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What's news...

## Critical Information

Everything you need to know

### In Honor of National Doctors' Day

Although we owe much of our accomplishments to our skilled and distinguished teams, I think about the many times I hear from patients and their families that their doctor was incredible, or the doctor saved their life or the life of a loved one. I see Press Ganey scores where the doctor is the highest rated factor on the continuum.

This month we saw the list of the seventeen billionaires in Connecticut. There were hedge fund managers, CEOs, even Vince McMahon; nary a doctor among them. For those outsiders who say doctors are in this for the money, I say that the doctors I know are all smart enough to accomplish anything those billionaires accomplished.

But you made a different choice. It's right there on your med school application: "I want to help people," or, "I want to make a difference." Perhaps you didn't know how hard that was going to be, but you stuck with it through long years of training, long hours on call, and at times when no good deed would go unpunished.

So today, when we sometimes feel like cogs in a machine that someone else is driving, we pause to remember why we are here, and to savor the remarkable feeling that arises from the very special relationship between a doctor and their patient. We are not only their caregiver, but their best advocate.

In the conversation about health care cost, value, insurance, and so on, I promise to keep my eye on you, your teams and your patients, who remain at the center of the discussion. I am honored to represent you and I congratulate you on this National Doctors' Day.

Mat Saidel  
President, Hartford Hospital Medical Staff

### Doctors' Day Recognition Celebrations

In honor of Doctors' Day, Hartford Hospital will host special recognition events in the physician lounge. The events will be held in mid-April due to the late March holiday weekend.

Please join us for a meal as we express our thanks for all you do.

#### Tuesday, April 10

- Breakfast: 6:30 to 8 a.m.
- Lunch: 12 to 1:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 12

- Breakfast: 6:30 to 8 a.m.
- Dinner: 5 to 6:30 p.m.

## **New Intranet Coming Soon**

The current Hartford Hospital intranet site was developed over 20 years ago and has not changed significantly over time. In order to make the intranet more efficient, functional and user-friendly, Planning & Marketing will be transitioning the Hartford Hospital intranet to a new site on HHC Connect. The site is scheduled to go live on Wednesday, April 11.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

## **Late Career Practitioner Policy**

The Late Career Practitioner policy is being implemented this month. The policy pertains to all practitioners age 70 and over with privileges at a Hartford HealthCare hospital, as well as new applicants. The Medical Staff Office will be sending an email communication with a copy of the policy, the workflow and frequently asked questions to practitioners being reappointed this year.

## **Medical Staff Services Web Page Just a Click Away**

Did you know there is a Medical Staff page on the Hartford Hospital website? Visit [hartfordhospital.org/MedStaff](http://hartfordhospital.org/MedStaff) for information on by-laws/policies, how to apply for privileges, a monthly listing of educational conferences and more. Bookmark the page for convenience.

## **Annual Medical Staff/Board Spring Event May 31, Medical Staff Winners Announced**

The Annual Medical Staff-Board Spring Event will be held on Thursday, May 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Heublein Hall.

Part of the event is the Annual Medical Staff Awards, which honor individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the medical community.

Please join your colleagues in recognizing the accomplishments of the recipients of our Annual Medical Staff Awards, and welcome new faculty members joining Hartford Hospital.

Awards will be presented to:

- [Dr. Eric Oligino](#) - *DAVID HULL, MD YOUNG PRACTITIONER AWARD*
- [Dr. Peter Beller](#) - *JOHN K. SPRINGER HUMANITARIAN AWARD*
- [Dr. Paul Thompson](#) - *PHYSICIAN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD*
- [Dr. Jack Greene](#) and [Dr. Lenworth Jacobs](#) - *DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*
- [Danette Alexander, PhD](#) and [Dr. Avital Porat](#) - *QUALITY & SAFETY AWARD*

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## **Noteworthy and New**

*Announcements, news and information*

### **Hartford HealthCare and Tufts Announce Joint Health Venture**

Hartford HealthCare's joint venture with Tufts Health Plan was described in a front-page lead story in the Hartford Courant on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The story described the unique nature of the plan (a partnership with providers and payor to benefit patients) and the vision of better care coordination and a less stressful healthcare experience for plan members.

Read the full story on [the Hartford Courant website](#) or [as a PDF](#).

### **Hartford HealthCare First in State to Perform Robotic Esophagectomy**

Dr. Stefan Kachala, a thoracic surgeon at the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute, has performed the first successful robotic esophagectomy in the state. The procedure was done at Hartford Hospital using the da Vinci robotic system on March 1.

Read the full story [here](#).

## **iRIS Training Classes**

The Human Research Protections Program is pleased to offer a series of monthly iRIS training classes. iRIS is the online submission system for everything that pertains to research and the Institutional Review Board (IRB). If you are interested in honing your skills in iRIS or if you are completely new to iRIS, please take advantage of this opportunity. Visit the [iRIS Training Intake Sheet](#) to sign up for one of the upcoming trainings. Save this link to sign future employees up for iRIS training.

