From the desk of the CMO

Holy Neuro-cardiovascular!

Spike Lipschutz, MD, Chief Medical Officer

For those of us able to attend the October 1 CME evening session hosted by Dr. Christopher Howes, we were entertained and brought up to date on contemporary care of neurovascular and cardiac clinical subjects.

We heard about our thrombectomy program offering dramatic often life-altering therapy for one of the costliest and morbid (often mortal) clinical events, acute thrombotic stroke. Our program is slated to start at the beginning of December with Drs. Charles Matouk, Brandon Cord and Akli Zetchi providing on-site Greenwich Hospital coverage.

We also heard about exciting new therapies for mitral valve revision from Dr. Ryan Kaple, complex ablation for cardiac rhythm issues from Dr. Joseph Akar, critical limb ischemia preservation from Dr. Sameer Nagpal and complex care of the diabetic foot from Dr. Peter Blume.

These clinical services are needed resources for our patients and especially for our GH community cardiologists and internists. You will continue to hear more news about these exciting services in the near future, as our comprehensive clinical growth plan evolves.

Trauma

It’s great to be on a team that’s always growing, and in health care if you’re not growing, you’re growing old. So another exciting program is our journey to attain a Trauma Level III designation from the American College of Surgery. This continues to be a multidisciplinary approach with participation by many of our medical staff departments, including Surgery, Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Anesthesiology, Neurosurgery and Orthopedics as well as our Nursing and Perioperative programs. Dr. Thanos Petrotos is our medical director of the trauma program, partnering with Ann Marie McGrory, nurse director of ICU and ED; Jessica Lake, administrative director; and huge support and assistance...
from our colleagues at Yale New Haven Hospital who have many years of experience in trauma care. The physicians involved in the program thus far, with many more expected to participate, include Drs. Herb Archer, Michael Canter, Chris Davison, Erez Salik, Chris Fey, Mike Franco, Paul Apostolides, Steve Hindman, Al Tagliavia, and Phil McWhorter.

Wellness Committee

The work of our Wellness Committee continues. We plan to introduce a year-long speaker series to highlight medical staff wellness, professional fulfillment, increased recognition and appreciation. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, ideas for our committee to explore or want to be part of the committee, please let me know.

Medical staff profiles

Beginning with this issue, we will share the first in a series of medical staff interviews that will be an on-going section of the Medical Staff News newsletter. Read a bit about Richard (Dick) Danehower, MD, just in time by the way, as Dick plans to retire at the end of the year.

Internal Medicine Residency Program

Great news! All of our recent categorical graduating residents who sat for the IM Boards passed, helping us achieve a rolling 3-year average (a metric closely followed by the ACGME) of 100 percent.

Attending of the month

Another recognition from our housestaff was the selection of Dr. Ross Mazo as the September “attending of the month.” Dr. Mazo was recognized and appreciated by the residents for all that he does for his patients, often coming in late at night, in the overnight and early morning, and always willing to take time to teach. Congratulations, Ross.

Brian Doran, MD

Lastly, as many of you are already aware, Dr. Brian Doran passed away after a lengthy illness, cared for by our own GH medical staff for years, and cared for at the end by our great nursing team. Brian trained at Yale, served as the chief of Emergency Medicine, then chief medical officer, prior to his role as chief operating officer. He will be missed.

Medical Staff News is launching this new section profiling members of the medical staff. The purpose of these profiles, which will appear periodically, is to share fun facts and learn about our similarities as well as our differences. The inaugural profile features Richard Danehower, MD. Please feel free to share suggestions for future interviewees.

GH Medical Staff profile: Richard Danehower, MD

By Dana Marnane, vice president, Public Relations

The man, the legend – Dr. Danehower. I had the opportunity to sit down recently with rheumatologist Richard Danehower, MD – what a fascinating meeting that was!

Dr. Danehower has been in practice for 47 years with the majority of his time spent on the active medical staff here at Greenwich Hospital. His office is filled with tomes as well as numerous family photos. He’s actually been in his current office the majority of his career.

