Winthrop Employees Are Shining Stars!

The sun was shining brightly as Winthrop employees received star treatment at our annual Employee Appreciation Day in June. In celebration of this year’s Hollywood theme, employees strutted on the red carpet, posing for photos with Elvis and Diana Ross. Employee Appreciation Day provides a special opportunity for Hospital management to show their appreciation for their staff by helping cook and serve food. In Winthrop tradition, staff enjoyed three square meals, all expertly prepared by Winthrop’s Dietary team and served by volunteers from Winthrop’s management team. As a special thank you, each employee was given a Winthrop baseball cap, which many employees proudly wore throughout the festivities. Of course, the day would not have been complete without the more than 180 raffle prizes that were raffled off, including Yankee and Mets tickets, an iPad and iPad Minis, a Panasonic 32” LED HD TV, and a gift card to Ruth’s Chris Steak House. Special thanks to the special guest impersonators and to Winthrop’s Medical Staff for their generous donations for raffle prizes, as well as to members of the Hospitality, Engineering, Human Resources and Security Departments, whose collaborative efforts ensured that all of the day’s festivities ran smoothly.

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A Tribute to Winthrop’s Nurses: Delivering Quality & Innovation in Patient Care

Every year, one distinctive week is designated to celebrating the tireless efforts of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses, recognizing their significant contributions and the vital role they play in the health, safety and well-being of millions of individuals. National Nurses Week, which began on May 6 with National Nurses Day, and concluded on May 12 with the anniversary of the birthday of Florence Nightingale, is always a highlight at Winthrop as we set aside time to honor our dynamic nursing team and recognize the important role they play in delivering high quality care to our patients. "This year’s theme emphasizes nurses’ roles and influence on improving patient care," said Valerie Terzano, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Senior Vice President for Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer. "Our hospital-based and unit-based nursing councils are vehicles for nurses to play an active role in the decision-making process for their work and practice environment. Our ongoing presence and involvement in these councils helps us to continue to provide the excellent nursing care that we are known for, and find ways to improve whenever and wherever possible."
Message from John F. Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer

Summer is at hand, but there are certainly no lazy days here at Winthrop. Our campus is bustling, and now, more than ever, we are experiencing unprecedented growth.

Perhaps one of the most visible demonstrations of our continued progress despite challenging economic times is the busy construction site that many of you pass each day as you report to your daily duties within the Hospital. Significant progress continues to be made on the highly anticipated Research and Academic Center, and we are anxious to see the completion of this new 75,000-square-foot, five-story building, which will consolidate our robust research programs into one location, in late 2014.

We also recently celebrated the grand opening of a truly dynamic and state-of-the-art facility, which occupies the entire sixth floor of 120 Mineola Blvd. – Winthrop’s new Adult Oncology and Hematology Infusion Center – furnished with the latest medical equipment in a unique and comfortable environment. This marks the first major milestone in the Hospital’s journey to house all of its cancer care services – prevention, diagnosis, treatment and support – under one roof. And the recent openings of our inter-professional Simulation Center, equipped with mannequins and other equipment to enable simulation-based training for our team, as well as a beautifully appointed Center for Family Dental Medicine, which allows dentists to complete their New York State residency requirements in a hospital setting, are testaments to our ongoing commitment and investment in medical education.

In addition to these recent physical enhancements, Winthrop continues to set the bar for superior clinical care with a host of awards by outside organizations. U.S. News and World Report continues to recognize Winthrop as one of the region’s best hospitals, and recently our Children’s Medical Center was once again ranked as one of the Best Children’s Hospitals in the nation for high quality care in the specialties of pediatric diabetes and endocrinology, urology and, new for this year – pediatric pulmonology. Further underscoring Winthrop’s commitment to clinical excellence, we were was also singled out by Becker’s Hospital Review for our top cardiology program, Women’s Health Program, and more recently, for being among the top 100 Hospitals in America for Cancer Care.

We should also all be very proud of our achievement as the first major teaching hospital in New York State to earn The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Care. This certification is a testament to our commitment to providing patients with diabetes with the best care possible – something we’ve long been a leader in.

And, on the employee and patient satisfaction side, Winthrop’s Administration, with the support of the Board of Directors, recently committed major funds to increase staffing in all nursing levels within the Emergency Department (ED), as well as provide the additional staff and resources necessary to permanently open Potter 1. This entire project – which translates into approximately 30 additional staff members in the ED and an additional 21+ staff members for Potter 1 and the CPU – represents an over $3 million dollar investment in nursing staff just this year alone.

In addition, we now have full 24/7 coverage of the MRIs and CT Scans in the ED by our team of radiologists, enabling patients to be scanned around-the-clock so that their conditions can be more rapidly assessed and more quickly processed through the ED so they can receive the appropriate treatment within the Hospital. You have our assurance that while we have achieved much success over the past several months, the coming months and year ahead will be even more exciting. I appreciate so much the work that you do each day for the benefit of all of our patients, and with your continued support we will fulfill our mission and make Winthrop the best medical facility on Long Island and one of the best in the entire country.

Sincerely,
John F. Collins
President & CEO

Winthrop-University Hospital’s Just Culture Statement of Principles

Winthrop-University Hospital recognizes that skilled, experienced staff members will make mistakes and that these mistakes are typically a result of the complex nature of healthcare and the environment in which we work. We recognize that by blaming individuals for those mistakes, we lose opportunities to learn how and why they occurred and to prevent them from happening again.

A just culture refers to our efforts as an organization to promote patient safety and organizational excellence by being fair to all employees, learning about risks, designing safe systems, and by coaching employees to follow safety procedures. A just culture recognizes that we will all make errors and seeks to learn about risks through events, near misses and good catches through careful investigation and analysis. In a just culture we hold each other responsible for making correct choices.

Winthrop commits to review all of the facts of a given situation and carefully assess the factors that contributed to the error, with an emphasis on the systems within which the error occurs. This does not mean that staff will not be held accountable. In a just culture, following careful collection of the facts, if it is identified that the employee has willfully or repetitively failed to make correct choices or has disregarded our procedural rules, disciplinary action will be taken.

Four Pillars of Winthrop’s Just Culture

Create a Learning Culture
- Create a Learning Culture.
- Create a Fair and Open Culture.
- Design Safe Systems.
- Manage Behavioral Choices.

To promote patient safety, it is essential that we create a learning environment. In order to do this, staff must be comfortable reporting errors, near misses and safety concerns. Staff must also recognize the importance of following our policies and procedures, and the risks to our patients when those procedures are not followed.
Winthrop Announces Major Appointments

E. Ramone Segree, CFRE
Vice President, Development

E. Ramone Segree, CFRE, has been named Vice President of Development. Mr. Segree is charged with spearheading Winthrop’s fundraising activities in support of the Hospital’s world class patient care programs, medical education and research.

An accomplished philanthropic professional with almost 30 years of experience in development and fundraising, Mr. Segree most recently served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Foundation Executive Director at LaGuardia Community College and Foundation. Mr. Segree has also served as a medical specialist in the United States Army Reserves and the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Throughout his career, Mr. Segree has also held several senior leadership positions, including Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement for Meharry Medical College, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Foundation Executive Director for Salem State University, and Vice President for Development for Pittsburgh Public Theater.

Mr. Segree is currently a doctoral candidate for the Doctor of Education degree in Organizational Leadership at Teachers College, Columbia University, and is also an adjunct professor of fundraising and development at the University’s School of Continuing Education.

Prior to that, Mr. Segree owned his own business, Segree Associates, a strategic management and fundraising firm that served major campaigns and diverse clients, including the Rhode Island Foundation and the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Ms. Ann Hanford, RN, MA
Assistant Vice President, Capacity Management and Patient Flow Optimization

Ms. Hanford began her career at Winthrop over 35 years ago as a critical care nurse and has held multiple nursing management and clinical leadership positions throughout her tenure. She most recently served as Assistant Vice President, Case Management and Quality Metrics.

Ms. Hanford received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Molloy College and received her Master of Arts degree in Nursing Informatics from New York University, where she was honored with a Distinguished Graduate Award.

Ms. Hanford is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American Case Management Association, as well as the Healthcare Association of New York.

Ms. Ann Hanford, RN, MA, has been named Assistant Vice President, Capacity Management and Patient Flow Optimization at Winthrop. In this role, Ms. Hanford is responsible for overseeing and managing all patient flow operations. In addition, Ms. Hanford collaborates with all clinical and ancillary departments to identify patient flow opportunities for improvement and implementing strategies to improve the efficiency of flow of patients throughout the organization.

John D. Allendorf, MD
Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery
Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology and Endocrine Surgery

John D. Allendorf, MD, FACS, has been named head of Winthrop’s Pancreatic Cancer Program. A renowned surgeon, Dr. Allendorf has pioneered several robotic and minimally invasive treatments for patients with pancreatic cancer who were previously thought to be untreatable.

With additional specialties including hepato-biliary and endocrine surgery, Dr. Allendorf also serves as Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology & Endocrine Surgery.

Dr. Allendorf joins Winthrop from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he was Director of the Pancreatic Cyst Surveillance Program as well as Program Director of the Endocrine Surgery Fellowship Training Program. In these roles, he was a major force in the growth and development of the hepatobiliary and endocrine surgery programs at Columbia, as well as the development of Columbia’s program in robotic pancreatic surgery.

After completing medical school at Columbia University, Dr. Allendorf continued his training in general surgery with an internship and residency, as well as a fellowship in liver transplantation and hepato-biliary surgery.

Dr. Allendorf has received numerous clinical awards including the Alan O. Whipple Memorial Award for Excellence in Surgery, the Kenneth A. Forde Faculty Research Award at Columbia, and the Patients’ Choice Award in 2010.

