

# Medical Staff News

Newsletter for the Medical Staff of Greenwich Hospital | July/August 2023

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From the desk of the CMO

## Y-Access Youth Access Program Update: We Did It!

*Karen Santucci, MD, Chief Medical Officer*

Dear Mighty Team,

I would like to provide an update on the Y-ACCESS Youth Access program held June 26-30, 2023: WE DID IT – and that is a collective WE!! We could not have done it without all of you!

Stacey Green, Ellika Mardh and I would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to Greenwich Hospital and its medical staff. Because of you, we had a really successful pilot Y-ACCESS Careers in Healthcare Explorers Program for high school seniors and college students interested in careers in healthcare.

Fifteen students (all relatives of folks who work here at Greenwich Hospital) participated in the program. By the time it was all said and done, the students had been exposed to:

- A. Hands Only CPR
- B. Heimlich: adult, child, infant
- C. Recognition of stroke
- D. Recognition of myocardial infarction
- E. Two medical simulation sessions: Cardiac Arrest/V Fib/Defibrillation and Anaphylaxis and four trips to the Simulation Lab.
- F. Seven tours: Laboratory, Emergency Department, Plant, Diagnostic Imaging, Pharmacy, Pediatric Ambulatory Surgery Center and Hyperbaric Oxygen/Wound Center.
- G. More than 50 guest speakers, introductions to HIPAA Training, Infection Prevention and professionalism
- H. Two EMT-Cs who assisted as facilitators, simulated patients and models for ultrasound
- I. Hands-On practice of procedures/techniques: Care of Sprains/RICE/Administering EpiPen, CPR, Heimlich, SBAR.
- J. Panel discussions x 3 (RN, APRN, PA, RT and F&N, EVS, Transport, SPD and Registered Dieticians)

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- K. Round Robins (was a bit scary planning but was a FAVORITE for the students): Anesthesia, Cardiology, Critical Care, Infection Prevention, Hospitalist Medicine, Internal Medicine, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Medical Education, Outpatient Center, Pediatrics, Pulmonary, Psychiatry, Quality, Radiation Oncology, Residency, and Surgery, Trauma)
- L. Hands on ultrasound
- M. Daily worksheets, word scrambles, medical rhymes, quizzes and prizes after each exercise
- N. Special surprise 'Patient Visits': Ana and Aine Phylaxis who presented in extremis and received lifesaving therapy by the students
- O. Lunch sessions: DEI, Safety Science, HRO Principles and stories from the ED
- P. A bonus session thanks to Kisha Mitchell Richards and the pathologists: the students (and Stacey Green) got to see cancer cells under the microscope with our pathologists and went crazy!
- Q. Graduation: each student received an awesome Greenwich Hospital canvas bag, water bottles and a great First Aid Kit
- R. Evaluations: The majority of the feedback we received was that they wanted the program to be longer. They said they didn't want it to end! Several parents reached out saying that their kids were actually sad the following Monday when they didn't have the classes to go to. All participants wished the program could have been two weeks instead of one, except for maybe Stacey, Ellika and me who were kind of pooped afterward (granted we are 30-40 years older than the students)!

Thank you all so much again and hope you are enjoying a wonderful and safe summer!

Karen

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## **News from the GH Medical Staff DEI Council**

### **Pride**

*Submitted by Felice Zwas, MD, Medical Staff DEI Council*

In June, we saw the Tony Awards on TV, a show that celebrates Broadway theater, and as importantly, the lives of LGBTQ+ performers. It was a glorious night when

disenfranchised children across the country could watch "people like them" shine and be embraced by the world.

June was also Gay Pride Month. For me it was a month of reflection – reflecting on past struggles, joys and the continued prejudices facing us today. During Pride month in 2013, DOMA (the Defense of Marriage Act) fell, and I recall feeling a physical jolt. I always thought I didn't believe in marriage. It turns out it wasn't that I didn't believe in it, it was that I never had the expectation that I could have it; I was never allowed to dream of it.

