

Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Greenwich Hospital | April 2023

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From the desk of the CMO

Youth Access Program

Karen Santucci, MD, Chief Medical Officer

Dear Mighty Team,

Stacey Green, director of Volunteer Services, and I would like to introduce you to a different kind of Y-ACCESS. Introducing the **YOUTH** Access summer program! In response to the changing times, we think we have developed an opportunity to help all of us at Greenwich Hospital develop that next generation of people in health care.

This summer, we will be hosting 14 - 18 students from the community for one week in June. We have developed a robust curriculum, complete with a variety of activities and action-packed days. We hope to showcase the best of the best from each of our disciplines, departments and divisions. If this sounds interesting, read on. If you make it to the end of the CMO message and would like to volunteer just 30 minutes of your time during the last week of June (June 26-30) please let Stacey Green or me know and we would be so happy to discuss next steps.

If you are interested but have a conflict during that week, don't worry as it is our hope that this will be the first of many of these Y-ACCESS programs for students at Greenwich Hospital. Please read below for information about the goals and plans for this year's Youth Access program.

Thank you,

Karen

Aim

To establish an innovative and interactive introduction to the exciting field of health care for high school seniors and college students who might not otherwise have this opportunity.

Background and Vision Statement

Greenwich Hospital, a member of Yale New Haven Health, is a complex care facility. Recognizing that not every student has the same access to opportunities, we wanted to create a very unique summer program where seniors in high school or college students

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could get a rare and customized look at the inside of a busy hospital while receiving personalized attention from engaged healthcare providers who love what they do and are invested in developing our next generation of productive and successful adults who are interested in a career in health care.

Goals

- Create a diverse and intriguing summer program highlighting a variety of specialties within our hospital
- Focus on the interests of young learners by customizing this program to meet the needs of inquisitive minds
- Engage students by employing a variety of educational techniques including medical simulation, didactics, tours of the physical plant, “lunch with the expert,” mini-projects, panel discussions, medical mysteries, and hands on experience (e.g., Heimlich, splinting, BLS and CPR)
- Spark an interest in students for a possible career in health care
- Provide an environment where students are empowered to challenge themselves and each other
- Honor those currently serving in health care

Program Leadership

Volunteer Services: Stacey Green

Medical: Karen Santucci, MD

DEI Lead: Ellika Mardh, MD

Facilitators: Greenwich Hospital Medical Staff

Participating Teams:

- Anesthesia
- DEI Committee
- Diagnostic Imaging/Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Environmental Services
- Food and Nutrition Services
- Gastroenterology
- Hyperbaric Medicine
- Infection Prevention
- Laboratory Medicine
- Medical Simulation

- Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Perioperative Services
- Pharmacy Services
- Respiratory Therapy
- Sterile Processing Department
- Surgery

Daily Structure

8:30 - 9 am: attendance and introductions

9 - 11 am: breakout sessions/tours and teaching

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: lunch with a healthcare expert (Lunch and Learn)

1 - 3 pm: hands on experience and simulations

Please reach out to any of us with any questions or if you would like to participate.

Thank you!

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Providers: CMS Open Payments review and refute period runs through May 15

The federal CMS Open Payments program provides transparency and increases public awareness of financial relationships between the healthcare industry and certain healthcare providers and teaching hospitals.

To do this, CMS collects and makes public any payments or transfers of value from drug and device manufacturers to certain healthcare providers or teaching hospitals. Per Open Payments, all transfers of value from an industry representative to certain healthcare providers or teaching hospitals valued at or above \$10 or aggregate of \$100 per year are reported. Transfers of value may include food and beverage, entertainment, charitable contributions, speaking fees, royalties or licenses, grants, consulting fees, honoraria, travel and lodging, education, research and

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more. The nature and purpose of the amount will also be recorded and disclosed.

The Open Payments program includes:

- MDs/DOs
- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologist assistants
- Certified nurse midwives

For healthcare providers, the CMS review and dispute period began on April 1 and runs through May 15.

During this period, providers can review their 2022 data posted by drug and device manufacturers. This review and dispute period gives physicians and other covered recipients the opportunity to dispute any inaccurate or incomplete data before it is published to the public on June 30, 2023. Each YNHHS provider is accountable for reviewing their 2022 data and disputing any inaccurate information during CMS' review and dispute period. Yale New Haven Health's Office of Privacy and Corporate Compliance (OPCC) will review applicable CMS Open Payments data once it is released on June 30 and may contact providers about their Open Payments data if it is not aligned with their most recent Conflict of Interest disclosure survey responses.

Providers should ensure that all interactions with drug and device manufacturers comply with the Interactions with Vendors policy, available on the employee intranet under Policies.

Additional guidance is on the OPCC site on the employee intranet (under Departments & Communities). For more information, call 203-688-8416 or email conflictofinterest@ynhh.org.