The author of numerous book chapters and over 70 original peer-reviewed articles, Dr. Allendorf is a sought-after lecturer at national conferences. He is a member of the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Association, the Society of Surgical Oncology, and the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

Chad Hoffman-Fragale, MBA, SPHR
Assistant Vice President, Human Resources

Chad Hoffman-Fragale, MBA, SPHR, has been appointed Assistant Vice President of Human Resources. Mr. Hoffman-Fragale joined the Winthrop Team in October 2012, with his primary areas of responsibility being Recruitment, Compensation, Performance Management and Employee Relations.

A seasoned human resources professional, Mr. Hoffman-Fragale most recently served as the Director of Human Resources for Agfa Corporation. Prior to that, he held Senior Human Resources positions at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in Manhattan and Auburn Memorial Hospital in Auburn, NY.

Mr. Hoffman-Fragale is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from The State University of New York, Oswego, and his Master of Business Administration degree from Excelsior College in Albany, NY.

Maseih Moghaddassi, MD
Chief, Division of Otolaryngology

Maseih Moghaddassi, MD, has been appointed Chief of the Division of Otolaryngology. Dr. Moghaddassi, a long-time and esteemed member of the Hospital’s medical staff, is charged with leading the Division of Otolaryngology in its ongoing endeavors to uphold clinical excellence.

Dr. Moghaddassi has a stellar reputation among both the professional and lay community. A member of the Winthrop medical staff and in private practice since 1997, Dr. Moghaddassi’s clinical and surgical interests focus on head and neck tumors as well as endoscopic sinus surgery.

A Diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery, Dr. Moghaddassi obtained his Medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1992. He then went on to complete a residency in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Dr. Moghaddassi is a Fellow of American and International College of Surgeons.
Brian J. Snyder, MD
Director, Functional and Restorative Neurosurgery

Brian J. Snyder, MD, has been appointed Director of Functional and Restorative Neurosurgery. Dr. Snyder is a board certified neurosurgeon who specializes in the treatment of movement disorders such as Parkinson’s disease, tremor and dystonia, epilepsy and refractory pain syndromes. Dr. Snyder is an expert in deep brain stimulation (DBS) utilizing microelectrode recording and vagal nerve stimulation (VNS). He also specializes in procedures for mapping, recording, and identifying seizure foci in the brain and the surgical resection of these foci, as well as spinal cord stimulation, peripheral nerve stimulation, occipital nerve stimulation and intrathecal pump placement.

Dr. Snyder has published and presented extensively on fields in functional neurosurgery. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Dartmouth College. He received his Medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine where he was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. At Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Dr. Snyder served as an intern in general surgery and advanced to a resident in neurological surgery before being named chief resident in neurological surgery. He completed a fellowship in stereotactic and functional neurosurgery at the Toronto Western Hospital, University of Toronto, under Dr. Andres Lozano. Dr. Snyder is also certified in both Gamma Knife® and CyberKnife® radiosurgery.

John A. Grant, MD, FACS
Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery

John A. Grant, MD, FACS, has been named Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery. Dr. Grant is a board certified neurosurgeon who specializes in pediatric neurosurgery. He has extensive experience handling difficult cases and conditions including pediatric brain tumors, hydrocephalus and spina bifida. He is also skilled in vascular neurosurgery and epilepsy surgery.

Dr. Grant is widely published on the topics of pediatric and congenital neurosurgery as well as the history of neurosurgery and head trauma. He is a member of the editorial board of the peer-reviewed journal Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Maura Corvino, MSOL, RN, CEN
Director of Nursing, Emergency Department

Maura Corvino, MSOL, RN, CEN, has been appointed Director of Nursing for the Emergency Department (ED).

Dr. Grant regularly visits Haiti, where he has a long-term humanitarian commitment to caring for children with hydrocephalus and other congenital malformations.

A native of Ireland, Dr. Grant completed his undergraduate studies at Belvedere College S.J. in Dublin. He received his Medical degree from the Medical School of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, where he was named an Arthur Jacob Scholar.

Dr. Grant completed general surgery internships in Dublin and at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He completed a neurosurgery residency at the Neurological Institute of New York at Columbia University, and a pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where he received the inaugural A. Todd Davis Outstanding Physician Award.

Gina Berrent
Administrative Director of Operations, Division of Cardiology

Gina Berrent has been appointed Administrative Director of Operations for the Division of Cardiology. In this role, Ms. Berrent is charged with providing administrative leadership for the Division of Cardiology, which includes the Cardiac Catheterization Labs, Electrophysiology Services and Non-invasive Services.

A member of the Winthrop Team for 24 years, Ms. Berrent began her career at Winthrop as a Cardiovascular Technologist and advanced through a series of promotions into her most recent position as Operations Manager for Cardiac Invasive Services.

Ms. Berrent is a Faculty Member of the Stony Brook Chapter of the Lambda Beta Society, the National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Clinical Instructor in Stony Brook University’s School of Health Technology and Management.

Ms. Berrent is the recipient of Stony Brook’s 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award, and received a nomination for Winthrop’s Wholeness of Life Award in 2011. Ms. Berrent is also a member of the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (SICP) and the Cardiovascular Credentialing Institute (CCI).

Ms. Berrent earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Cardio-Respiratory Sciences from Stony Brook University. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration and Healthcare Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Major Appointments Continued

Susan Field, RN
Director, Case Management and Social Work Services

Susan Field, RN, has been appointed Director of Case Management and Social Work Services. Mrs. Field joined the Winthrop Team in 2001 as a Case Manager. In July 2011, Mrs. Field assumed the position of Manager of Case Management. In this position, Mrs. Field played an instrumental role in implementing changes to Winthrop’s Case Management Program in response to the changing reimbursement landscape and to meet the increasingly complex healthcare needs of our patients.

In addition, Mrs. Field has worked with Winthrop’s Case Management and Social Work teams to develop the departmental mission, vision and values and has re-structured the Utilization Review Committee to optimize oversight of processes and promote continuous improvement in performance. In addition, she has assumed a leadership role on our New York State Partnership for Patients preventable readmissions reduction initiative and has worked on the Multidisciplinary Rounds Improvement Team.

Mrs. Field earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Molloy College and is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Nurse Case Manager.
Winthrop Announces the Center for Cardiovascular Lifestyle Medicine

New Center to Be Led by Barbara George, EdD, RCEP, MSN, RN

Barbara George, EdD, RCEP, MSN, RN, has been named Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Lifestyle Medicine at Winthrop, a newly created initiative within the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology at Winthrop. Since her arrival seven years ago, Dr. George has been an integral member of Winthrop’s cardiology team, actively involved with advancing both academic and clinical achievements within the division. She has participated in cardiovascular clinical trials as principal investigator, sub-investigator and coordinator. Her clinical practice integrates expertise in both cardiac nursing and exercise physiology with an emphasis on cardiovascular wellness and prevention. Dr. George most recently served as Program Director of the Women’s Cardiovascular Wellness and Prevention Center, where she was responsible for managing all components of the program as well as coordinating the Division of Cardiology’s clinical research program.

The new Center for Cardiovascular Lifestyle Medicine, an extension of the Women’s Center, is a comprehensive program that integrates lifestyle practices into the modern practice of cardiovascular medicine. Despite ever-improving technological advances in treatment, cardiovascular disease remains the number one cause of death in the United States. Preventive strategies are paramount in the war on heart disease. In her new role, Dr. George will lead a multidisciplinary team of experts to provide patient-centered, culturally competent, lifestyle change interventions and promote healthy behaviors for all patients with or at risk for cardiovascular disease while understanding the population determinants of wellness, health and disease.

Dr. George is very active in promoting heart health throughout the community and serves as program coordinator for many community-based events at Winthrop. She has published in professional journals and frequently lectures on cardiovascular disease wellness and prevention to both her peers as well as the community-at-large. She has a passion for community outreach and lifestyle education with a particular interest in addressing health disparities. She is actively involved with the AHA, ACC, PCNA and other national organizations to raise heart disease awareness for all individuals.

Dr. George is a registered clinical exercise physiologist (RCEP) as well as a registered nurse (RN) with over 28 years of cardiology experience. She began her nursing training at St. Vincent’s Hospital School of Nursing. She earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Cardiovascular Rehabilitation from The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing. Her post-graduate training includes a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Applied Exercise Physiology from Columbia University’s Teachers College. Dr. George is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine.

Jared Kutzin, DNP, MPH, MS (MEdL), RN

Director of Simulation

Jared Kutzin, DNP, MPH, MS (MEdL), RN, has been named Director of Simulation at Winthrop-University Hospital. In this position, Mr. Kutzin is responsible for leading the Hospital’s simulation efforts and training efforts for students, physicians, nurses, physician assistants and other health professionals at Winthrop.

Prior to joining Winthrop, Mr. Kutzin served as the Director of the Simulation Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center and the Director of Nursing & Clinical Simulation at the Institute for Medical Simulation and Advanced Learning (IMSAL), part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (NYCHHC).

Mr. Kutzin began working in simulation as part of the STRATUS Center for Medical Simulation at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

In 2012, Mr. Kutzin completed the clinical quality fellowship program (CQFP) offered by the Greater New York Hospital Association and United Hospital Fund in which his project effectively reduced the time to get blood to the bedside of a hemorrhaging obstetrical patient. He continues to work clinically as an emergency nurse and teaches academically as an adjunct faculty member in both nursing and medical schools.

Mr. Kutzin received his Bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education from Hofstra University, a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Columbia University, a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University, a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a Master of Science with a concentration in Medical Education Leadership from the University of New England College of Medicine.

Mr. Kutzin has presented at and served on the planning committee for the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) and the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) Annual Congress. In addition, he has presented at the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) conference, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) conference, and the International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) meeting, as well as many local and regional conferences and workshops.

Mr. Kutzin’s research interests include investigating the human factors that affect the quality and safety of healthcare, the quality and safety of pre-hospital care, and the use of simulation as an educational method.
Winthrop Awarded Advanced Certification in Inpatient Diabetes Care

Winthrop is the first major teaching hospital in New York State to earn The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ for its advanced inpatient diabetes care by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for healthcare quality and safety in disease-specific care.

