr/\text{D}, 1) - 1.209 * 0.993 \text{Age} * 1.018$ [if female]

Background:

In response to a national call for reevaluation of the use of race in clinical algorithms, the NKF and ASN established a task force to reassess inclusion of race in the estimation of eGFR in the United States and its implications for diagnosis and management of patients with, or at risk, for, kidney diseases. In September 2021, formal recommendations were released by the task force related to how eGFR is calculated using the CKD-EPI equation:

“For United States adults (>85% of whom have normal kidney function), we recommend immediate implementation of the CKD-EPI creatinine equation refit without the race variable in all laboratories in the U.S. because it does not include race in the calculation and reporting, includes diversity in its

development, is immediately available to all labs in the U.S., and has acceptable performance characteristics and potential consequences that do not disproportionately affect any one group of individuals”¹.

Complete Supporting Article:

A Unifying Approach for GFR Estimation: Recommendations of the NKF-ASN Task Force on Reassessing the Inclusion of Race in Diagnosing Kidney Disease - American Journal of Kidney Diseases (ajkd.org)

¹ <https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-63862100828-3/fulltext>



CompuNet Now Offers the Pfizer (Comirnaty) COVID-19 Booster Vaccine



CompuNet Clinical Laboratories began offering the Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccine at six patient service center locations on September 28 once the booster was authorized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. CompuNet also offers the Pfizer 2-dose series in addition to the third dose shot for those who are immunocompromised.

The Pfizer booster is only available for individuals who have received the Pfizer vaccination 2-dose series and it is recommended that an individual receive the booster at least six months after their second Pfizer dose.

By offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations, CompuNet can support Premier Health's employee vaccine requirement, as well as provide additional vaccine access points for the community.

Appointments for all Pfizer vaccine doses are required and can be made online at PremierHealth.com.

- **Upper Valley Medical Center**, 3130 N. County Road 25A, Troy: Tuesdays and Fridays
- **Miami Valley Hospital North**, 9000 N. Main St., Suite 303, Englewood: Wednesdays and Saturdays
- **Miami Valley Hospital** – Berry Building, One Wyoming St., Dayton: Thursdays
- **Beavercreek Lakeview** – 2400 Lakeview Drive, Suite 110: Thursdays
- **Miami Valley Hospital South**, 2350 Miami Valley Drive, First Floor, Centerville: Thursdays
- **Atrium Medical Center**, One Medical Center Drive, Middletown: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Hospitalist Cheers for Kansas City Chiefs, Hopes to Start Charitable Organization



Sheenu Chhabra, MD

What is your clinical specialty?

Family medicine, hospitalist

Where did you go to school?

Basaveshwara Medical College and Hospital in India

What brought you to Premier Health?

I moved back to the Midwest after my residency.

Why did you choose medicine as a career?

I was always fascinated by human biology and had an inborn passion to care for others. Seeing my brother pursue medicine inspired me to be a physician.

Who are the people who influenced and/or mentored you?

My parents and my brother

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

My dream to start a charitable organization for the elderly

Where is your hometown?

Hisar (Haryana), India

What, if any, sports team(s) do you cheer for?

Kansas City Chiefs

What is the last book you read?

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho

What is your favorite song in your playlist?

"When You Say Nothing At All" by Alison Krauss

What is your favorite food?

Chaat (Indian street food)

What is your favorite hobby?

Painting, cooking, traveling, spending time with family and friends

What is your favorite animal, and why?

Dog, for loyalty and their unconditional love

Where is your favorite vacation spot, and why?

Mountains for being so peaceful and serene

Describe something (a thing, person, place, experience, etc.) for which you are especially thankful:

Thankful for all life's challenges and experiences I have had so far, which has shaped me into who I am today.

Pick a side

iPhone or Android

Android

Early bird or night owl

Growing up a night owl, now I'm an early bird

Beach bum or mountain hiker?

Mountain hiker

Dress shoes or tennis shoes?

Dress shoes

Paperback or e-reader?

E-reader

Coffee or tea?

Tea

Cooking or baking?

Cooking

Sweet or salty?