I did marry soon after, in front of a community of family and chosen family. Thirty years prior to DOMA's fall, the LGBTQ+ community didn't gather to celebrate weddings – we gathered in Washington to march for basic rights. Our expectations were simple: not to be fired or threatened for we who were. In the '80s and '90s, we were brought together for memorials or to see quilts of so many brothers who had died of a disease the government would not name. And when we raised champagne glasses, it was waiting for the first girl-on-girl kiss on TV (FYI it was LA Law and not much of a kiss!).

Things have changed and today the Queer community is more visible and much more accepted. I came to Greenwich 35 years ago, closeted to most of the medical community. Fast forward three and a half decades and I have recently ended my leadership position at Greenwich Hospital, and I am openly gay, married, out and proud. But recently there has been a major shift backwards: the "Don't Say Gay" rule has expanded through 12th grade in Florida; Arkansas and Texas have restricted doctors from providing gender affirming care while Alabama has made it a felony; many Republicans, in the wake of the overturn of Roe v. Wade, are asking to roll back constitutional protections for gay rights; the rates of depression, anxiety and suicide rates among trans and non-binary youth is alarmingly high. And the list goes on.

June is a month of reflection for me. Despite the joys, celebrations and parades, I am brought back to the poem "First They Came." No one is protected from hate.

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## The Benefit for Greenwich Hospital, milestone campaign launch, to be held Sept. 22

*Tickets and Tribute Ads Available Now*



Greenwich Hospital will honor Dickerman Hollister Jr., MD, at its Benefit on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. The annual event, which will be held at Greenwich Country Club, will also celebrate the launch of the Campaign for Greenwich

Hospital, a multiyear fundraising initiative that supports five key areas of excellence: Behavioral Health, Children's, Heart and Vascular, Neuroscience, and Oncology.

In 2021, after a 40-year career, during which he treated many local families, even multiple generations, Dr. Hollister retired from Greenwich Hospital with a trove of enduring personal connections with area residents and colleagues.

During his distinguished career, he served as clinical assistant professor at the Yale School of Medicine, Greenwich Hospital's chief of staff, chairman of Oncology, and medical director of the hospital's Hospice Program. He was instrumental in developing Greenwich Hospital's oncology program and, after the hospital became a part of Yale New Haven Health, grew the program within Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital.

In addition to honoring Dr. Hollister, this year's Benefit will also mark the public launch of the Campaign for Greenwich Hospital. In 2020 Greenwich Hospital entered the silent phase of this historic multiyear fundraising Campaign to realize critical investments within Oncology, Heart and Vascular, Children's, Neurosciences and Behavioral Health. The evening will celebrate fundraising success to date and announce the Campaign goal, while showcasing the science which is fueling progress within each of these growth areas.

The Benefit festivities will begin at 6:30 pm with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner and dancing. Renowned auctioneer and bestselling author Lydia Fenet will serve as master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by Hank Lane Music.

To purchase tickets or tables, please visit [giving.greenhosp.org/benefit-2023](https://giving.greenhosp.org/benefit-2023) or contact [events@greenwichhospital.org](mailto:events@greenwichhospital.org).

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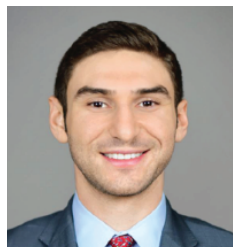
## New Pediatric Ambulatory Surgery Center officially opens

Greenwich Hospital, in partnership with Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH), recently celebrated the opening of its new Pediatric Ambulatory Surgery Center.

A gift from anonymous donors paved the way for GH to build the new pediatric center, located on the second floor of the main hospital. At the center, pediatric surgeons from YNHCH will treat a range of conditions in gastroenterology, general surgery, otolaryngology, urology, and pediatric and adolescent gynecology. Expansion of children's health services is an important area of growth for the hospital.