Winthrop underwent a rigorous on-site review in February. A Joint Commission expert reviewer evaluated Winthrop for compliance with the requirements for The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification program as well as inpatient diabetes care-specific standards, clinical practice guidelines and performance measures. Patients with diabetes are three times more likely to be admitted to the hospital during an emergency room visit for an unrelated condition. Every healthcare professional at Winthrop has been trained not only to provide education to patients with diabetes, but also to follow evidence-based protocols to help manage their care and prevent complications.

One of the performance measures that helped Winthrop achieve this designation was designed to reduce the prevalence of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) among inpatients. Hypoglycemia is a side effect of the pharmacologic treatment of diabetes and hyperglycemia (high blood glucose). Before initiating the myriad programs and initiatives to improve diabetes care and hyperglycemia, Winthrop’s prevalence of hypoglycemia was 4.3 percent in 2010. Since January 2012, Winthrop’s prevalence of hypoglycemia has ranged from 0.3 to 0.4 percent compared with the national prevalence of 6.0 percent. Initiating a nurse-driven hypoglycemia protocol, prescribing physiologic insulin replacement, building specialty-specific computerized order sets and creating a reasonable formulary of insulin formulations all contributed to the dramatic drop in Winthrop’s prevalence of hypoglycemia.

This has important implications for the patients we serve. Not only are they significantly less likely to suffer the discomfort and potentially dangerous side effects of hypoglycemia, but they are also more likely to be discharged sooner as well. It is impossible to have a zero percent prevalence of hypoglycemia, because no one can control all of the factors that contribute to hypoglycemia in a hospital, but the significant improvement and maintenance of that improvement is a testament to our staff’s commitment to providing safe, evidence-based care for patients with diabetes and hyperglycemia.

According to Virginia Peragallo-Dittko, RN, BC-ADM, CDE, FAADE, Executive Director of Winthrop’s Diabetes and Obesity Institute, Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Certification from The Joint Commission “serves as a testament to Winthrop’s commitment to patients with diabetes, strengthens community confidence and reinforces Winthrop’s position as the regional leader in diabetes care.”

“Thank you to all staff members who are dedicated to giving each patient with diabetes a care plan that is customized to their individual needs. Your commitment to your patients has truly played an integral role in helping Winthrop attain the Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Certification from The Joint Commission.”

Once again, The Children’s Medical Center Makes U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals Rankings

Once again, The Children’s Medical Center at Winthrop-University Hospital has been named to U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals rankings for demonstrating excellence in the specialties of pediatric diabetes & endocrinology, urology, and, new for 2013-2014, pediatric pulmonology.

The rankings highlight the top 50 U.S. hospitals in various pediatric specialties, Winthrop was among only 62 children’s hospitals nationwide that received a national ranking in 3 or more specialties.

The Children’s Medical Center’s notable accomplishments this year include the Division of Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology’s placement among the top 20 programs in the country; the pediatric urology program’s movement up in the rankings from 48 in 2012/2013 to 44 this year; and the addition of another nationally ranked pediatric specialty – pulmonology – which placed #34 on this year’s list.

Winthrop-University Hospital deserves high praise,” said Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “Ranking shows the dedication and expertise that Winthrop’s Children’s Medical Center brings to the care of children who need those qualities the most. We think it is important to identify and call attention to pediatric centers like this one.”

“We are proud that for the past several years, the Children’s Medical Center at Winthrop has been named among the Best Children’s Hospitals in the nation. This is truly an impressive accomplishment and I am pleased that now three of our pediatric specialties have been recognized for their outstanding programs and quality,” said Warren Rosenfeld, MD, Chairman of Pediatrics at Winthrop. “We are proud not only to receive recognition but also that we continue to move higher on the rankings list each year.”
Physicians from Around the World Gather for Winthrop’s Long Island Live Endoscopy Course

Winthrop-University Hospital hosted The Fifth Annual Long Island Live Endoscopy Course, “Advances in Therapeutic Endoscopy from ECRP to POEM and Beyond,” at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale on March 22, 2013. The Symposium provided physicians and other health professionals with opportunities to learn from leading endoscopic experts from around the world. The 120 attendees at the hotel were able to experience live challenging endoscopy cases performed by these international masters at Winthrop’s endoscopy unit and transmitted in high definition via microwaves to the hotel. The uniquely challenging cases that were presented, as well as the renowned faculty, attracted 60 online participants from major academic centers all around the country and even from abroad. These expert endoscopists attended the course online via the real-time live webcast.

Conceptualized by Stavros Stavropoulos, MD, Director of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Director of the Program in Advanced Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (PAGE) at Winthrop, the goal of “Long Island Live” is to explore the boundaries of endoscopy and to expose participants to novel technologies and techniques that may shape the future of endoscopy. This year’s course was the most successful to date, bringing together world-renowned endoscopists including Christopher J. Gostout, MD, Director of the Developmental Endoscopy Unit at the Mayo Clinic; Raj Shah, MD, Co-Director of Endoscopy, University of Colorado; Haruhiro Inou, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Digestive Disease Center of Showa University in Yokohama, Japan; Alberto Larghi, MD, PhD, Director of the EUS Program at Catholic University in Rome, Italy; and Pinghong Zhou, MD, PhD, Associate Director of Endoscopy at Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

The Symposium also included local faculty – Frank Gress, MD, Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, and Atul Kumar, MD, Gastroenterologist at Northport VA Medical Center in East Northport, who have participated in Long Island Live since its inception, as well as Chris Pitea, Director of the Center for Advanced Endoscopy at Banner Del E. Webb Hospital Center in Sun City West, AZ, who returned to Winthrop to serve as moderator. Participants were able to ask their questions to the panelists during the live cases, ensuring a dynamic interactive experience.

“The course reached new heights this year by exposing attendees to live cases demonstrating cutting-edge endoscopic techniques only available in a very small number of centers around the world,” said Dr. Stavropoulos. “The faculty of international endoscopy masters was extremely impressed with the level of difficulty of the cases and had high praise for the Winthrop CME team, hospital infrastructure and the Winthrop anesthesiologists and endoscopy staff that supported them in performing a large number of simultaneous complex procedures safely and successfully.”

Professor Inoue stated that the team of anesthesiologists, Winthrop nurses and PCAs that assisted him was one of the best he has ever worked with. “This is high praise indeed coming from this internationally renowned Japanese endoscopy master who has been invited to perform innovative live endoscopy cases in hundreds of top endoscopy units around the world. Professor Inoue also commented that "the live cases presented at Long Island Live 2013 were the most challenging I have ever seen in a live course anywhere in the world." Professor Gostout, a world-renowned master endoscopist, also commented that “Winthrop should be proud for putting together the most unique live case course on the globe from the perspective of demonstrating where interventional endoscopy can and should be going.”

The Winthrop Dialysis Network has been awarded the distinction of Five Diamond Status by the IPRO End Stage Renal Disease Network of New York. This prestigious award, which focuses on patient safety, was earned by all four of Winthrop’s Outpatient Dialysis Centers throughout Long Island, after much hard work by all levels of staff as well as patient involvement. The work that was completed touched on all aspects of safety for the patient receiving chronic maintenance dialysis as a life-sustaining therapy.

The Culture of Safety that has been created by participating in this program will serve our chronic patient population well and places Winthrop’s Dialysis Facilities among an elite group of 18 facilities in New York State to achieve this status, out of 243 statewide. This rigorous program is ongoing and additional work must be completed each year to maintain this status. Winthrop is proud of this distinction and looks forward to continuing to be a leader in the creation of a safe patient environment. Sincere thanks to all staff members who tirelessly worked to help Winthrop earn Five Diamond Status!
First Annual Performance Improvement Project
Poster Session a Success!

Second Place Winners
Nurse Driven Strategies for the Reduction of Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers in Three Neuroscience Units

Improvement Team:
Laurie McSweeney, RN, CNRN; Sherry Persaud-Roberts, BSN, CNRN; Susan Marr, BSN, RN; Jeannine Ramos, BSN, CNRN; Diane Toscano, RN, Linda Polcaastro, Nursing Assistant; Lee Moldowsky, MSN, RN; BC; and Nancy Epstein, MD

Timely Recognition and Antibiotic in Severe Sepsis: The Children’s Medical Center at Winthrop Pediatric and ED Quality Improvement Initiative

Improvement Team:
Lyn Quintos, MD; Ron Lipshutz, Acting Chairman of the Department of Medicine at St. John’s University, College of Medicine and Behavioral Medicine at St. John’s University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in New York, motivated the audience with a dynamic presentation about cultural diversity and various cultural clues, which was both entertaining and informative.

Dr. Nancy Epstein, Chief of Neurosurgical Practice and Education; JeanMarie Arendt, MS, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Elizabeth J. Czitrom, BSN, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Denise Duncan, MS, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Paulina Rodolphe, MSN, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Elizabeth J. Czitrom, BSN, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Patricia Ripp Janicke, BSN, RNC, NIC, NE-BC; Mary Lynn Brassil, MS, RN, CES; Cathlyrio Catalianno, MS, RN, RNC-OB; Mary Cleary, BSN, RN, NE-BC; Stephanie Higden, MPH, RN; Karen Hylton-McGuire, MS, RNC, NIC, IBCLC, RLC; and Amy McGuire, MS, RN

In recognition of National Healthcare Quality Week, the Department of Patient Safety, Quality and Innovation hosted Winthrop’s First Annual Performance Improvement Poster Session in the Dr. Martin Spatz Conference Center. Fourteen teams presented their performance improvement projects and staff members gathered to learn about their findings.

“The projects were all outstanding and demonstrated innovative approaches to improving our performance in a variety of quality and patient safety domains,” said Monica Santoro, MS, BSN, CPHQ, Vice President, Patient Safety, Quality and Innovation and Chief Quality Officer. “I would like to thank all of the participants and the judges for their hard work and support.”

The projects were judged using specific criteria, including the clarity of the project aim and its relationship to organizational performance goals; the description of the improvement strategies; the clarity of the data on changes observed in process and outcome measures; and the conclusions/analysis.

