Please read these “quick hits” regarding some important topics that impact Kennedy Health and our Medical Staff.

Cherry Hill Campus Construction

Phase 1 – celebrated with a special “topping off” ceremony in May – will include a new 700-spot parking garage, atrium lobby, and medical office building (MOB). The MOB will include a “medical mall” featuring a new surgical center, medical imaging, lab services, a women’s center, conference rooms and an atrium lobby connecting to the hospital. The parking garage will open this summer to physicians and associates; however, patient and visitor parking will remain unchanged until the MOB and lobby open in spring 2017.

Phase 2 will include a seven-story acute-care patient pavilion with private patient rooms, a state-of-the-art critical care unit and a new ED entrance and canopy. Phase 2 is expected to start as Phase 1 opens; either in late 2017 or early 2018.

Inpatient Consults for IR and GI

When ordering IR and GI consults, please use the patient’s diagnosis, symptom or diagnostic finding as the reason for the consult. It is the consulting physician’s decision on what procedure, if any, should be performed. Leaving this “next step” to the discretion of the consultant helps eliminate patient confusion when there are differences of opinion between the referring and the consulting physicians.

Inpatient Mandatory ID Consults

An ID consult is mandatory for:
• Any patient with sepsis; and
• Any patient on more than two antibiotics.

Outpatient Appointments at the Time of Discharge

If an outpatient appointment is made by a hospitalist or specialist prior to a patient’s discharge, please document the appointment on their chart and in their discharge instructions.

Dr. Tamara LaCouture

Tamara LaCouture, MD, was appointed Section Head and Medical Director for Radiation Oncology at Kennedy Health in February. She is a graduate of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (now part of Rutgers University) and completed her Residency in Radiation Oncology at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center.

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New Appointments

Department of Family Practice
Gwyn M. Parris-Atwell, APN (Employee Health)
Meagan W. Vermeulen, MD
Marie Welsh, APN

Department of Medical Imaging
Leon M. Novak, MD

Department of Medicine
General Internal Medicine
Noreen C. Loreto-Santos, APN

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Scott J. Jarain, MD
Seth D. Scholl, DO

Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine
Fredric E. Noller, PA

Department of Neurosciences
Neurology
Amit M. Shelat, DO

Neurosurgery
Joshua E. Heller, MD

Department of Psychiatry
Lex Denysenko, MD
Suraya Kawadry, MD (Telemedicine)
Munaza Khan, MD

Department of Surgery
Anesthesiology
Shannon L. Keck, APN-A
Dennis McFadden, APN-A
Michelle Y. Menden, APN-A
Seth M. Reed, APN-A
Sherne Y. Rodgers, APN-A
Patrick V. Teesdale Jr., APN-A

General Dentistry
Jenny M. Lorenzo, DMD
Nicole M. Sullivan, CDA, RDA

Pain Medicine
Richard A. Domsky, MD

Ophthalmology
Elissa Hassman, DO

Orthopedic Surgery
Christian M. Brenner, PA
Thomas A. Dwyer, MD
Eddie S. Wu, DO

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Certified by the American Board of Radiology, Dr. LaCouture has been a Radiation Oncologist for more than 15 years. Prior to joining Kennedy, she had previously served as the Chief and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Cooper University Hospital’s MD Anderson Cancer Center.

She has experience with Gamma Knife, high-dose rate brachytherapy, CyberKnife, EMR localization and stereotactic radiation.

To make a referral or appointment with Dr. LaCouture, please call 856/582-3008.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Kennedy Health, and have a great summer!

Kennedy Health Welcomes
Theodore Tsangaris, MD, FACS

Theodore Tsangaris, MD, FACS, Surgical Director of Jefferson’s Breast Health Center – part of the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson – has been named Medical Director of the Kennedy Comprehensive Breast Center, located at the Kennedy Cancer Center.

Fellowship-trained in breast surgery, Dr. Tsangaris will oversee Kennedy’s breast care program, which provides a supportive environment for women to receive personalized treatment for an array of breast conditions, both benign and cancerous.