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## Chief Resident Named



Nathan Heller, MD, has been named chief resident for the 2023–2024 academic year. Dr. Heller is a graduate of the Sackler School of Medicine, New York/American Program at Tel Aviv University and the University of Connecticut Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program, Clinician Educator Track.

Dr. Heller will function as a mid-level manager for the residency program and a junior faculty member in training under the supervision of the program's full-time faculty. He will also lead the GH Internal Medicine Residency Program in developing wellness initiatives for residents.

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## Reflective Leadership Development program graduates seven

The second annual Reflective Leadership Development program for the Internal Medicine residency program concluded in June. Seven house staff self-selected to be in the six-month program initiated by Ellika Mardh, MD, of Greenwich Hospital's Medical Education in partnership with Kathleen Lynch Cartine, PsyD, YNHHS Institute for Excellence senior learning & development consultant and ICF-professional certified coach. Each of the monthly learning sessions focused on key leadership competencies, such as effective communication, conflict resolution, resilience, and strategic and critical thinking.

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Since leadership requires self-awareness and self-knowledge, the program began with the DiSC assessment to understand one's and others' behaviors; and the Hartman Value Profile to assess competencies and inform development goals.



**2023 graduates (l-r); Matthew Oleksak, MD; Will Jowsey, MD; Gerald Doherty, MD; Miranda Guerriero, MD; Ellika Mardh MD (sponsor), Xia (Richard) Jianxiang, MD; Nikhita Shrimanker, MD; absent from photo is Helen Zhang, MD.**

“I am so proud of the graduates of this program, they are the future agents of positive change in healthcare,” said Dr. Mardh, senior associate program director. At the closing session, the graduates received YNHHS certificates and Karen Santucci, MD, CMO, generously shared her leadership journey.

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## Save the date: August 17 – Trust Your Gut Digestive Health session

YNHHS and Yale Medicine host a free, monthly virtual Digestive Health CME series called Trust Your Gut. The 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 Scott Roberts, MD, and Melanie Sion, MD, on Aug. 17 at 5 pm for The Great Debate – Definitive Treatment of Appendicitis: Operative vs. Antibiotics with Observation, moderated by Kevin Schuster, MD.

On Sept. 21, Jill Banatoski, MD, of NEMG and Loren Laine, MD, will present on the Management of GI Bleeding.

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. For questions, contact Joe Mendes, executive director, Clinical Program Development, Digestive Health at [joseph.mendes@ynhh.org](mailto:joseph.mendes@ynhh.org).

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## Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submission of content for the September 2023 issue of *Medical Staff News* is Friday, Aug. 25, 2023. Please submit items for consideration to Karen Santucci, MD, at [karen.santucci@greenwichhospital.org](mailto:karen.santucci@greenwichhospital.org) or Myra Stanley, at [myra.stanley@ynhh.org](mailto:myra.stanley@ynhh.org).



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### Change in Status

**Mary Lou Gaeta, MD** (Pediatric Hospitalist) was granted a leave of absence from the Medical Staff

**Jordan Hirsch, MD** (Ob/Gyn) was granted a leave of absence from the Medical Staff

**Arthur Manoli, MD** (Orthopedics) was granted a leave of absence from the Medical Staff

**Steven Mickley, MD** (Medicine) was granted a change in status to Honorary Medical Staff

### Resignations/Non-Renewal of Privileges

**Naomi Berezin, MD** (Surgery)

**Annie Liu, PA** (Surgery/Neurosurgery)

**William Martimucci, MD** (Medicine)

**Bethany Nelson, APRN** (Medicine/Cardiology)

**Molly Ritter, PA** (Medicine)

**Rafael Sanchez, MD** (Orthopedics)

**Moeun Son, MD** (Ob/Gyn MFM) *effective Sept. 30, 2023*

**Alethea Stewart, PA** (Medicine/Neurology)

**David Vermette, MD** (Pediatric Hospitalist)

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