Congratulations to all of the presenters! Mark your calendars – the Second Annual Performance Improvement Project Poster Session will take place on October 21, 2013. A Call for Posters has been distributed and the deadline for abstract submissions is September 16, 2013. We are anxious to hear about your efforts to improve quality for our patients.

Third Place Winner
Transformational Journey of a Care Delivery Model: Implementation of Evidence-based Practice to Increase Breast Feeding Exclusivity

Improvement Team:
Eileen Magri, MSN, RN, NE-BC; Mary Lynn Brassil, MS, RN, CES; Cathlyrio Catalianno, MS, RN, RNC-OB; Mary Cleary, BSN, RN, NE-BC; Stephanie Higden, MPH, RN; Karen Hylton-McGuire, MS, RNC, NIC, IBCLC, RLC; and Amy McGuire, MS, RN

In addition, Leslie Owen, MS, RN, CARN-AP, Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, discussed the different mental states or disorders encountered on medical-surgical units, and Dr. Martin Lipshutz, Acting Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Winthrop, discussed various psychiatric medications.

The members of the Medical-Surgical Education Committee include: Christine Marsiello, MSN, RN, CCRN, Director of Professional Nursing Practice and Education; JeanMarie Arendt, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCRN, Director of Professional Nursing Practice and Education; JeanMarie Moorehead, MA, RN, Director of Medical-Surgical Division; Diane D. Krei, MSN, RN, CMSRN, ACNS-BC, Med-Surg Educator; Angelina LaMarche, MS, RN-B, Med-Surg Educator; Denise Duncan, MSN, RN, BCC, Med-Surg Educator; Paulina Rodolphe, MSN, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Elizabeth J. Czitrom, BSN, BS, RN, CCRN, Med-Surg Educator; Patricia Ripp Janicke, BSN, CNRN, Neuroscience Nurse Educator; Anne Wendel, BS, RN, CDE, Inpatient Diabetes Nurse Clinician; and Linda Zint, BSN, RN, CDE, Inpatient Diabetes Nurse Clinician.

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Spring 2013 Nursing Symposium

The Medical-Surgical Education Committee conducted a successful “Spring Nursing Symposium” on May 22, 2013 at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset. The program was presented to nurses from various hospitals, including Winthrop.

Six very knowledgeable speakers presented at the symposium. The keynote speaker was Sister Annelle Fitzpatrick, CSJ, PhD, Sister Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor of Sociology and Behavioral Medicine at St. John’s University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in New York, motivated the audience with a dynamic presentation about cultural diversity and various cultural clues, which was both entertaining and informative.

Dr. Nancy Epstein, Chief of Neurosurgical Spine and Education at Winthrop, discussed the assessment and management of convulsive status epilepticus. In addition, Mary Arenas, BSN, RN, Nurse Investigator, Risk Management and Legal Affairs at Winthrop, discussed the importance of proper documentation during emergency situations, and Alicia Capetandes, MS, RN, CCRN, critical care educator, discussed the assessment and interventions of sepsis.

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The Judging Committee selected the following recipients to receive prestigious Posters of Distinction awards. The winners received a special commemorative certificate and gift and included (l.-r.):

Angela Webb, MD – Pediatric Pulmonology – Clinical Research Roopa Siddaiah, MBBS; Claudia Halaby, MD; Chistina Valsamis, MD; Melodi Pirzada, MD

Mentor: Melodi Pirzada, MD – Pediatric Pulmonology

Abnormalities of Pulmonary Function Testing in a Cohort of Obese Children

Amit Kumar, MD – Pathology – Case Report Abirami Sivapiragasam, MD – Hematology/Oncology Anusuyanthan Mambialla, MD; Jianhong Zhou, MD; Alexander Hindenburg, MD; Michael Brooks, MD; and Joseph Mazzie, DO

Mentor: Alexander Hindenburg, MD – Hematology/Oncology

Atypical Presentation of Erdheim-Chester Disease: A Case Report

Laura Wolfe, DO – Internal Medicine – Clinical Research John Shrenouda, MD, Madhur Roberts, MD; and Wilbur Ashled, DO

Mentor: Kevin Marzo, MD – Cardiology

Efficacy and Safety of a Novel Vascular Closure Device, Cardiva Catalyst II, Following Diagnosti Angiography

Mohammad Ali, MD – Internal Medicine – Case Report Elisabeth Williams, DO; Vinne Korrantah, MD; Bhawna Haiwan, MD, and Aleksandri Morim, MD

Mentor: Bhawna Haiwan, MD – Gastroenterology

Splenico Injury After Colonoscopy: A Rare but Life-Threatening Occurrence

Neha Bansal, MD – Internal Medicine – Case Report Gary Rothberger, MD, and Michael Radin, MD

Mentor: Michael Radin, MD – Endocrinology

A Rare Case of Cushing Syndrome Secondary to Eciotic ACTH Cause by Metastatic Endometrial Adenocarcinoma

Vijayapraveena Paruchuri, MD – Cardiology – Clinical Research Simonette Saevt, MD; Juan Gaztanaga, MD; Javier Sanz, MD; Juan Viles-Gonzalez, MD; Kanika Mody, MD; Shahidul Islam, MPH; Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD; and Marko Garcia, MD

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Mentor: Allison Reiss, MD – Internal Medicine

A Quality Improvement Initiative to Decrease Inappropriate Utilization of Ceftriaxone in Children Admitted with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Bronchiolitis

Ran Modayil, MD

Gene Im, MD; Douglas Katz, MD; Thomas Coppola, MD; Sony Modayil, BS; Linco Panicker, BS; and James Grensdel, MD

Mentor: James Grensdel, MD – Gastroenterology

Derivation and Validation of a Clinical Prediction Model of Disease Severity in Clostridium Difficile Infection

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Four research projects were selected for oral presentations by the Judging Committee. Those honored by this selection received a commemorative plaque and monetary award and included (l.-r.):

Caroline Maloney, MSIV

Maureen Kim, MD; Ellen Gurzenda, BS; and Nazeeh Hanna, MD

Mentor: Nazeeh Hanna, MD – Pediatrics

Possible Role of Placental Endotoxin Tolerance in Protecting the Fetus from Exaggerated Inflammatory Response

Nordie Billiao, MD

Mike Littlefield, BA; Mariano Castro-Magana, MD; Allison Reiss, MD; and Iryna Voloshyna, PhD

Mentor: Allison Reiss, MD – Internal Medicine

The Role of Hyperinsulinemia in Cholesterol Transport Regulation and Lipid Accumulation in THP-1 Human Macrophages

Sejal Makvana, MD

Leonard Knlov, MD; Lynn Quintos-Alagheband, MD; and Gladys El-Chaar, PhD

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Employee Recognition Breakfast Pays Tribute to Staff Who Selflessly Give Back

On March 14, 2013, the Hospital’s Annual Employee Recognition Breakfast was celebrated at the Knights of Columbus in Mineola. Through blood donations, volunteering at community events, or serving on the perinatal bereavement team, staff members once again demonstrated their commitment to serving our community. In 2012, Team Winthrop collected 1,335 pints of blood at 25 blood drives, while 223 employees donated three or more pints of blood or platelets.

During the ceremony, Winthrop Board member Edward Travaglianti thanked Winthrop staff for their selfless contributions and applauded their efforts to continuously strive to do more for others. John, F. Collins, Winthrop’s President and CEO, echoed Mr. Travaglianti’s sentiments, praising staff for their continuous efforts to take time out of their day to donate blood and give back to others.

Since 2003, this special event has brought together staff members from all areas of the Hospital to applaud their service with a breakfast and gift, courtesy of the Human Resources Department. There’s no doubt about it – Team Winthrop has a special place in their hearts for giving back to the community. ■

Five or More Donations

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Daniel Delaney
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Spring/Summer 2013
Dr. Guillermo Takes

Dr. Guillermo Takes, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, is an internist with extensive experience in the treatment of chronic heart failure. He received his medical degree from the University of Caracas and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Diego. He is currently an attending physician at Winthrop University Hospital and an instructor in medicine at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Takes enjoys spending time with his family, playing soccer, and traveling to new places. He is an avidreader and enjoys reading about history and current events.

Dr. Takes has been a member of the American College of Physicians since 2000. He has also served as a reviewer for several medical journals and has presented his research at national meetings. His areas of special interest include heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, and the management of chronic kidney disease.

Dr. Takes is married to his wife, Maria, and they have two children, Sofia and Carlos. They live in Huntington, New York, where they enjoy spending time together as a family.
Recently, Paul Eliot Harnick, MD, FACC, was honored at the American Heart Association’s (AHA) 50th Annual Long Island Heart Ball with the 2013 Cardiovascular Science Award. Dr. Harnick was honored for his dedication to promoting the mission of the AHA to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Dr. Harnick is Managing Partner of Cardiovascular Medical Associates (CMA), a multispecialty group practice located in Garden City. Established in 1982, the practice has grown to be one of the largest private practices on Long Island and is an affiliate of Winthrop.

Dr. Harnick attended medical school at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and completed his fellowship in Cardiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine under the directorship of the late Dr. Edmund Sonnenblick, a pioneer in cardiac hemodynamics and congestive heart failure research.

Dr. Harnick has grown to be one of the largest private practices on Long Island and is an affiliate of Winthrop. He is also on the Steering Committee of the newly formed physician hospital organization, Winthrop PHO, Inc., and serves on several other Hospital committees. In addition, Dr. Harnick is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Chapter of the American Heart Association.
Winthrop Achieves ACCME Accreditation with Commendation

This past November, Winthrop completed a reaccreditation process required by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) – the national council that reviews and approves providers of CME credit for physicians. The reaccreditation process included a written self-study report of our institutional program; submission of 15 course activity files selected by the ACCME staff as “evidence of our performance-in-practice;” and a two-hour video-conference discussion with a survey team appointed by the ACCME. These three elements were used to assess compliance of our program and individual CME activities with the ACCME’s 22 accreditation criteria.