Dr. Danehower began his medical career at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Medical School where he completed a four-year residency training and was their last rotating intern. He considered Lancaster Hospital but said “that didn’t look like fun.” So he came to Greenwich, where he had a friend who was an internist and their wives knew each other. He began his career in a solo practice and joined a medical group in 1973.

When I asked him what his favorite part of being a physician has been, interestingly he said problem-solving. He sees each new patient as a puzzle, and it’s his job to elicit all the pertinent details, determine the right tests, create a care plan and let the patient know what to anticipate in the coming years. During this process, a deep relationship develops as the majority of his patients are battling chronic illness. Since many of his patients are with him for a long time, the relationships are strong, built over many years. And that’s part of what he will miss the most when he retires later this year. Coming to the hospital for 47 years has been a huge part of life, but he’s ready to move on. When I asked him what he wouldn’t miss – his answer was quite emphatic – the EMR.

As he leaves his practice, sometime after his 80th birthday, he will not be slowing down. He’s an avid bicyclist and is

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planning his next European bike vacation. He’s also an aficionado of the cello, playing in a quartet and certainly will continue playing squash.

I hope you’ve all had the chance to meet Dr. Danehower, and if not, please do!

New medical staff categories effective October 1, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, Medical Executive Committee and voting medical staff, the Greenwich Hospital Board recently approved changes to the bylaws to rename the medical staff categories.

Your rights and privileges will not change as a result. The changes to medical staff category names have been made across all five YNHHS hospitals so that the naming convention will now be consistent. Below is a list of the former category names mapped to the new category names.

For full descriptions of these categories, please see the Greenwich Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws.

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Eagle Hill School students give thanks

“Thank you for keeping us healthy.” “Thank you for saving babies.” “Thank you for helping people when they need it.”

These are among the messages in the colorful, hand-crafted cards created by students of Eagle Hill School in Greenwich to express their gratitude to Greenwich Hospital doctors and nurses. The cards were mailed to Norman Roth, the hospital’s president and chief executive officer, with a note that read: “Dear Mr. Roth, The students of Eagle Hill School wanted to share their gratitude to our local community workers in honor of 9/11. Please share the enclosed cards with your wonderful staff. We greatly appreciate all your hard work. Sincerely, Kathy Quinn, Gina Burke and the Eagle Hill community.”

Many thanks to the Eagle Hill School students for brightening the day of our doctors and nurses!

Visit the newly renovated Nutmeg Grill

Make time to check out the newly renovated Nutmeg Grill featuring a variety of menu offerings. You’ll find more grab and go items made on the premises; a larger salad bar with more selections; an “innovation station” with themed weekly promotions; new branded coffee; and three soup offerings each day.

There’s also a Micro Market open around-the-clock, seven days a week – great news for the night shift! The Micro Market will be open during the day as part of the overall Nutmeg Grill. During off hours, employees can use their badges to gain access to the Micro Market and its selection of perishable foods (sandwiches, salads, sushi and more) along with frozen foods. Employees can pay for Micro Market items at the kiosk with a credit card or a market card. No cash payments or payroll deduction accepted at the Micro Market.

Yale School of Medicine names dean

Nancy J. Brown, MD, has been named dean of Yale School of Medicine, effective Feb. 1. She will succeed Robert Alpern, MD. Dr. Brown is currently the Hugh Jackson Morgan Professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at Vanderbilt University. She earned her BA in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University and her MD from Harvard Medical School. After completing her internship and residency at Vanderbilt University, she joined the faculty and has played vital roles in clinical care and research.
HealthTech forum Nov. 5

YNHHS employees and physicians are invited to the Center for Health Care Innovation’s first HealthTech Forum, 8 am - 3 pm Tuesday, Nov. 5, Zhang Auditorium, Yale School of Management, 165 Whitney Ave., New Haven.

The event, also open to staff, researchers, faculty and student teams at Yale University, along with members of the community, seeks to lower the barrier to healthcare innovation and help the next group of innovators translate their ideas into solutions that reshape the healthcare experience. The forum will include education programming and a pitch competition for innovators to present their healthcare innovation ideas to a panel of judges. To attend, register through Nov. 5 at ynhhs.org/HealthTechForum. Email innovation@ynhh.org with questions.