Salty



Boosalis Creates Scholarship Fund to Build Nursing Pipeline

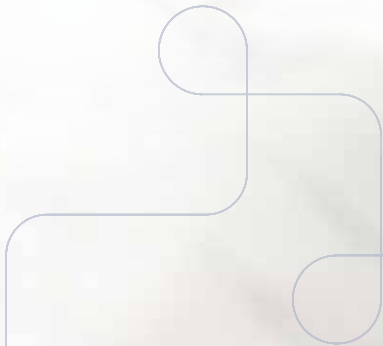


Mary Boosalis, president and CEO of Premier Health and chair of the University of Dayton board of trustees, will establish scholarship funds at the University

of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital Foundation to benefit nursing students.

Two University of Dayton students will be the first beneficiaries of the scholarships in fall 2022. That cohort of two students will benefit from the scholarships for two consecutive years, and in their third and fourth years would then receive both financial aid and a learning/living stipend through a scholarship administered by the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation. In the fall of 2024, a second cohort of two students beginning their nursing education at UD would receive scholarships. From 2024 onward, four UD nursing students will receive financial assistance from the two funds at any one time.

As part of the arrangement, nursing students will have an opportunity to work at Miami Valley Hospital post-graduation, helping to achieve a goal of the program to build upon the region's nursing workforce.



Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Evaluations

Convenient, Self-Scheduling Option for Patients

To offer more choice and flexibility, patients can now schedule their initial physical therapy or occupational therapy evaluations via Premier Health MyChart®.

Following your order for a consult, patients with a Premier Health MyChart® account will:

- Receive an email alerting them that they have a new scheduling ticket available in Premier Health MyChart®
- Have the option to choose a provider, location, and time convenient for them

Placing a Therapy Consult Order

When placing an order, it is important to select the proper specialty consult order for specialty services. This will ensure the patient schedules the correct initial evaluation with the correct therapist.

CON30385 - Consult to Lymphedema Therapy OT/PT Eval and Treat

CON30387 - Consult to Pelvic Floor Rehab PT Eval and Treat

CON30383 - Consult to Vestibular Rehab PT Eval and Treat

CON30384 - Consult to Hand Therapy OT Eval and Treat

CON30043 - Consult to Physical Therapy Eval and Treat

CON30044 - Consult to Occupational Therapy Eval and Treat Searching “eval treat” displays the following orders:

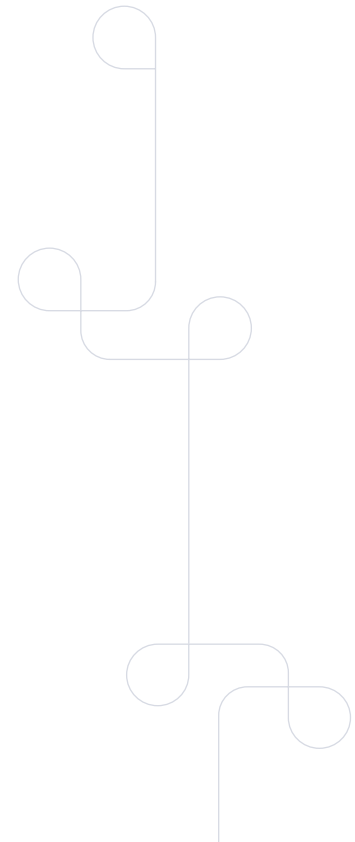


Name	Pz Code
Fees Speech Therapy - Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30388
Hand Therapy - OT/PT Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30384
Lymphedema Therapy - OT/PT Eval And Treat (Premier Health)	CON30385
Neuro Outpatient Therapy - Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30201
Occupational Therapy - Eval And Treat (Premier Health)	CON30044
Pelvic Floor Rehab - PT Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30387
Physical Therapy - Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30043
Speech Therapy - Eval and Treat (Premier Health)	CON30266

Please note: At this time, physical and occupational therapy are the only therapy departments set up to offer self-scheduling.

Wheelchair clinic, speech therapy, and neuro outpatient therapy consults are not set up for self-scheduling.