For the first time in Winthrop’s history as a CME provider, the ACCME has awarded Winthrop a decision of Accreditation with Commendation. This is a six year accreditation cycle, instead of the standard four year period. Approximately 25 percent of all national providers have been awarded this distinction. The basis for the decision is compliance with all 22 criteria, and that Winthrop has demonstrated an engagement with its environment to support physician learning and change that is a part of a system for quality improvement.

Congratulations and thank you to Robert D’Antuono, Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education, and to all our dedicated CME activity directors, CME Coordinators and central CME Office staff for your efforts and hard work, which made this achievement possible!

Visit to Winthrop Sparks Special Memories for Local Resident

Ninety-two year old Eddie Rosenblum has dedicated his life giving to others. A recent trip to Winthrop-University Hospital not only sparked some special memories for Mr. Rosenblum, but also presented an opportunity for him to be on the receiving end as the Hospital gave back to him.

Originally from Vienna, Austria, Mr. Rosenblum came to the United States in 1939 and has a rich and deep-rooted history within the community. A tailor by trade, he served in the United States Army from 1942-1946. After fighting in Europe, Mr. Rosenblum’s company traveled to the South Pacific, where, upon the war ending, he had the distinct honor of being commissioned to make the first flag for the provisional government of the Philippines. Years later, Mr. Rosenblum and his wife, Sara, settled down in West Hempstead, NY, and purchased a men’s clothing business in Garden City, where they owned and managed what turned out to be a thriving tailoring business for many years.

Recently, as Mr. Rosenblum stepped into one of the elevator banks to visit his wife who was being cared for at Winthrop, memories of his days as a tailor were sparked by “The Hoag Pavilion Elevator” plaque that he encountered. Mrs. Dorothy Hoag, a devoted friend and benefactor of the Hospital, was a beloved client of Mr. Rosenblum’s. In fact, she and Dr. Ethan Breed, another vital supporter of the Hospital, frequented his shop in Garden City. They continued to be loyal customers after the store burned down in May 1973. Mr. Rosenblum reopened at 975 Franklin Avenue, where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

Touched by the gratitude and loyal support that the people of Garden City displayed toward him during his time of need, Mr. Rosenblum reflects today on how grateful he is for the outstanding care that his wife has received at Winthrop.

“The care and dedication of Winthrop’s staff is excellent,” said Mr. Rosenblum. “I spent many years of my life doing what I could for this community and now I have the privilege to be on the receiving end, for which I am ever so grateful.”

Winthrop’s Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Winthrop’s Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special luncheon at The Carltun. Over 135 patients and staff gathered to celebrate the Program’s success and growth over the years and to discuss the future of the Program.

Pictured at the celebration are (l.-r.) Richard Rivera, MPH, MT, CLCT, CHE, Vice President, Administration; Mara Bernstein, LRT, Administrative Director of Pulmonary Outpatient Services at Winthrop; and Michael Niederman, MD, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Winthrop.

A Patient Reflects on her Journey with Winthrop’s Pulmonary Rehab Program

Thanks to Dr. Niederman, Mara, Grace, Donna, Gigi, and Alan for those constant partners, compassion and determination that taught me to get my breath back, to have courage, endurance, adapt to different demands and develop the connection of mind and body. Looking back on the past 25 years of living and loving have... forced my belief; not only did I live many lifetimes during my life, but evolved it by giving up the torch to the better care of myself. When I took back at all the experiences I would have missed – experiences that I was able to handle, for me as I was including seven beautiful grandchildren, enjoying many opportunities I would have missed – I know I’m the luckiest person I know.

Members of Administration and the Department of Pediatrics join with staff from the Divisions of Pediatric Nephrology and Pediatric Neurology to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility.

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Winthrop Employees are Shining Stars! (continued from cover)

Staff enjoyed a variety of great raffle prizes courtesy of:

- 20/20 Eye Care
- ADP
- Alpha Systems
- AON Risk Solutions
- Applause Dancewear
- Benefits Plan Administrators (BPA)
- BFI
- Boltex
- Castius Salon
- Café Pomaggio
- Care Fusion - Alaris
- Cigna
- CitiBank
- Creative Solutions
- Father, Sons & Daughter Flooring
- Fiduciary Trust Company
- Flexible Systems
- Franwin Pharmacy
- Gourmet Grill
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Hamilton Cavanaugh & Associates, Inc.
- Hershey Park
- Homewood Suites Inn at Great Neck
- JVK Operations
- Liberty Travel - Piarro
- Marguerite Westbrook
- Medical Staff
- MMS Medical
- Plum Tomatoes
- PS Burgers
- Pyxis Peroperative Solutions
- Recovery Room
- Reliance Standard
- Salon Blue
- SK Archiving
- Smith & Dorney
- Splish Splash
- Stryker Medical
- The Clog Shop
- The Farmington Company
- TIAA-CREF
- Transamerica
- UnitedHealthCare
- United Health Vision
- US Foods
- Verizon Wireless
- Weeks Hotel & Spa
- Westbury Car Wash
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- WUH Credit Union
- WUH Gift Shop
A Tribute to Winthrop’s Nurses: Delivering Quality & Innovation in Patient Care (continued)

A highly anticipated event among the nursing community at Winthrop, the May 8 Nurse Appreciation breakfast highlighted the extraordinary contributions of several members of the nursing staff who go above and beyond the call of duty. This year, several nurses were recognized by their colleagues for their expertise, accomplishments, and outstanding contributions.

The winners of this year’s award recipients included:

- Alicia Capetandes, MS, RN, CCRN – Educator, MICU Mentor/Educator/Preceptor Award
- Carol Cohan, MHA, BSN, RN, COHN-S/CM – Director, Employee Health – Leadership Award
- Kathy Gallo, BSN, RN – Field nurse, Homecare Florence Nightingale Award
- Nandy Gerdes, BSN, RNC-NIC – Assistant Nurse Manager, NICU – Volunteerism/Community Service Award
- Grace Groser, BSN, OCN – Assistant Nurse Manager, Hoag 1 Clinical Excellence Award
- Nicholas Kiphart, AS, RN – Staff nurse, MICU Jillian Daly Memorial Award
- Alice Nash, MA, RN-C, NIC – Clinical Educator, NICU Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council Nurse of Excellence Nominee; Nurse.com GEM award
- Mona Stecker, DNP, NP-BC, CNRN – Special Projects Manager, Patient Care EBP/Research Award
- Other Winthrop nurses who achieved some outstanding accomplishments during the past year included:

- Lee Moldowsky, MSN, RN, BC – Nursing Quality Improvement Coordinator LIHN Shining Star 2012
- Alice Nash, MA, RN-C, NIC – Clinical Educator, NICU – Finalist in the Educator & Mentoring Category for the 2013 Nursing Spectrum’s Nurse of Excellence award for the New York/New Jersey Region

“You deliver an exceptional level of care, knowledge and competency to each of our patients. I am so very proud of the contributions you make every day to Winthrop, our patients, and to our physicians who bring our patients to the hospital,” said Ms. Terzano.

At the conclusion of the breakfast, Carlo Balthazar, BSN, RN, who works in Winthrop’s Neuro ICU, sang a special song for all those in attendance. Mr. Balthazar, who recently performed at Carnegie Hall, wowed the audience with his rendition of “You Raise Me Up.” – truly a special way to conclude the festivities.

Winthrop’s Trauma Team

Throughout Long Island, Winthrop has long been known as a New York State-Designated Regional Trauma Center – the highest designation in trauma care a hospital can receive. It means the Hospital delivers the most sophisticated level of care to adults and children every day, and can handle the most serious types of injuries. With a new sign outside the Emergency Department, the Hospital is now proudly touting this prestigious designation. Pictured in front of the sign are some of the members of Winthrop’s multidisciplinary Trauma Team, who work around the clock, dedicated to saving lives and preventing permanent disabilities in patients with severe, life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

Got News?

Promotion • Recognition Achievement • Marriage New Baby

The Pacemaker newsletter seeks to recognize Winthrop staff members for their notable professional achievements, promotions, or exciting life events. Do you have news that you’d like to share with the Winthrop Team? If so, we encourage you to submit your news along with any high resolution digital photographs for consideration for an upcoming Pacemaker.

Send submissions to:
Leanna Cherry Public Relations Manager
Email: lcherry@winthrop.org
Nearly 200 Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Attend Popular Neurosurgery Update Conference at Winthrop

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, 184 nurses and healthcare professionals attended the 10th Annual Neurosurgery Update Conference at Winthrop-University Hospital. The conference, which was held in the Dr. Martin Spatz Center, was sponsored by The Joseph A. Epstein MD Neurosurgical Education Foundation and Winthrop. What’s more, thanks to the assistance of Noyes Hanigan, RN, Nursing Educator from the Operating Room, the conference continues to provide five free nursing credits.

Nancy Epstein, MD, Chief of Neurosurgical Spine and Education at Winthrop, and organizer of the conference since its inception, discussed the Cons and Life-Threatening Complications of Epidural Steroid Injections. Epidural injections, shown to be ineffective over the long term, are being performed in many patients, often in a series of three, throughout the spine (neck, mid, and lower back). In 2012, a single compounding pharmacy in New England produced 17,700 vials that were distributed throughout the country; by January 2013, there were 45 reported deaths from a fungal infection involving the spinal fluid. Furthermore, these injections, which have no documented long-term benefits, can cause a host of complications. Dr. Epstein’s talk stressed the importance of informing not only the medical community, but also the lay community that these tests. By the end of his talk, attendees were able to appreciate the complex nature of the human hand, how it works, and how to fix it.

Recognizing Winthrop’s Dynamic Pathology Team

Every day, Winthrop’s Pathology Team plays an essential role in the delivery of quality healthcare at our institution. Through their understanding of diseases at the molecular level, our pathologists are among the most skilled diagnostic innovators and play an important role in patient care.

