Rosie Perez Named VP, Mission Services

We are pleased to announce that Rosario (Rosie) Perez, has been named Vice President, Mission Services at St. Peter’s Health Partners (SPHP). The Vice President, Mission Services is a new role within the SPHP organization. As Vice President, Mission Services, Rosie is responsible for promoting and integrating the Mission, Vision and Core Values throughout the health system. In this role, she will monitor the effectiveness of mission integration and act to ensure mission integrity in all organizational processes.

Rosie comes to us from Christus Santa Rosa Health System, a large health system located in Texas, where she served as Vice President of Mission Integration and Outreach Services since 2005. In that role, she oversaw the missions of both secular and faith-based institutions.

Congratulations to St. Peter’s Cardiac and Vascular Center

Dr. Michael Martinelli, chief of the division of cardiology, shared that an abstract entitled, “A Single Center Real World Comparison of Procedure Times in the Transradial and Transfemoral Approaches to Primary PCI,” has been accepted for presentation at the International Academy of Cardiology – 17th World Congress on Heart Disease Annual Scientific Sessions.

This is a retrospective review of PCI in acute AMI performed at St. Peter’s Hospital over an 18-month period. Dr. Martinelli says the hospital is part of the current and growing body of data demonstrating the efficiency and benefits of the transradial approach in a high-risk patient population. The conference where this abstract will be presented is held July 27-30 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Cancer Care ACRO Accreditation

St. Peter’s Cancer Care Center’s Radiation Oncology Program has been awarded a full three-year accreditation by the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO).

“We are extremely pleased to once again be accredited by the American College of Radiation Oncology,” noted Duncan Savage, MD, Division Chief. “ACRO standards recognize that the safe and effective use of therapeutic radiation requires special training, skills and techniques. Being able to meet those standards is an excellent endorsement of our facility’s commitment to providing first class cancer care in the Capital District.”

St. Peter’s Cancer Care Center offers a comprehensive program that begins with prevention and education. For more information about St. Peter’s Cancer Care Center, please visit us on the web at www.sphcs.org.

New Physician Lounge - Open

Photo: New Physician Resource Center. St. Peter’s Hospital has opened a new Physician Resource Center dedicated exclusively for physician use. The new center is located on the Main Floor of the hospital in room 1118 and is accessed by using a key card. (The current Physician Lounge remains open for the use and training of physicians, residents and allied health professionals.)

Sleep Center Awarded AASM Accreditation

St. Peter’s Sleep Center is pleased to announce that the program has once again been reaccredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

St. Peter’s Sleep Center serves a 24-county region encompassing all of northeastern New York and west central New England. St. Peter’s Sleep Center has been accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine since 1991.

“AASM accreditation is the gold standard by which the medical community and the public can evaluate sleep medicine services,” says William Wenzel, administrative director of St. Peter’s Sleep Center. “We are extremely pleased to once again be reaccredited by an organization that recognizes facilities that are dedicated to the advancement of sleep medicine.”

The AASM is a professional organization that ensures sleep medicine centers maintain the highest level of standards within their facility. For more information about this accreditation or to refer a patient, please call St. Peter’s Sleep Center at 518-464-9999 or visit www.sphcs.org.
Clinical Trial News
The staff at Albany Associates in Cardiology announced they are participating in the ALERTS Pivotal U.S. trial for the AngelMed Guardian implantable cardiac monitor and alert system. The system is designed to reduce the time it takes patients to get to the emergency room during an impending heart attack.

The AngelMed Guardian system is designed to track significant changes in the heart's electrical signal and then alert patients to seek medical attention. The objective of the ALERTS Pivotal Study is to provide an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the AngelMed Guardian System.

Dr. Eric Roccario is the principal investigator. To participate in the ALERTS study, patients must meet various inclusion criteria. For more information, contact Amy Zuchelkowski, RN, at 518-435-2758.

Bereavement Training Conference
Submitted by: Jennifer Dewolf, RN, Labor & Delivery
St. Peter’s Hospital will host a Bereavement Training conference on June 6 through 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Peter’s Mercy Auditorium (310 S. Manning Blvd).

Resolve Through Sharing is the organization that is conducting this seminar on grief and losses with respect to miscarriage, stillbirth, newborn death and perinatal palliative care.

This conference is open to anyone – NICU and Labor/Delivery nurses, ED nurses, OB office nurses, social workers, chaplains, midwives, and physicians. For more information call 525-1381.

Medical Grand Rounds
When: Wednesdays
Time: 8 to 9 a.m.
Where: Mercy Conference Rooms
June 6: Hepatic Encephalopathy: Etiology, Root Causes and Treatment and Long-Term Consequences for Cirrhotic Patients
June 13: Avoiding Polypharmacy

Education
Opiate Abuse in the Capital Region – Responsible Opiate Prescribing for Clinicians
When: Wednesday, June 13
Where: Mercy Auditorium
Time: 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Email ewinslow@sphcs.org for details.

Medical Dental Staff Business Meeting - Date Change
When: Tuesday, June 26
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Where: Mercy Conference Rooms
Email: tcassaro@sphcs.org for details.

Welcome New Members of the Medical/ Dental Staff
Steven Essig, DSS, Surgery/Dentistry
Steven L. Essig, DDS, PC, 518-756-7450

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St. Peter’s Hospital, 518-525-1070

Integrated Patient Care Delivery - A New Model
When our systems merged to become St. Peter’s Health Partners, we announced that we would be exploring new service delivery models to improve quality and ensure our communities have easy access to high quality, state-of-the-art care. We are now working with Care Logistics to develop a new integrated, patient care delivery model.

Care Logistics is a leading provider of hospital operating system solutions that help hospitals gain greater efficiency in operations. Care Logistics utilizes a Care Coordination Model™ to incorporate all clinical and non-clinical patient movements, and order executions occurring in a hospital environment. This helps to improve patient flow and reduce length of stay - while enhancing overall patient satisfaction and quality. Some of our goals for this initiative include:

- Improve patient flow
- Better coordination of care
- Reduce wait times
- Reduce length of stay
- Increase satisfaction among patients, physicians and staff

Our new integrated care delivery initiative will focus on acute care facilities beginning at St. Peter’s Hospital with staged rollouts at Samaritan and Albany Memorial hospitals. Care Logistics kicked off with an Executive Project Launch Meeting with the Senior Leadership Team on April 17th.