Care Redesign & Innovation: Study seeks to improve efficiency and increase patient knowledge prior to surgery

At the 30th annual Eastern Nursing Research Society Scientific Sessions Conference, Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital's Nurse Scientist and Regis College Professor Margaret Oot-Hayes, PhD, RN, and the Weiner Center for Preoperative Evaluation's Robin Kaufman, DNP, APRN, FNP-BCMSN, presented their new study, "iPad Education to Optimize Patient Education and Efficiency in the Preoperative Setting," during one of the podium presentations. Read more.

Clinical Growth & Financial Strength: CT scanner upgrade allows for more outpatient appointment slots

Last year's MRI upgrade in the Department of Radiology has enabled the department to acquire higher quality scans in less time, resulting in a more satisfying patient experience while increasing access to services through the creation of an additional 40 appointments slots per week—all without adding additional resources. This year, the department has turned its attention to CT, hoping for similar results. Read more.

Highest Quality, Safest Care: Pharmacy Consult Service gives patients peace of mind and the tools they need to thrive at home

When we pick up prescriptions at our local pharmacy, most of us are accustomed to being asked if we have any questions about the medication. But what about patients who are sent home from the hospital on a new medication? At Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, pharmacists are available Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am to 3 pm to consult with inpatients on their new prescriptions. Read more.
Exceptional Experience: Pain Management Center offers "Helping Hands" to homeless patients

In the Pain Management Center at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, staff ask each and every patient a series of standard questions at the start of their appointment. One of those questions is "Do you feel safe at home?" Clinical Leader Kathy Armando, BSN, RN, says, “We just assume people have a home. But recently, over the course of a week and half, we found out that four of our patients are in fact homeless.” Together with Dr. Mohammed Issa, Laurie Flahive, RN, and Amie Kandalat, RN, Armando decided to take action and help the Pain Management Center’s homeless patients by offering them a "Helping Hands" bag. Read more.

People, Skills, & Capabilities: myStrength online tool encourages happier, healthier employees

Whether it’s stress, chronic pain, sleep, depression, drug or alcohol abuse or anxiety, a new online tool for wellbeing offered through the Partners Employee Assistance Program, is available to all Partners HealthCare employees and household members. myStrength, described as a virtual gym for the mind, offers guided learning programs, simple tools and exercises to coach individuals on their journey toward self-improvement. Read more.

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital named one of only 49 US hospitals with Straight “As” for patient safety!

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assign letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the United States, were recently announced. Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital once again earned an “A,” and is just one of 49 hospitals nationwide to be awarded Straight “As” since the inception of the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade in 2012. To see BWFH’s full grade, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients, click here.

B.O.N.E.S. Initiative seeks to inspire young women to pursue careers in orthopaedic surgery

Now in its third year, the B.O.N.E.S (Bringing Orthopedics to New England Students of Medicine) Initiative is a half-day event hosted by the women of the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program that provides networking opportunities, inspiration and hands-on experience with orthopaedics for female medical students from all around New England. Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Chief of Orthopaedics Dr. Brandon Earp is among the organizers. Read more.
Partners is first in region to work with Apple’s new Health Records feature in Health App

Partners HealthCare institutions, including Brigham Health, are empowering patients to better manage their health using Apple’s new Health Records feature and other consumer health applications. Patients enrolled in the Partners Patient Gateway health portal can now authorize parts of their medical record to be shared with a range of third-party apps, enabling them to play a bigger role in their own care through technology. Read more.

Pusic named Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Brigham Health

Andrea Pusic, MD, MHS, FACS, FRCSC, has been named Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Brigham Health. She will see patients in clinic and in the operating room at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. Read more.

New appointments in the Department of Surgery

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Director of Surgical Critical Care and Inpatient Programs Erika Rangel, MD, MS, FACS, has been appointed associate clerkship directors in the Department of Surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Gastrointestinal surgeons Dr. Matthew Nehs, MD, and Eric Sheu, MD, PhD, have promoted to assistant professors of surgery at Harvard Medical School.

BWFH providers present at 3rd Annual Partners Quality & Safety Symposium

At the 3rd Annual Partners Quality & Safety Symposium, held recently at Partners HealthCare corporate headquarters at Assembly Row, providers from across the Partners system gathered to explore the topic of “Advancing Quality Together.” Among the presenters were two teams from Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. Read more.
BWFH colorectal surgeon in the news

Dr. Nelya Melnitchouk, a colorectal surgeon at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, was recently featured in Reuters about her study, "Barriers to Breastfeeding for US Physicians Who Are Mothers," that was published in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Orthopedic walk-in clinic at BWFH expands hours, now open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm

Patients who visit their primary care physician for musculoskeletal issues can be referred to walk-in services as part of Brigham and Women’s Orthopedic Center at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. The clinic, now open from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, has experts on hand to examine patients and coordinate necessary imaging, all without an appointment. Read more.

The Aging Brain Symposium: Caring for Patients Across the Cognitive Continuum - June 8

Partners Center for Population Health invites you to attend “The Aging Brain: Caring for Patients Across the Cognitive Continuum – Disease Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment in Primary Care,” an educational symposium on June 8, from 7:30 am to 3 pm at Partners HealthCare at Assembly Row. The program will feature lectures – including an opening keynote from Massachusetts Secretary of Elder Affairs, Alice Bonner, PhD, RN – discussions and breakout sessions. For more information, contact Elizabeth Fischer. To register, click here.

ASMBS Foundation’s Walk from Obesity - June 9

Join the Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and Massachusetts General Hospital Weight Center at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital as we Walk from Obesity on Saturday, June 9. The Walk from Obesity is the nation’s largest gathering of individuals affected by obesity. This is a fundraising event for the ASMBS Foundation which supports obesity research, education and advocacy. All are welcome to walk! Register here. And be sure to follow the event on Facebook. Questions? Email Melissa Majumdar at mmajumdar@bwh.harvard.edu.
Stay in the know! Browse all of BWFH’s latest publications

**APP Affair**
**Bold Ideas, Big Savings**
**BWFH Calendar of Events**
**BWFHconnect**
**BWFH MD News and Views**

**BWFH Nurse**
**BWFH Perks**
**BWFH Pulse – Print Edition**
**BWFH Pulse – Email Edition**
**Employment Opportunities**

**Last Week in Patient Safety!**
**Med Thread**
**Monthly Education Calendar**
**On Point: Q&A with Michael President’s Points**