In celebration of their efforts and the critical work that each member of the team carries out each day, the Hospital was pleased to once again celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week. In addition to a special luncheon and bulletin board display in the Hospital’s Main Lobby, the Team’s efforts were recognized by the New York State Chapter of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science with a special proclamation, which was presented to Angela Toremi Robinson, MS, MLS (ASCP)cm, Associate Director of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, on the Hospital’s behalf.

Sarah Woolley, PhD, Neuroscientist and Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, Columbia University, speaks to attendees at the 10th Annual Neurosurgery Update Conference, sponsored by The Joseph A. Epstein MD Neurosurgical Education Foundation and Winthrop.
Winthrop’s Flu Vaccination Program: Thank You for Your Participation!

In September 2012, the Employee Health Department launched the Mandatory Election Influenza Vaccination Program for all employees at Winthrop, “TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM, GET A FLU VACCINE!” The program started with our peer to peer vaccination in the Nursing Department and expanded from the Employee Health Department to all employees, volunteers, students and affiliates. Employees were mandated to accept or decline the vaccine. Every employee was required to participate.

When the program ended on March 31, 2013, Carol Cohan, RN Director of Employee Health, announced a final vaccination rate among employees of 70 percent and a 97 percent compliance rate with the Mandatory Election Program. The program proved to be a great success and an improvement in the percentage of healthcare workers vaccinated compared to previous years. “The Winthrop Team did a great job with flu vaccination participation this year,” said Ms. Cohan. “The employees recognized the importance of vaccination against influenza. The Winthrop Team truly focused on the safety of our patients and colleagues alike by getting vaccinated to prevent transmission of influenza infection. Great job, Team Winthrop!”

The Employee Health Department expects to keep the momentum going through the 2013-14 Influenza Vaccine season with a goal of increasing the number of healthcare workers vaccinated against influenza. The Joint Commission asks that healthcare facilities develop interventions to continue to increase vaccination percentage incrementally each year with a goal of 90 percent of healthcare workers vaccinated by 2020. Most recently, The Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC) has approved new regulations that will require healthcare workers who are not vaccinated for influenza to wear surgical or procedure masks while in areas where they may come into contact with patients or residents during flu season. Research indicates that healthcare workers who get vaccinated help to reduce the following:
- transmission of influenza
- staff illness and absenteeism
- influenza-related illness and death, especially among people at increased risk for severe influenza illness

Healthcare workers will have a choice to be vaccinated or wear a mask. “This new mask requirement will help us to focus on our goal of patient and colleague safety by further reducing the potential for influenza transmission,” said Ms. Cohan. More information will be forthcoming when the 2013-14 Influenza Vaccination Program is officially launched.

The Green Team’s Commitment to the Environment

More than 120,000 healthcare facilities in the United States create six million tons of solid waste annually. Sustainable healthcare that’s good for the environment, as well as good for patients, staff and the community, requires action plans that include conservation, reduction and recycling, efficient use of energy, and partnerships with other community organizations. With this in mind, Winthrop believed there was a significant opportunity to raise awareness, strengthen and expand existing “green” practices and encourage participation at the Hospital.

In January 2013, Winthrop formed a Green Team comprised of staff from different areas of the Hospital to augment progress toward reducing our environmental impact through a collaborative committee.

The Green Team is a multidisciplinary group comprised of staff from Administration; Hospitality; Nursing; OR/ASU; Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations; Food & Nutrition; Pharmacy; Engineering, along with Stericycle, the Hospital’s partner in recycling. The Green Team is dedicated to developing, influencing and implementing sustainable practices, supporting environmental initiatives, developing a core group of supporters, providing ongoing information to staff and working to develop green solutions.

The Green Team would like to thank all employees at Winthrop – together we have recycled more than 700,000 thousand pounds of materials!

Winthrop Named Health Partner, Beneficiary for 2013 LI Marathon

Recently, Winthrop-University Hospital was pleased to be selected by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation & Museums as the Health Partner and nonprofit beneficiary of the RXR 2013 Long Island Marathon. Being selected as the nonprofit of choice for this year’s LI Marathon was certainly an honor and a privilege.

Representing Winthrop during the closing ceremonies was E. Ramone Segree, Vice President of Development, (left) who was pleased to join with Nassau County Executive, Ed Mangano, (center) and Nassau County Legislator, Rose Walker, (right) as they presented awards to the women’s first, second and third place winners.

Winthrop Intern Wins Research Award

Mark Stecker, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Neurosciences (second from right); Karin Antaky, NP (left); and Kathleen Michel, NP (right), worked with high school student Daniel Marciano last summer in the Department of Neurosciences. Their hard work paid off, and Daniel was selected as a winner of an Intel STS 2013 Research Report Digital Badge award in recognition of his paper titled, “Risk Factors for Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism in Patients with Stroke and Intracranial Hemorrhage.” Congratulations!
Breast Health Center
The Breast Health Center welcomes its newest team members.

Karen S. Barbosa, DO, is a Board Certified, Fellowship-trained Breast Surgeon who is passionate about providing patients with the highest level of care. Working together with the multidisciplinary team of specialists at Winthrop’s Breast Health Center, Dr. Barbosa is committed to providing patients with minimally invasive techniques and state-of-the-art treatment options.

Dr. Barbosa completed her undergraduate degree at Fordham University. She went on to complete a post baccalaureate program at Columbia University, followed by a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. A well-known lecturer and recipient of the Leaders of Excellence Award from the FACT Foundation, Dr. Barbosa has also published numerous articles in several prestigious medical journals. She was also recognized by the Nassau County Legislature in 2011 with the Healing Heroes Award and received Presidential Recognition by The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) for an Outstanding In Depth Review Program.

Michelle DeCastro, LMSW, has eight years of social work experience, where she has provided competent, empathic social work services to individuals and families who have experienced various psycho-social stressors, such as chronic illness, domestic violence, substance abuse and homelessness. Michelle provides individual, family and group support counseling as well as community referrals that address the emotional and financial needs of the breast cancer patient.

Colleen O’Brien, RN, CBCN, CBPN-IC, is a certified breast nurse navigator with over 25 years of diverse nursing experience. She provides support and education from diagnosis through treatment to survivorship and, if needed, end of life. She also identifies and addresses patient barriers to care.

Kathleen Schamberger, RN, BSN, has worked for Winthrop since 1983, and is the program coordinator who monitors and maintains the program’s compliance with NAPBC standards. She also spearheads new initiatives to meet the ever-changing needs of our patients and community.

Cancer Center for Kids
Welcome to Brianne Gruber, PsyD, who joins Winthrop as the Psychologist at the Cancer Center for Kids. Dr. Gruber completed her studies in School and Community Psychology at Hofstra University. Her internship at the Cancer Center for Kids, and her collaboration with the Center’s psychosocial team, have given her the opportunity to expand her areas of expertise as she continues to serve our children and their families.

Dr. Gruber’s primary focus will be on improving the coping and quality of life of patients and their families. She will also provide psychological evaluations and therapeutic services at the Center.

Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations
The Department congratulates Nancy Mann on her promotion to Manager of the Community Training Center and Carolann Martines on her promotion to Publications Specialist.

The Department also welcomes its newest team member, Michael Bourgoin, Senior Specialist, Hospital Survey Reporting and Analysis, joins the team with a wealth of healthcare experience. He most recently served as the Purchasing Manager at Cardiovascular Medical Associates. During this time, Michael also worked as a research assistant, focusing on data analysis, statistical analysis, coding, and technical paper writing, as related to healthcare. He has one published paper, with several others in the publishing process. With a Master’s degree in Applied Social Research from Queens College, Michael also teaches healthcare related classes at Queens College and continues to conduct research.

Christopher Genovese, Training Center Coordinator, is responsible for teaching and certifying physicians and nurses in cardiac and advanced cardiac life support. Christopher also teaches classes to the community. Christopher earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and completed three years of studies in basic and clinical sciences at The American University of Antigua School of Medicine.

Courtney Seck, Marketing Specialist, is responsible for assisting with special programs and community education outreach. Courtney completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities with a double minor in English and Child and Family Studies at Stony Brook University, as well as a Master of Arts degree in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics, also from Stony Brook University. Courtney comes to Winthrop’s Marketing Department after holding positions in Stony Brook University’s Career Center as well as their office of International Academic Programs and Services.

Engineering
Audrey Prahl and her husband, Steve, welcomed their first grandchild, Avery Hope Cinalli, on April 13, 2013, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Best wishes to the entire family!

Human Resources
Congratulations to Gina Thomas, Training Specialist, who recently became engaged to Dominick Toscano. The happy couple is planning a spring 2014 wedding. We wish Gina and Dominick much happiness!

Neuroscience
Congratulations to Dominic Bracco, PA-C, on his recent marriage!

Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations
The Department has much to celebrate;

Congratulations to Leanna Cherry, Public Relations Manager, and her husband, Kevin, who welcomed Owen William Berry into the world on February 21, 2013, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 21 ½ inches. The entire family, including big sister Juliana, is overjoying the new addition!

The Department shares in the joy of Physician Liaison Jackie Hansen as she celebrates her engagement to Michael Morotta. Best wishes to Jackie and Michael as they plan their summer 2014 wedding!

Neuroscience
The Department of Neuroscience welcomes Mary Rzeszut, MSW, LCSW, Neuroscience Social Worker. In this newly created position, Mary will be providing counseling, support services and referrals to community resources for patients and families with neurological disorders. Ms. Rzeszut is also the first social worker at Winthrop to recently become a credentialed provider for the Hospital’s private neurology practice in order to provide psychotherapy services to patients as well as members of the community.

Mary is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who earned her Master’s degree at Fordham University. Mary began her career at Winthrop in 2006 as a Renal Social Worker in the Outpatient Dialysis Unit. From there she moved to the Institute of Cancer Care providing services on an inpatient basis. She was a 2010 nominee for Winthrop’s Wholeness of Life Award and serves on the Hospital’s Bereavement Ministry Committee. In addition, Mary is a practicing psychotherapist at a local counseling center in Mineola, where she specializes in chronic illness, anxiety, depression and grief. Mary is a trained

Family News

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bereavement counselor and a Social Work Field Instructor for Molloy College.