Dr. Tsangaris will diagnose and surgically treat various conditions of the breast. He will work collaboratively with KHA surgeon Linda Szczurek, D.O., and other physicians and healthcare professionals throughout a patient’s course of treatment.

To schedule an appointment, please call 856/218-2100.
**PHYSICIAN KUDOS**

**Dr. David V. Condoluci** (Infectious Diseases) was recently recognized as a “Humanitarian” in *South Jersey Biz* magazine’s “Best of Healthcare” issue.

**Dr. Thanuja Hamilton** (Sleep Medicine) was featured on the May 2016 cover of *Philadelphia Magazine*. Dr. Hamilton contributed to an article in the issue about sleep facts and getting a better night’s rest.

**Dr. Cindy M. Hou** (Infectious Diseases & Internal Medicine) recently received a Blue Ribbon Abstract Award from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) for her abstract titled “The Impact of Physician and Nursing Instructors in the Hospital on Awareness of Hand Hygiene in Medical School Students.”

**Dr. Laura E. Ross** (Orthopedic Surgery) was recently named a “Top Doctor” by *NJ Top Docs*. Dr. Ross was selected based on a comprehensive review of her education, training, malpractice and licensing history, accolades, and patient reviews.

**Dr. Stephen M. Scheinthal** (Psychiatry) was recently named president of the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists.

**Dr. Anthony Wehbe** (Internal Medicine), Kennedy’s Chief Population Health Executive, was featured in *South Jersey* magazine’s July issue “Who’s Who in Health Care” list. Dr. Wehbe was one of only 25 area professionals selected for this annual compilation list of healthcare “movers and shakers.”

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**Fast Track Breast Care: From Screening to Diagnosis as Quickly as Possible!**

Most women with an abnormal mammogram find the worst part about the experience is the waiting. To address our patients’ concerns and alleviate their anxiety, Kennedy’s *Comprehensive Breast Center* in Washington Township has developed a **Fast Track Breast Care Program**. At the time of your patient’s diagnostic mammogram, when a biopsy is needed, we will assist with the scheduling process for this procedure. In addition, we will support her with the help of an Oncology Nurse Navigator and direct her to a surgeon for treatment options.

Kennedy’s Outpatient Imaging Center in Washington Township has been recognized by the American College of Radiology as a “Breast Imaging Center of Excellence.” **Rebecca Sahlman, MD**, and **Joseph DeLaurentis, MD**, are board-certified Radiologists credentialed to perform these breast biopsy procedures.

Rest assured that your patient will receive the best care with the quickest possible turnaround. For more information, call the Oncology Nurse Navigator at **856/218-5324**.
Kennedy Health Named National ‘Sepsis Hero’ by Sepsis Alliance Advocacy Group

Kennedy Health is being recognized as a 2016 Sepsis Hero by Sepsis Alliance, the leading sepsis patient advocacy organization in North America.

Kennedy will be one of five honorees at the Sepsis Heroes Gala, set for September 15 in New York City. Kennedy is being recognized for its much-acclaimed Sepsis Program, which has resulted in sepsis mortality rates of less than 10 percent, far below both the New Jersey and national mortality rates.

Coordinated through its Sepsis Committee and Sepsis on the Floors Task Force, Kennedy’s program has substantially reduced mortality due to sepsis, severe sepsis, and septic shock.

“Kennedy Health is extremely honored to receive the Sepsis Hero award, the highest sepsis recognition in the country,” said President & CEO Joseph W. Devine, FACHE. “We have a very committed core of clinical practitioners leading this innovative initiative, which has become a benchmark of our patient safety program.”

Several clinical leaders have spearheaded and overseen Kennedy’s Sepsis Program, including: Chief Patient Safety & Quality Officer David V. Condoluci, DO, MACOI; Infection Control Officer Cindy M. Hou, DO, MBA, FACOI; Marianne Kraemer, RN, MPA, Ed.M., CCRN, Chief Nursing Officer at Kennedy – Stratford; and Henry Schuitema, DO, FACOEP, Medical Director of Emergency Medicine.