Greenwich Hospital appoints new Bariatric Surgery director



Yale Medicine surgeon Neil Floch, MD, has been appointed director of Bariatric Surgery at Greenwich Hospital effective May 1. Dr. Floch is a nationally recognized bariatric and general surgeon who uses minimally invasive and robotic techniques. He has performed more than 3,500 advanced laparoscopic procedures, including over 2,500 bariatric surgeries.

As director of Bariatric Surgery, Dr. Floch will oversee programmatic growth, quality, safety, and patient experience at GH, in collaboration with the Division's programs at Yale New Haven Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital. Before joining Greenwich Hospital and Yale Medicine, Dr. Floch was section head of General Surgery and director of Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Norwalk Hospital and associate clinical professor of Surgery at the University of Vermont School of Medicine.

He has been deeply involved in bariatric surgery leadership both regionally as president of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery's (ASMBS) Connecticut Chapter and nationally as the ASMBS social media editor. A graduate of Tufts University, Dr. Floch attended Boston University School of Medicine and completed his surgical residency at Beth Israel NYC. He also earned a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery from Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville.

News from the GH Medical Staff DEI Council

A Conversation on Daring Leadership – April 14

The Medical Staff DEI Council invites you to tune into a **Conversation on Daring Leadership** on Friday, April 14 from noon – 1 pm.

This virtual fireside chat features Brené Brown, PhD, a research professor at the University of Houston, where she holds the Huffington Foundation Endowed Chair at the Graduate College of Social Work. She also holds the position of visiting professor in management at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business.

Dr. Brown has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy and is the author of

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six #1 New York Times bestsellers. Her TED talk on the Power of Vulnerability is one of the top five most-viewed TED talks in the world.

The event is hosted by Yale School of Medicine Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and the department of Neurosurgery.

Register today at bit.ly/BreneBrownYSM

Smilow Shares with Primary Care: Palliative Care – May 2

Tune in for the next Smilow Shares with Primary Care: Melanoma webinar on Tuesday, May 2 at 5 pm. The event features Drs. Harrier Kluger, Kelly Olino, Thuy Tran and Flora Zarcu-Power.

Smilow Shares with Primary Care is a monthly educational series for physicians, patients and the Greenwich community presented via Zoom. Presentations are subject focused and hosted by experts from Smilow Care Centers around the state as well as from Greenwich Hospital. CME credits are available.

No registration necessary. Tune on via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3QZgkzv>. With questions, contact Heather Studwell at 475-240-8328 or heatherleigh.studwell@greenwichhospital.org.

Next Building Against Burnout – May 11

Tune in to the Building against Burnout webinars highlighting timesaving topics in Epic on Thursday, May 11, 12:15 pm, when the topic will be SmartTools.

The sessions are led by trained, certified physicians and APPs. There will be an opportunity for questions after the session. The webinar will be recorded and hosted on the Medical Staff Portal (ynhhconnect.org) for those who cannot attend. CME is available. Any questions, contact Allen.Hsiao@ynhh.org.

Join via Zoom. <https://ynhh.zoom.us/j/96020079256?pwd=NUdaaXN4b1p6WWlkYTJQUmkrRnpXZz09>

Webinar ID: 960 2007 9256 Passcode: 649503

Save the date: May 18 – Trust Your Gut Digestive Health sessions

YNHHS and Yale Medicine host a free, monthly virtual Digestive Health CME series called Trust Your Gut. The yearlong series, held the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm, is designed to provide world-class digestive health educational programming, professional development and networking opportunities for physicians and advanced practice providers.

Join Joseph Lim, MD, and Maricar Malinis, MD, on May 18 for a virtual discussion on COVID: The GI Tract and Liver. The following month, Catiele Antunes, MD and Katie Reeve, MD will discuss Refractory Reflux Symptoms: What to do when PPIs don't work, on June 15. To register, visit the Yale CME portal at yale.cloud-cme.com.

Yale School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits per session, for 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. For questions, contact Joe Mendes, executive director, Clinical Program Development, Digestive Health at joseph.mendes@ynhh.org.

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the May 2023 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Monday, May 1, 2023. Please submit items for consideration to Karen Santucci, MD, at karen.santucci@greenwichhospital.org or Myra Stanley, at myra.stanley@ynhh.org

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Change in Status

Carmela Lovecchio, DO (Medicine) was granted a leave of absence from the medical staff

Resignations/Non-Renewal of Privileges

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Sauda Bholat, MD (Medicine)

Henry Chiu, MD (Gastroenterology)

Mark Fisher, MD (Plastic Surgery)

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Allison Pressimone, DO (Pediatrics)

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Howard Smith, PA (Emergency Medicine)

Yauheni Solad, MD (Medicine)