For therapy orders that do NOT allow self-scheduling, it is very important to order the CORRECT order, such as “Neuro Outpatient Therapy,” rather than “physical therapy,” to disallow the patient from scheduling at the wrong location or with the wrong therapist.



Provider Praise

Premier Health patients submit thousands of comments each year acknowledging physicians across our health system for providing excellent care. Here is a random sampling of appreciation received in recent months.

Dr. Metry is the best! Our family loves her. Thank you for helping us stay well.

Dr. Chapman and her staff are kind and professional - so thankful for this practice!

Dr. Aziz is a great doctor.

Dr. Heckman is a keen physician and such a pleasant person.

Dr. Goyal is a terrific physician, likable, engaging, and a clear communicator. I think he's the best.

Dr. Robbins and her staff are fantastic.

Dr. Trevino and his staff always make me feel comfortable and I feel I can discuss anything with them.

Dr. Taylor is the BEST!

Field Day; CareFlight Accreditation; and Concert for a Cure



Atrium Medical Center

Community Blood Center honored Atrium Medical Center with the Crisis Hero Award of Excellence for continuing to host community blood drives throughout the pandemic, and for helping to meet the local and national demand for COVID-19 convalescent plasma by sponsoring plasma drives. Early in the pandemic, Atrium recognized blood collection as an essential activity and continued monthly community blood drives in 2020. It has continued its monthly blood drive scheduled through 2021.

The first-ever Butler/Warren County Field Day took place Sept. 25 on Atrium's campus to benefit the American Heart Association. The outdoor event was a fun way to



celebrate heart and stroke survivors, raise lifesaving funds, and encourage physical activity. In addition to gameplay, there were food trucks, raffle baskets, tours of a CareFlight helicopter, and health screenings from Premier Community Health.

With only about 30 percent of Middletown Division of Fire staff having received the COVID vaccine, the city's fire chief turned to Atrium for help dispelling myths and sharing more information. Jamie Yunger, MD, spoke with the department on two different occasions, answering their questions.

Atrium supplied Blue Star Families Dayton/Southwest Ohio chapter members with kits to make 6-foot wooden growth chart rulers. Military families move frequently, so tracking their child's growth on a wall or doorway in the house is not always possible. The rulers from Atrium can move with the families. The event was part of Blue Star Families' Welcome Week, which connects military families new to the area with local resources. Families also received information about Premier Health and Atrium services.

The Middletown Kiwanis Club recognized Atrium during the dedication and ribbon

cutting of a new playground at Amanda Elementary. Atrium contributed funds toward the project, and several Atrium employees volunteered during the playground build.

Atrium was a sponsor of the Miami University Regionals Student Veterans Association 9/11 Memorial 5K Run and Walk. Keith Bricking, MD, president of Atrium, welcomed event participants, which included local firefighters and EMS personnel.

Atrium Medical Center Foundation organized a virtual community COVID update featuring Roberto Colón, MD, and Keith Bricking, MD. Atrium's recent national accolades were shared in addition to the latest information about vaccines and variants.

Miami Valley Hospital Campuses

The Miami Valley Hospital Foundation hosted its annual Champions of Hope event, which honored four exceptional people in the battle against cancer. While it was conducted virtually, each element of the event was represented, including the biographical video sketches of each honoree and their recorded acceptance



remarks. This year's honorees include Person of Inspiration - Gail Moddeman, Ph.D., RN; Caregiver – Denise Nichols, MSW, LISW-S; Survivor – Pat Meadows, MSSW; and Medical Professional – Ania Pollack, MD, FACS, FAANS. Proceeds enhance and expand specialized integrative therapy programs for oncology patients at Miami Valley Hospital, which include specialized exercise, yoga, and massage therapies, among other services. This virtual event was moderated by Sharon Howard, Premier Health's director of site communications.



In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, special edition posters were displayed at the entrances



of the emergency departments across the system. A team from CareFlight also participated in the Premier Health Gem City 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb held at UD Arena. Each stair climb participant paid tribute to a FDNY firefighter by climbing the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Randy Marriott, MD, medical director for Premier Health EMS Center of Excellence, participated in several media interviews. Dr. Marriott shared his personal experience as a member of the Miami Valley Urban Search and Rescue Task Force that provided aid at Ground Zero of the World Trade Center in 2001.