Maintain Regulatory Readiness

By Timothy Dombrowski, DO, MPH, Chief Medical Officer

As a friendly reminder, please remain vigilant about the following compliance issues:

- H&Ps must be performed within 30 days of admission/procedure, and updated within 24 hours before a procedure requiring anesthesia.
- Structural exams must be part of the H&P if the attending physician is a DO; otherwise, a reason for not performing it must be documented.
- Verbal orders must be signed, dated and timed within 48 hours.
- Pre-op notes must be written by the attending physician, and include: indications for the procedure, key clinical findings and confirmation that consent has been obtained.
- OR reports must be dictated immediately after surgery.
- Consults must be performed within 24 hours of notification and must be dictated at time of consult.
- ID consults are mandatory for patients with sepsis and for patients on more than two antibiotics.
- To correct an error on the chart, draw a single line through the error, initial, date and time the correction.
- Discharge summaries must be dictated within seven days of discharge.
- Medical records must be completed within 30 days of discharge.

Thank you for your continued support of year-round regulatory readiness.
Update on National Patient Safety Goal 06.01.01

By Kennedy Health’s Patient Safety/Risk Management Department

The Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) 06.01.01 focuses on safe clinical alarm management for hospitals. Beginning January 2014, healthcare organizations were asked to make alarm safety a top priority and identify the most important alarms to manage.

After review of the alarms throughout Kennedy, the Clinical Alarm Workgroup is focusing on improving cardiac and ventilator alarms.

The workgroup meets monthly to ensure compliance with the NPSG and identifies any alarm-related issues to improve patient safety.

Please review the update below on Kennedy Health’s alarm initiatives:

- Standardized cardiac monitor HR alarm default settings are: Low: 45 & High: 130.
- Customize cardiac monitor alarm settings to each patient’s clinical presentation, as approved by an RN, and notify the patient’s physician.
- Track and trend cardiac monitor alarm data collected by nursing, as well as ventilator alarm data collected by the Cardio-Pulmonary Department.
- Collect and analyze data to identify opportunities for improvement and additional focus areas.

Patient Safety is Kennedy Health’s number one priority! Remember to report all actual and near-miss events involving clinical alarms in Quantros or by calling the Safety Hotline at 8-113-2899.

Kennedy University Hospitals Earn ‘A’ Grade for Patient Safety in Spring 2016 Hospital Safety Score

Kennedy University Hospital’s three acute-care facilities have again each been honored with an ‘A’ grade in the Spring 2016 Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections.

An announcement in late April by independent hospital watchdog The Leapfrog Group – which administers the Hospital Safety Score – showed Kennedy as one of only 798 U.S. hospitals to receive an ‘A’ rating, ranking among the safest hospitals in the nation. Kennedy’s three hospitals were also among only 23 in New Jersey to receive an ‘A’ grade. This marks the fourth consecutive time Kennedy’s hospitals have each earned an ‘A’ rating in the Leapfrog Safety Report.

Dr. David Condoluci, Kennedy Health’s Chief Patient Safety & Quality Officer, said the healthcare organization’s ‘A’ score in “this elite national ratings program recognizes our strong commitment to patient safety, which is our top priority as a healthcare institution.”
Topping Off Ceremony Held at Kennedy – Cherry Hill on May 16

Kennedy President & CEO Joseph W. Devine signs the steel beam that was hoisted to the top of the structure, while NJ State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney (LD-3), Cherry Hill Mayor Charles Cahn and U.S. Rep. Donald C. Norcross (D-1) chat in the background (to his right).

Local and statewide political and business leaders, as well as dozens of Kennedy Health employees and supporters, were on hand Monday, May 16, for the "topping off" of the new 22,000-square-foot hospital lobby atrium currently under construction at the Kennedy University Hospital campus in Cherry Hill.

The event marked a major milestone in the $65 million first phase of an overall $200 million campus revitalization that will include a new parking structure, medical office pavilion, and – in the second construction phase – a new acute-care hospital.