Pharmacy
The Pharmacy Department would like to welcome their newest employees, Pharmacist Sunao Slayton, and Technicians Lauren Addio, Kenneth Palces, Rachael Reisch and Allison Hankey.

Psychiatry
Welcome to Amy Rosenberg, PsyD, consulting psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Rosenberg completed her studies in Clinical Psychology at Quinnipiac University and Nova Southeastern University. She has developed her clinical expertise from working at Emory University-Grady Memorial Hospital and the Long Island Jewish Medical Center-Zucker Hillside Hospital. In addition, Dr. Rosenberg has collaborated on many research studies. She has been published in the Encyclopedia of Child Behavior and Development and has presented at many national meetings.

Dr. Rosenberg’s primary clinical practice will be focused in Geriatrics and Palliative Care. She will also provide psychological services in the Emergency Department and Oncology.

Surgery
Winthrop Surgical Associates welcomes Kenneth Hall, MD, as its newest member of the Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery Team. Dr. Hall attended Howard University College of Medicine and completed a surgical residency at Stony Brook University. Dr. Hall is no stranger to Winthrop having done several clinical rotations here during his surgical training. Dr. Hall distinguished himself as a skilled and compassionate surgeon throughout his residency and fellowship.

During his fellowship, Dr. Hall was personally trained by Dr. Collin Brathwaite in minimally invasive and robotic surgery and conducted research in this field. He has presented numerous papers at several national meetings including the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons Conference in Los Angeles, California, the Clinical Robotic Surgery Association in Houston, Texas, and at the Society of Critical Care Medicine in San Diego. We wish him great success in his career.

The month of March was National Social Work Month. Winthrop’s social workers provide comprehensive care in diverse departments throughout the Hospital. It is well known in the medical community that social workers link patients to proper community resources and assist in obtaining medical insurance and entitlements. Within their scope of practice, social workers can assess mood, anxiety and depression and intervene to keep a patient medically stable.

Within the healthcare system, social work intervention can be a pivotal part of a patient’s recovery. The services that social workers provide can improve patient outcomes while reducing occurrence of hospitalization and related expenses. Social workers are valuable members of the healthcare team and foster relationships with patients and their families to address problematic issues before they become a crisis.

We celebrate our dynamic social work team for all that they have done and continue to do for Winthrop’s patients.

After 19 years of dedicated service to Winthrop, Peter Holcak of the Department of Food and Nutrition Services (seated) has created his greatest dish—retirement! The Department recently gathered for a special celebration in Peter’s honor to say farewell to their well-respected colleague and dear friend. We wish Peter much happiness in his retirement and in his future endeavors!
Professional Accomplishments

Hoag 2
Gayathri Sampath, RN, MSN, MHA, Assistant Nurse Manager, earned both a Master of Science in Nursing degree and a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Phoenix. Congratulations, Gayathri!

Infectious Disease
Internationally known and respected as a diagnostician, Burke A. Cunha, MD, Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease, was recently appointed to serve on the Editorial Board of the international journal Expert Opinion in Diagnostic Medicine, published by Informa Press in London – the first and only medical journal dedicated to diagnosis.

Neuroscience
Endovascular neurosurgeon Jonathan L. Brisman, MD, Chief of Winthrop’s Division of Neurosurgery and Surgical Director of the Hospital’s Neurosciences Unit, was recently honored for leading 150 Neuroscience Cerebrovascular Case Conferences. The special recognition was given by Mark Stecker, MD, PhD, Chair of the Hospital’s Department of Neuroscience.

The cerebrovascular case presentation conferences are ongoing educational programs for staff in which specialists discuss the management of particularly complicated cases. Dr. Brisman picks cases that are especially enlightening and often have to do with patients who have complicated or rare disease states. The team works together to plan and implement the conferences, which are generally held weekly.

In addition, The American Congress of Neurological Surgeons presented Dr. Brisman with the prestigious H.W. Schaefer Award for excellence in neurosurgery. The award is given for teaching and research contributions in the field of neurosurgery.

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Invasive Surgery
In 2008, Dr. Koenig pioneered this procedure in New York: a technique utilizing a state-of-the-art robotic cutting guide in implantation of a total knee replacement with APEX robotic technology in Europe. An internationally recognized expert in the field of minimally invasive and bone preserving total joint replacement, Dr. Koenig was also a guest lecturer at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Annual Meeting of the President’s Council, where he discussed “Robotic-Assisted Knee Replacement.”

Orthopedics
Jan Koenig, MD, Chief of Joint Replacement Surgery and Director of Computer Assisted and Robotic Orthopedic Surgery, mentored a team of Orthopedic Surgeons at Hospital Vall d’Hebron in Barcelona, Spain, to help them perform the first implantation of a total knee replacement with APEX robotic technology in Europe. An internationally recognized expert in the field of minimally invasive and bone preserving joint replacement, Dr. Koenig pioneered this procedure in New York State, having performed over 1,500 robotically assisted cases. He also performed the Hospital’s first computer-assisted total knee replacement utilizing a state-of-the-art robotic cutting guide in February 2012. Dr. Koenig recently co-authored the chapter “Robotic-Assisted Knee Replacement Surgery” in Minimally Invasive Surgery, which was published this fall.

Pharmacy
Congratulations to several members of the pharmacy staff who presented the following four posters at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Mid-Year Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas in December:

Mohamed Dungersi, PharmD Candidate; Neal Shah, PharmD Candidate; Shan Wang, PharmD; and Brian Malone, MS, authored “Utilization Evaluation of Intravenous Ibpurofen

Ophthalmology
Lawrence F. Jindra, MD, Chief Emeritus of Ophthalmology at Winthrop and a specialist in glaucoma and cataract surgery, has attended several domestic and international ophthalmology association meetings over the last year.

In 2012, Dr. Jindra was invited to the 60th Annual National Congress of the Venezuelan Society of Ophthalmology, where he spoke on “Long Term Results with Selective Laser Trabe- culoplasty (SLT) as Primary, Secondary and Repeat Therapy.” Additionally, he spoke with colleagues at the University of the Yucatan in Mexico and at Princess Grace Medical Center in Monaco about his research on SLT. At the 6th Biannual Meeting of the Argentine Glaucoma Society in Buenos Aires, Dr. Jindra was a keynote speaker where he gave two invited presentations on SLT and on Non-Penetrating Trabecelectomy (NPT).

In 2013, Dr. Jindra attended the Fourth World Congress on Controversies in Ophthalmology held in Budapest, Hungary, spoke with colleagues at Belarussian Eye Hospital in Minsk, and then travelled to Prague to speak about SLT and the beneficial results it has had in lowering intraocular pressure (IOP) in glaucoma patients. Most recently, Dr. Jindra attended the 2013 American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Symposium (ASCRS), where he was the senior author on three posters on the topic of SLT and the long term treatment of glaucoma.

Edward M. Stroh, MD, Attending Physician in the Department of Ophthalmology, authored the small case study “Quinupristin/dalfopristin in Vancomycin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Endophthalmitis” that was published in Archives of Ophthalmology, Vol 130, No. 10, October 2012. In addition, Dr. Stroh, Stephen Kronwith, MD, PhD, Attending Physician in the Department of Ophthalmology, and Nazeef Hanna, MD, Chief of Neonatology, have submitted their study, “Intravitreal Avastin Plus Laser Therapy in Aggressive Zone 1 Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP);” for publication.

Pediatrics
Ann Mock, RN, CCRC, Pediatric Research Coordinator, passed the Association of Clinical Research Professionals’ certification exam and is now a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator. Congratulations, Ann!

Dina Pahlajani, MD, Attending Physician in the Department of Pediatrics and Co-founder of Children’s Hope India, was honored for her contributions in field of medicine and community service at the Annual Outstanding Women’s Achievements Gala. Held as part of Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day celebrations in March, the Gala honored women from various fields for their contributions. Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray was the Guest of Honor at the event. Honorees also received citations from Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, Councilman Anthony Santino and Anthony Wink of the Nassau County Legislature. Congratulations, Dr. Pahlajani!

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Winthrop’s Researchers Awarded Grants

Allison Reiss, MD, Head, Inflammation Section, and Louis Rogalia, PhD, Director, Biomedical Research, were both awarded grants to support their research.

Dr. Reiss received an NIH R21 grant entitled: “Resveratrol as an Innovative Cardiovascular Therapeutic Strategy in Lupus.” It is a two-year Exploratory/Development grant with a total award of $353,268 for the grant period.

Dr. Reiss has found that the inflammatory state caused by lupus promotes atherosclerosis by encouraging excess cholesterol to accumulate in arteries. ASCVD in lupus is difficult to treat. Response to classic medications such as statins is inadequate. She has demonstrated that the dietary supplement resveratrol can reverse the effects of statins, and improve cholesterol processing in cells. Resveratrol prevents lipid overload and thus may provide a novel approach to prevent cardiovascular disease in the lupus population. This natural plant-derived anti-inflammatory nutraceutical can restore cholesterol balance to cells in an inflamed state, the research will focus on resveratrol’s ability to slow or stop atherosclerosis.

In addition, Dr. Rogalia was awarded a three-year, $200,000 grant from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation entitled, “Role of Prostaglandin D2 in Preterm Birth.” The research will focus on prostaglandins, which are specialized lipids that mediate inflammation and play an important role in triggering labor at term, in order to identify women at risk of infection-related preterm delivery. The goal of the research is to develop drug treatments to prevent this.
Winthrop Nurses Provide Life-Saving Screenings

There is a special culture of caring here at Winthrop, one that prompts many Hospital employees to give back to the community long after they have left their jobs. Anna Holmes, RN, Kristen Dudek, RN, and Cathy Torre, RN, of Cardiology, and Dianna Tyznar, RN, of GP3, are four nurses who do just that. They volunteer in a variety of positions including quarterly support groups for patients with internal cardiovertor defibrillators, are highly involved with Long Island Miracles, and provide screenings at WUH/Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association (SCAA) health fairs.