Employee flu vaccination fairs underway

Yale New Haven Health’s 2019 - 2020 mandatory flu vaccination program is underway. Physicians, employees, students, volunteers and vendors must receive a flu vaccination or have an approved medical or religious exemption as a condition of continued employment. At Greenwich Hospital, members of the medical staff may visit flu vaccination fairs in the cafeteria atrium.

Dates/times are subject to change. Check Infor for updates:
Oct. 24: 3 pm - 7 pm
Oct. 30 and 31: 7 am - 6 pm
Nov. 1, 2 and 3: 7 am - 6 pm
Nov. 6: 7 am - 11 am
Nov. 9: 7 am - 7 pm
Nov. 14: 3 pm - 7 pm
Nov. 20: 7 am - 7 pm
Nov. 26: 3 pm - 7 pm

Save the date – Medical Staff Reception Nov. 19

All members of the medical staff are invited to meet our newest physicians at the annual Medical Staff Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 - 9 pm in the Greenwich Hospital Garden Cafe.

GH physicians to present at Rotary

Members of the Greenwich Hospital Medical Staff will be presenting at upcoming meetings of the Greenwich Rotary Club. Richard Zhu, MD, Interventional and Cancer Pain Specialist, Center for Pain Management at Greenwich Hospital, presents on Dec. 4 and Bruce McGibbon, MD, Smilow Cancer Care Center, Greenwich Hospital Campus will present on Jan. 15, 2020. For further information, contact Kathy Minarak, The Fund for Greenwich Hospital at Kathleen.Minarik@greenwichhospital.org.

Reminder: CME made easy and accessible

In collaboration with the Yale School of Medicine, free Category 1 CME credits are available for members of the medical staff. All members of the medical staff have FREE access to:

- Category 1 CME credit for ALL Yale CME online courses, including CT Mandates modules to help you fulfill the state-mandated requirements
- On demand access to your CME transcript – a list of all credits awarded to you by Yale CME
- Access to the courses continually being added to enhance Yale CME’s on-line, with Grand Rounds such as Internal Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology, and a number of other offerings
- Yale CME will work with you to develop CME programs and courses that are specifically aimed at meeting your educational needs
- Free access to targeted live courses – please call the Yale Office of CME when you have an interest in attending and they will assist with the registration process

If you have not done so, please create your Yale CME Profile by going to CloudCME at https://yale.cloudcme.com/aph.aspx. If you have any questions, please contact Yale CME at cme@yale.edu or 203-785-4578.

Newsletter submissions

Deadline for submission for the November 2019 issue of Medical Staff News is Friday, Nov. 1. Please submit items for consideration to Spike Lipschutz, MD, at 203-863-3904 or spike.lipschutz@greenwichhospital.org or Myra Stanley, Yale New Haven Health, at 203-688-1531 or myra.stanley@ynhh.org.
Medical Staff Changes (September 2019)

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In memoriam  
Brian Doran, MD (Emergency Medicine) a former member of the active medical staff, director of the Emergency Department and senior vice president/COO of Greenwich Hospital, passed away in August.

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**CHAMP for safety**

High reliability organizations operate successfully in high-risk industries. For hospitals, CHAMP is a mnemonic used to help eliminate instances of preventable patient harm.

- C – Communicate clearly  
- H – Handoff effectively  
- A – Attention to detail  
- M – Mentor each other  
- P – Practice and accept a questioning attitude

**Check yourself!**

Remember STAR to help your brain catch up with what your hands are getting ready to do.

- **Stop** – Pause for 1-2 seconds to focus on the task at hand.  
- **Think** – Consider the action you’re about to take.  
- **Act** – Concentrate and carry out the task.  
- **Review** – Check to make sure the task was done correctly and you got the correct result.

STAR reduces your chances of making an unintended mental slip or lapse by more than 10 times.