Kennedy Shines at APIC Conference

Cindy Hou, DO, MBA, FACOI – Chair, Infection Control Committee; George Scott, DO, DPM, FACOFP; and Marianne Kraemer, RN, MPA, Ed.M., CCRN – Chief Nursing Officer, Kennedy – ST, presented their abstract titled "The Impact of Physician and Nursing Instructors in the Hospital on Awareness of Hand Hygiene in Medical School Students" at the 43rd Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC, held June 11-13. As lead author, Dr. Hou won a Blue Ribbon Abstract Award for her work.

Additionally, Dr. Hou; Mitchell Rosenberg, MD; Robert Steer, Ed.D. (RowanSOM); Kevin Campos, MS-II (RowanSOM); and Corinne Cricco, MS-II (PCOM); presented their abstract titled "A Pilot Study: Wireless Motion Sensor for Improving Hand Hygiene in a Contact Isolation Room" to the conference’s attendees.

Dr. Hou’s abstract titled "The Exit Bundle: A Time to Address Risk Factors for Infection Before Leaving the ICU" was also selected for a poster presentation at the conference. Co-authors for this project were: Ashlee Hiester, BSN, RN, CIC – Infection Control Practitioner, Kennedy – WT, and Marianne Kraemer.

Lastly, Mary Miller, BSN, RN, CIC – Infection Control Practitioner, Kennedy – CH, presented a poster titled “Recognition of Risk Factors Related to Clostridium Difficile Transmission in a Procedural Department: Computerized Tomography (CT) Suite.” Co-authors for this project were: Marianne Kraemer and Dr. Hou.
As physicians, we are skilled at caring for our patients, but “not so much” when it comes to taking care of our own health.

A worldwide review of doctors’ health access revealed that as few as 20 percent of respondents are registered with a physician, and between 24 and 87 percent have consulted a doctor within the last year, which includes “corridor consultations.”

Most telling (and most alarming) is data showing that almost all doctors reported self-treatment. Your Kennedy Medical Staff officers have created PeerCare to help you manage your own health. Please consider taking advantage of this new service, which allows you to choose your own primary care physician and will provide you with an objective opinion about your health and treatment plan.

Email PeerCare@kennedyhealth.org or call 856/513-4090 to reach a nurse navigator who will schedule an appointment with a Kennedy Health Alliance physician.

*The statistics above were extracted from: Kay et al. British Journal of General Practice 2008; 58: S01-8.

New Universal Protocol Policy at Kennedy

Administrative policy A308 Universal Protocol has been revised to include all invasive procedures both inside and outside of the Operating Room setting.

Forms have been modified to include only the essential items necessary in the Universal Protocol procedure.

The three main components of Universal Protocol that must be confirmed during a “time-out” immediately prior to a procedure are:
- Correct patient identity;
- Correct procedural site marked; and
- Correct procedure.

During the “time-out,” all activities must be suspended and the above components must be verified.

 Skipping any of these steps – and/or not actively participating in the process – threatens the safety of our patients.

Your active participation will enhance patient safety at Kennedy!
When it comes to clinical excellence, Kennedy Health’s Medical Staff is second-to-none. Below are some recent recognitions received by our physicians through various “Best Of” and “Top Docs” lists.

Some of these doctors were nominated by their peers; others earned kudos through magazine readers’ polls – but all deserve our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS for providing patients with the high level of care that makes Kennedy Health a top-tier healthcare organization!

**Great Stories Wanted!**

We’re always looking to share great stories about Kennedy via print and broadcast media, as well as through social media outlets like Twitter and Facebook!

If you know of a great Kennedy story – a great patient outcome, something clinically advanced that’s happening (knowing about it ahead of time helps us reach more people), or perhaps a Kennedy associate with a fantastic hobby or charitable cause they donate time and energy to – reach out to Nicole Pensiero in Marketing at 856/566-5305 or via email.