At health fairs, the team performs EKGs, echocardiograms, physicals, and teach CPR and AED use. Findings are presented to an on-site electrophysiologist for review and diagnosis. At the last screening, over 200 adolescents were screened and 16 “rescues” were identified. Eight children were diagnosed with life-threatening heart anomalies and eight children were diagnosed with hypertensive disorders. Their prompt action enabled these children to be diagnosed and receive the medical attention that they needed.

Thank you to Anna, Kristen, Cathy, and Dianna for your lifesaving work in the community!

Second Annual Nursing Symposium Empowers Nurses

The Critical Care Education Committee held a very successful Second Annual Nursing Symposium on January 25, 2013 at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset. The program consisted of eight speakers and was presented to 95 nurses from Winthrop and other local hospitals. The keynote speaker was Deb Gaudlin, RN, a nurse that is also an engaging speaker who specializes in healthcare morale and women’s well-being.

Other speakers who presented during the program included Mary Arenas, BSN, RN, a nurse investigator in risk management; Bruce Cohn, JD, MPH, EMT-CC, Vice President of Risk Management, who spoke about documentation and legal issues; Eileen Campbell, a Patient Satisfaction Specialist, who presented “Time Management for People with No Time;” Scott Schubach, MD, Chairman of the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, who presented “Emerging Technologies in the Treatment of Aortic Stenosis;” Lee Eric Tessler, MD, Chief of Neuro Trauma, who presented “Cyberknife: It’s Not Like It’s Brain Surgery;” and James DeLuca, DPT, and Chris Voltmer, DPT, from the Physical Therapy Department, who spoke about early mobilization of ICU patients.

This Committee, which consists of Christine Marsiello, MSN, RN-BC, CCRN, Director of Professional Nursing Practice and Nursing Education, Donna Caccavale, MBA, RN, CIC, BSN, NEA-BC, Director of Critical Care Nursing, Nurse Educators; Silvana Justliniano, MS, RN, CCRN; Manjula R. Stanislaus, MSN, RN, MHA, CCRN, CMC, RN-BC – Telemetry; Alicia Capetandes, MS, RN, CCRN-MICU; Patricia Janicke, BSN, RN, CNRN-NSICU; and Kim Marshall, BSN, RN – SICU/4N, work diligently to provide educational opportunities, to enhance nursing knowledge in critical care. For information about future programs, visit the nursing education section of the Winthrop Intranet.

A Special Delivery Makes One Monday Morning a Little Brighter

With their great knowledge and compassionate hearts, staff on Hoag 1 deliver the highest standards of care to patients every day. Through a partnership between the 1-800-Flowers.com “Imagine the Smiles” program and TNT, which recently premiered a new medical drama series, “Monday Mornings,” the heroic efforts of nurses and staff on Hoag 1 were recognized with beautiful bouquets of flowers. The flowers certainly made their Monday morning a little brighter and kicked off their week with a smile! Congratulations to the Hoag 1 staff, and thank you for all that you do for Winthrop’s patients.

We have long believed that Winthrop-University Hospital is one of the best places to work, not only in healthcare, but on Long Island. Now it’s time to prove it.

Winthrop is competing for Modern Healthcare’s 2013 Best Places to Work in Healthcare Award. In the beginning of June, a random sample of employees received surveys from Modern Healthcare that asked you questions about Winthrop. We wish to thank all employees who participated for your honest feedback. Responses are confidential and are invaluable to the application process.

Winners are expected to be announced in the early fall - and we are hopeful that Winthrop will be recognized among the best places to work!
Two Units Recognized for Participation in Pain Management Survey

Congratulations to the nursing staff of Radiation Oncology and GP3 for achieving the highest response rate to the staff pain survey conducted by The Pain Reduction and Comfort Management Committee. Radiation Oncology achieved a 100 percent response rate, and GP3 achieved an 82 percent response rate. Both Radiation Oncology and GP3 were awarded with a luncheon to thank them for their efforts. The Hospital-Wide Pain Reduction and Comfort Management Committee, including Co-Chairs Paula E. Lester, MD, FACP, and Janet Shehata, BSN, RN, OCN, would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Please look for an opportunity to participate in a follow-up survey later this year to help improve pain management for our patients.

PA’s Honored for Completing Unique Residency Program

Members of Winthrop’s surgical, neurosurgical and cardiothoracic teams gathered at a special luncheon to celebrate the vast achievements of Lauren Naab, PA, and William Holecek, PA, both of whom completed Winthrop’s Post Graduate Physician Assistant Residency Program in Surgical Critical Care Medicine in October. The Program – now in its fifth year – is designed to provide PAs with the advanced knowledge and technical skills necessary to implement evidence-based management and care of patients with critical illness and injury. Throughout the year, Ms. Naab and Mr. Holecek worked closely with staff throughout Winthrop’s Departments of Surgery, Neurosciences and Cardiology, participating in patient rounds, operative procedures and patient care conferences, and being involved in all phases of patient care.

“The goal of our Residency Program is to train the Physician Assistant to be an extraordinary practitioner in the field of surgical critical care medicine. It is through the interface of teaching, intense clinical training, ethical awareness, and a strong dedication to the Physician Assistant profession that this can be accomplished,” said Frank Rizzuto, RPA-C, Program Director. “We congratulate Lauren and William on their accomplishments and wish them much continued success.”

An Update from Safety & Security: Winthrop’s Security Codes – What You Need to Know

At Winthrop, your health – and safety – means everything. As part of Hospital Administration’s ongoing commitment to ensuring that each employee is fully prepared and has the support they need from each other should a crisis arise, there are several important Hospital-wide initiatives underway to provide training to employees in the following situations.

Code Amber

Code Amber signals a Hospital-wide, coordinated response to stop any person’s attempt to abduct an infant. The Hospital recently updated its Code Amber response capability by installing a brand new, state-of-the-art, infant abduction deterrent alarm system, which combines a variety of high-tech surveillance and alarm measures to ensure the safety of all newborns and young children within our Hospital.

Code M

Code M (which stands for Manpower) has been designed to provide support to staff should they encounter a confrontational patient or member of the public. If an employee finds himself or herself in a situation where they feel threatened, they can request a Code M response, which will trigger a coordinated response from trained Hospital employees. Approximately 40 employees have volunteered to be a part of the Code M Response Team and have undergone extensive training in a variety of techniques and strategies to diffuse a potentially difficult situation. The team can be activated 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this response team, you should contact your supervisor, who, if in agreement, will contact Winthrop’s Director of Safety and Security.

Code Silver

Code Silver signals a response to the presence of an active shooter. While hopefully no such response will ever be necessary, recent events have made it clear that we must all be prepared to take the appropriate steps should the situation present. The response to Code Silver is evolving through a partnership between the Hospital and the Nassau County Police Department. In the coming months, all Winthrop employees will receive further information on what to do should a Code Silver be activated. Please keep a look out in your department for more information on these important initiatives.
Winthrop Hosts Healthcare Career Fair for More Than 200 High School Students

More than 200 students from Baldwin, Massapequa, and Mineola High Schools, as well as Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead visited Winthrop’s Dr. Martin Spatz Conference Center on March 7 to participate in a Healthcare Career Fair. This initiative is designed to introduce students to careers in healthcare, as well as to provide them with information about healthy living.

Students had an opportunity to visit display tables where staff from more than 20 Winthrop departments including Clinical Informatics, Home Health Care, Nursing, Pathology, The Pediatric Travel Center, Dialysis, Orthopedics, Human Resources, and Marketing and Public Relations, among others, spoke to students about their specific job responsibilities in the Hospital and the various career opportunities in the healthcare field, as well as the educational requirements. In addition, representatives from A Step Ahead Prosthetics were on site to provide educational information to students about the growing field of prosthetics and orthotics. Students also had the chance to watch demonstrations of casting for broken limbs, and the Department of Neuroscience demonstrated Winthrop’s Remote Presence (RP) robot, which allows physicians to remotely see patients in the Hospital. Keigh Miesenbaum, DVM, and Maria Capozzi-Gross of Crawford Dog and Cat Hospital in Garden City were also on site to explain veterinary medicine to students.

“Winthrop-University Hospital was pleased to host such a successful event for high school students, and we look forward to future events that will provide even more students with the same opportunity to learn about the vast career choices in the healthcare field,” said Diane Bachor, Director of Grants and Special Programs at Winthrop.

New Center for Family Dental Medicine Opens at Winthrop

Winthrop’s Department of Dental Medicine recently celebrated the grand opening of the Center for Family Dental Medicine, a full service dental facility located at 200 Old Country Road, Suite 460. This state-of-the-art center offers a full complement of dental services and was developed to serve the community’s patients as well as enable dentists to complete their New York State residency requirements in a hospital setting.

Under the expert leadership of Andrei Barash, DMD, MDS, Chairman of the Department of Dental Medicine at Winthrop, the Center’s team also includes Dr. Kathleen Agoglia, Director of the Dental Medicine Training Program, Dr. Leonard Hoffman, Chief of the Division of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, and attending faculty with expertise in all specialties of dentistry.

Present for the ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the opening of the Center for Family Dental Medicine were (-.) Susan Guralnick, MD, Director of Graduate Medical Education; Charles Strain, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Andrei Barash, DMD, MDS, Chairman of the Department of Dental Medicine at Winthrop; John Aloia, MD, Chief Academic Officer; John F. Collins, President and CEO of Winthrop; Kathleen Agoglia, DDS, Director of the Dental Medicine Training Program; Rich Rivera, MPH, MT, LCRT, CHE, Vice President, Administration; and Jeanie White, Director of Faculty Practice at Winthrop.

The facility is conveniently located within walking distance from the Main Hospital at 200 Old Country Road, Suite 460. Free parking is also available in the garage, located in back of the building. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information about coverage or to schedule an appointment, please call 663-2752.