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## Critical Information

### A Message From Ajay Kumar and Matthew Saidel

Today marks the fourth annual National Women Physicians Day, celebrating female physicians everywhere across the country. National Women Physicians Day was first observed in 2016 in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell's birthday, the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States in 1849. Dr. Blackwell initiated a lasting movement that helped women gain entry and equality in the field of medicine.

Medicine has historically been a field dominated by men, but that landscape is changing. In 2017, for the first time in history, women made up more than half of all those in medical schools. It is exciting and gratifying to see the growing number of women physicians who have chosen to dedicate their lives and passion to this calling.

Here at Hartford Hospital, we would like to pause and take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary contributions of our 476 female physicians.

Please know that our entire leadership team pays tribute to the amazing work female doctors do every day. Join us in acknowledging this recognition alongside our colleagues, friends and families, not just on February 3, but each and every day.

## **New Supplier for Blood and Blood Products**

On Feb. 1, 2019, Hartford HealthCare ended its relationship with the American Red Cross (ARC) and entered a partnership with Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC) as HHC's primary supplier of blood products and transfusion-related reference testing.

[Learn more](#)

## **Epic Tip: Specialty Comments**

In the era of paper charts, it was easy to write a little comment inside the folder jacket regarding a patient. Perhaps it was just a little comment to remind yourself or your colleagues about some key information on this patient or things you need to check back on. Some people have found Epic's sticky note functionality useful for this, but only you and you alone can view that sticky note.

Specialty Comments are a great way to add a short comment to a particular patient that you, other peers in your specialty or support staff can see.

[Learn how to use Specialty Comments](#)

## **Did you know? There's a simple anti-tumor immunotherapy toxicity management algorithm**

Are you aware of the simple anti-tumor immunotherapy toxicity management algorithm? While overriding immune tolerance to attack cancer is proving efficacious, we routinely induce symptomatic off-target inflammatory conditions that can destroy an organ and/or cause death if left unchecked.

[Click here to read more from Dr. Omar Eton](#)

## **Noteworthy and New**

### **Black & Red Nets \$1.1M for the Brownstone Clinic**

With more than 1,100 guests filling The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, January 26, Hartford Hospital's signature fundraising event, the Black & Red, raised more than \$1.1 million to support the Brownstone Clinic's work in serving people who would otherwise have no place to turn for healthcare.

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### **On-Demand Tours of the New Inpatient Rehab Unit Now Available**

Want to visit the new Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at Hartford Hospital, but didn't have time to see it before it opened? Now you can arrange a tour of the new facility on demand!

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Chief Investment Officer Wins Innovation Award

Hartford HealthCare Chief Investment Officer David Holmgren has been honored with a 2018 Industry Innovation Award for Collaboration from Chief Investment Officer.

The award celebrates the asset owners and organizations driving innovation in institutional asset management. In announcing the honor, the financial media website noted: "Holmgren is widely recognized for his long-term, top-quartile performance record and often is referenced as an industry expert on institutional manager selection, asset allocation, and risk function design."

[Click here to learn more and read a profile of Holmgren from CIO](#)

## Institute for Healthcare Improvement Age-Friendly Health Systems Initiative

Christine Waszynski, DNP, APRN, and Robert Dicks, MD, were recently invited by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to participate in the Age-Friendly Health Systems National Action Community Forum in Orlando.

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## New Year, Many Old Challenges Face State Lawmakers in Hartford

As we kick off 2019, ringing in the new certainly rings true at the state Capitol, where a new governor and 40 new lawmakers were sworn in during the month of January.

[Read the rest of the guest column from Kimberly Harrison, VP for Government Affairs](#)

## Recognizing Excellence

### A Message from Sabet Hashim, Mariane Carna and Ajay Kumar

Dr. Paul Thompson transitioned from his current roles as Chief of Cardiology for Hartford Hospital and Co-Physician-in-Chief of Hartford HealthCare's Heart & Vascular Institute (HVI) on January 31, 2019. The HVI continues to demonstrate growth and development;

recognizing the need to build on our regional and national reputation focusing on quality and clinical research. To support this vision, Dr. Thompson will assume a new role as Hartford Hospital Chief of Cardiology, Emeritus while continuing to provide clinical care, and supporting research and clinical innovation within the HVI.

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### In Brief

This month's report includes news about Dr. Paul D. Thompson, Dr. Jonathan Kost and Dr. Gualberto Ruano.