CareFlight Air and Mobile Services recently received its 10th consecutive three-year accreditation from the Commission on the Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). CareFlight has logged 38 years of service and has been continuously CAMTS-accredited since 1994, being one of the first programs in the country to undergo a review by the commission. CAMTS evaluated all CareFlight Air and Mobile personnel, including flight nurses, critical care paramedics, pilots, mobile intensive care unit (MICU) drivers, mechanics, communications specialists, and administrative staff during a site visit earlier this year. All CareFlight vehicles – four Dauphin helicopters and five MICUs – were also inspected.



Amber Washington, MHA, MPAS joined Miami Valley Hospital as its new Vice President of Operations. Amber holds a Bachelor of



Science, Pre-medicine, from the University of Dayton, a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Kettering College, and a Master of Healthcare Administration from Seton Hall University. She has also completed the Academy for Excellence in Healthcare at the Ohio State University.



Leaders from across the system attended the Gem City PR Awards event, hosted by the Public Relations Society of America (Dayton Chapter).

Premier Health's Marketing/ Communications division won four awards and Roberto Colon, MD, chief medical officer at Miami Valley Hospital, was named Newsmaker of the Year. The award was created to honor a Dayton-area person who is not a professional communicator but has frequently been in the news because of their role in positively advancing our community.

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Upper Valley Medical Center

Diane Anderson, DO, joined Scott Kanagy, DO, MBA, chief medical officer at Upper Valley Medical Center, on Sept. 27 for Troy WTJN and Piqua WPTW radio morning show interviews. They discussed Breast Cancer Awareness Month topics, and Dr. Kanagy gave an update on COVID-19 at the hospital.

Dr. Kanagy offered a presentation to the Piqua Kiwanis Club on Sept. 29 that provided an overview of UVMC's Level III Trauma Center designation, Primary Stroke Center certification, and current advanced technologies at the hospital.

UVMC promoted heart CT in September with scans being offered in appreciation to Miami County EMS professionals, compliments of the UVMC Foundation Fraternal Order of Eagles Fund. Media coverage featured Paul Brown, assistant fire chief with the Piqua Fire Department, receiving a heart CT scan at UVMC.

UVMC/Premier Health was presenting sponsor of the Troy PorchFest and provided a booth at the event held Sept. 11 in downtown Troy. Also that weekend, UVMC was a major sponsor of the Tunnel to Towers exhibit hosted by

the Miami Valley Veterans Association in downtown Troy and the Hometown Heroes celebration hosted by the Miami County Agricultural Society at the Miami County Fairgrounds. The UVMC EMS team participated on-site at the fairgrounds.

UVMC was presenting sponsor of the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Steak Fry and Auction held the evening of Sept. 16 on the Lloyd Fry Farm near Piqua. Kevin Harlan, president of UVMC, and other UVMC leaders attended. In other community engagement activities, UVMC/Premier was main sponsor of the Miami County Walk to End Alzheimer's held in downtown Troy on Sept. 18, a booth sponsor at the Lincoln Community Center Block Party held that afternoon on the LCC grounds in Troy, and a booth sponsor for the Taste of Piqua and Arts Celebration hosted by Main Street Piqua and the Piqua Arts Council in downtown Piqua.

UVMC staff and providers were treated to complimentary breakfast in the cafeteria on Sept. 15, hosted by UVMC administration to thank everyone for their hard work during challenging times and to celebrate UVMC's recent successful Joint Commission Survey.

Premier Physician Network

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Premier Physician Network is the 2021 sponsor of the Mix 107.7 Concert for a Cure. The event was Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dayton Masonic Center. The concert will feature recent artists Wrabel, Seth Powers, American Authors, and Forest Blakk. COVID-19 safety precautions were taken at the event, including mandatory masks for all attendees and social distancing, which includes sitting people at tables and only filling the venue to 1/3 capacity.