If we can use your story, we certainly will – and we’ll give you a plug down the road for telling us about it, too!
South Jersey Magazine asked its female readers to nominate area physicians they “count on, not only in times of need, but also when some healthy encouragement is needed” for this year’s “Best Doctors for Women” list. Published in the May 2016 issue, an astounding 40 Kennedy Health doctors made the cut!

**KUDOS TO:**

**Bariatric Surgery**
Dr. Louis Balsama

**Cardiovascular Disease**
Dr. Vic Bahal
Dr. Georges Kaddissi

**Dermatology**
Dr. Magaly P. Del Monaco
Dr. Sandra Elder
Dr. Jonathan Winter

**Endocrinology & Metabolism**
Dr. Greg Barone

**Female Pelvic Medicine**
Dr. Karolyynn Echols

**Gastroenterology**
Dr. Elizabeth Egan
Dr. Ahmed Shehata
Dr. Warren Werbitt

**General Surgery**
Dr. Larry W. Cohen
Dr. Michael Sasso
Dr. Linda Szczurek

**Infertility/Reproductive Endocrinology**
Dr. Gary Packin
Dr. Stephen Sawin
Dr. Robert A. Skaf
Dr. Peter G. Van Deerlin

**Obstetrics & Gynecology**
Dr. Roberta Felsenstein
Dr. Eric B. Grossman
Dr. Martin E. Kanoff
Dr. Elias Nemeh
Dr. Anthony Salerno

**Oncology & Hematology**
Dr. Trina Poretta

**Orthopedics**
Dr. Larry Deutsch
Dr. Kam Momi
Dr. Laura Ross

**Pain Management**
Dr. Alan Kwon

**Plastic Surgery**
Dr. Lyle Back
Dr. Daniel G. Becker
Dr. Steven Davis
Dr. Brett A. Garber
Dr. Bhupesh Vasisht

**Pulmonology**
Dr. Thomas F. Morley

**Radiation Oncology**
Dr. John R. Glassburn Jr.
Dr. Alexis Harvey
Dr. Tamara A. LaCouture

**Urology/Uрогynecology**
Dr. Elizabeth A. Babin
Dr. Marcella M. Nachmann

**Vein & Vascular Surgery**
Dr. Charles Dietzek

SJ Magazine’s May 2016 issue featured its annual list of “Medicine’s Best & Brightest Women.” Nine Kennedy Health female physicians who were also included in the magazine’s “Top Docs” and “Top Docs for Kids” lists last year were recognized.

SJ Magazine also asked area physicians and readers to tell them which doctor they would recommend if their child (under 16 years old) needed medical attention. Included in the magazine’s March 2016 issue, seven Kennedy Health doctors made the “Top Docs for Kids” lists:

**KUDOS TO:**

**Dr. Sandra Elder – Dermatology**
Dr. Lori Feldman-Winter – Adolescent Medicine
Dr. Jane Frieuling – Gastroenterology
Dr. Nancy Janik – Family Practice
Dr. Brenda Kurnik – Nephrology
Dr. Judith Lightfoot – Infectious Diseases
Dr. Patricia Luceri – Endocrinology/Diabetes/Metabolism
Dr. Beckie Michael – Nephrology
Dr. Joan O’Shea – Neurological Surgery

**DOCTORS’ PICKS**

Dr. Terry Anderson – Cardiology
Dr. Brooke Burkey – Plastic Surgery
Dr. Lori Feldman-Winter – Adolescent Medicine
Dr. Martin Finkel – Child Abuse
Dr. Cyrus Mohazzebi – General Pediatrics
Dr. Peter Pizzutillo – Orthopedics

**READERS’ PICKS**

Dr. Lee Lerch – General Pediatrics
The Kennedy Cancer Center has joined the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Network at Jefferson to bring a higher level of care to the communities of southern New Jersey.

What this means for you:
• Access to research studies, medical education, cancer screenings and administrative resources at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

What this means for your patients:
• Access to programs unique to the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Network at Jefferson, such as Precision Medicine, Tele-Health, and its Senior Adult Oncology Program.
• Local access to medical expertise, second opinions and advanced research.

Learn more at: KennedyCancer.org