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### Welcome New Providers to Hartford Hospital

Please visit <https://hartfordhospital.org/find-a-doctor> for more information on these and other providers.

#### Physicians

Ralph Benjamin, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)
Kateryna Bertuch, MD	Rheumatology
Michael DiBianco, MD	Psychiatry (Moonlighter)
Jonathan Eldor, MD	Trauma Surgery
Lothar Gebauer, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)
Sana Khan, MD	Hospital Medicine
Mary Angeli Lock, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)
Stephen Lock, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)
Peter Lucchio, PsyD	Psychology
Adrienne Miscimarra, PsyD	Psychology
Adwoa Nyanin, MD	Hospital Medicine
Augusto Parra, MD, MPH	Neurocritical Care
Jenny Lee Petrauskas, MD	Pediatrics
Karim Rahimi, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)
Sean Richardson, MD	Radiology
Kyle Shepard, MD	Psychiatry (Moonlighter)
Gagan Jot Singh, MD	Hospital Medicine
Kipp Van Meter, DO	Family Medicine
Farhan Zahid, MD	Hospital Medicine (Locum)

#### Allied Health

Sarah Buydos, APRN	Cardiology
Irina Collins, PA	Hospital Medicine
Natalie Grodzki, PA	Hospital Medicine
Laurie Kennedy, ARRN	Psychiatry

Michael King, PA-C	Cardiology
Amanda Lewis, PA	Trauma Surgery
Kaitlyn Mehern, PA	Transplant Surgery
Madeline Munn, APRN	Endocrinology
Brett Nowlan, PA-C	Emergency Medicine
Francesca Sessa, PA-C	Occupational Health (Locum)
Jennifer Silva, APRN	Cardiology
Tanya Smith, CNM	Ob-Gyn
Monica Tenjarla, PA	Medicine

## Coming Up

### Multidisciplinary Approach to Treatment of Headache & Dizziness

#### Headache Management: A Case-based Approach

Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Pond House, 1555 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford

5:30 to 9:00pm

This program will inform and assist internal medicine and family practice physicians to help identify, screen, treat and coordinate care for patients suffering from headaches and dizziness. Following this presentation, the audience member should be able to:

- Identify warning signs of serious secondary headaches
- Review the diagnostic criteria of migraine
- Discuss general principles of acute and preventive migraine treatment
- Assess the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions for patients with migraines
- Review the algorithm for the diagnosis and management of acute aural fullness
- Review the algorithm for the diagnosis and management of the patient presenting with dizziness
- Obtain a complete patient history in triage of the patient presenting with dizziness
- Examine the role of the vestibular therapist in the treatment of the patient presenting with dizziness
- Manage the common causes of vertigo

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### Department of Medicine Endocrine Intercity Grand Rounds

#### Gender Dysphoria: An Update for the Endocrinologist

March 7, 2019  
Conklin Building, Rooms 139-140  
12 noon to 1 p.m.

Featuring Priya Phulwani, MD, pediatric endocrinologist at CT Children's Medical Center. The objectives of this session are to:

- Define gender dysphoria
- Review how a diagnosis of gender dysphoria is made
- Provide respectful care to patients with various forms of gender incongruence
- Apply current practice guidelines for the hormone management of gender dysphoria

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### Planning a CME Activity?

- The CME department encourages program planners to begin the application process as far in advance of the CME activity as possible.
- Visit the HHC CME [website](#) to learn more about CME Offerings
- Click [here](#) to request an application today
- Contact [continuinged@hhchealth.org](mailto:continuinged@hhchealth.org) to schedule a planning session

### For Your Information

#### Therapeutic Hub Receives Grant From Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has generously provided a grant of \$11,750 to the Therapeutic Hub at Hartford Hospital. The Therapeutic Hub, located on the 4th floor of the Conklin Building, offers patients and their families a space to participate in individualized and group activities designed to promote cognitive engagement, physical activity, and socialization.

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#### Foley Foundation Grant Supports Genomic Testing At HHC Cancer Care Innovation Unit

Ron Foley Foundation has awarded a grant of \$45,000 to support the Cancer Care Innovation Unit offering phase I clinical trials at the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at Hartford Hospital. This generous funding will support IMPACT™ (Integrated Mutation Profiling of Actionable Cancer Targets) testing for pancreatic patients with need.

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