The training repeats each month at different times. If you only can make it for one hour, feel free to come for the session you think best applies to your needs. You are welcome to sign up for multiple training sessions. Please sign up in REDCap so we know how many people to expect and if our facility is large enough. Currently all trainings are scheduled to be held in the Robinson Library, classroom three.

If you have any questions please contact Pamela Johnson at [Pamela.Johnson@hhhealth.org](mailto:Pamela.Johnson@hhhealth.org) or 860.972.0141; or Sharice Brown at [Sharice.Brown@hhhealth.org](mailto:Sharice.Brown@hhhealth.org) or 860. 972.1251.

Click [here](#) to view a list of upcoming training dates.

## **Hartford Hospital "Baby Friendly" Once Again**

Hartford Hospital was redesignated as a Baby-Friendly Hospital for another five years by Baby-Friendly USA, an organization that recognizes hospitals and birthing centers for offering optimal care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies.

Read the full story in the [March 12 edition of RxTra](#).

## **Exercise Program, Now Covered by Insurance, Beats Surgery for Peripheral Artery Disease**

People living with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), a condition where blood flow to legs is poor because arteries are narrow or blocked, now have one more option for reducing pain and improving quality of life: a supervised exercise program.

The program, which can deliver similar outcomes to surgery including decreased leg cramping and better quality of life, is now covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans. One such offering is Hartford Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Read the full story [here](#).

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## **Recognizing Excellence**

*Awards, accolades and achievements*

### **Saidel Pays Tribute to Elizabeth Schlaff**

*Dr. Matthew Saidel recently honored Elizabeth Schlaff on the occasion of her retirement. Dr. Saidel delivered the following remarks at the March 5 Medical Executive Committee Meeting:*

Elizabeth joined the staff of then-New Britain General in September of 1990. She saw the consolidation of New Britain and Bradley Memorial into HOCC. At that time she was a one-stop shop as General

Counsel and Director of Risk Management for all things legal including DPH visits, contracts, IRB/Research, all claims, medical staff issues, patient issues, governance and more.

When HOCC joined HHC, and our medical staff counsel departed, it was our good fortune to have Elizabeth take over that position.

Elizabeth has a semi-full time position making me look smart. When I chaired the system bylaws committee, Elizabeth was the ventriloquist helping me answer obscure legal questions.

As we have navigated strange and uncharted territory in the disrupted sea of health care, we seem to lose our bearings every time we turn down a new path. It is incredibly reassuring and stabilizing to have someone who knows the rules and can bring you back to reality in an always calm, unassuming but assertive manner. When the medical staff leadership gets together early Monday morning, we have the choice of dealing with a particular situation in ways ranging from throwing a parade for someone to tar-and-feathering the same individual. We all shoot from the hip and put in our two cents in and then we turn to Elizabeth who tells us what the rules are and puts us on a rational path.

Elizabeth Schlaff is a good person who has the best interest of each and every one of us on the medical staff at heart. We are privileged to have known her and we want to wish her the best in her retirement. To give her a good start towards relaxing and doing the things she loves most we would like to present her with tokens of our appreciation. The first is a membership to the museum of Metropolitan Art in New York City. We hope you will spend much time there and not think about us. The second will feed a particular indulgence of hers: a gift certificate for the Strand bookstore in New York City. Use them in good health, and may your life be as rich as you have made ours.

### **Salner Published in Int'l Journal of Radiation Oncology**

Dr. Andrew Salner's article, "Our Role in Radiation Disaster Preparedness," was published in the International Journal of Radiation Oncology.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **Grosberg Delivers Lectures in Colombia**

Dr. Brian Grosberg, director of the Hartford HealthCare Headache Center, delivered two lectures at the XIII Colombian Neurological Congress Annual Meeting in Barnaquilla, Colombia: "Rhinogenic Headache: A Neurologist's Perspective" and "Neuromodulation of Headache Disorders." There were 900 people at the meeting. Dr. Grosberg was one of the invited international speakers, including two colleagues who were from Spain.

### **Thompson Lectures on Both Coasts**

Paul Thompson, Chief of Cardiology at Hartford Hospital, gave Grand Rounds to the Amgen Faculty at the Amgen's Corporate Headquarters on Tuesday, February 20, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Dr. Thompson lectured on Statin Associated Symptoms.

Dr. Thompson was also a key note speaker at the Arizona State University's annual Sports Medicine Conference on Friday, February 23 in Tempe, Ariz. Dr. Thompson lectured on cardiac maladaptations to long term endurance exercise.

Dr. Thomson was one of the outside speakers for Christiana Health System's 29th Update in Cardiology in Newark, DE on Saturday, March 3rd. Dr. Thompson spoke on "Statin Side Effects. How Real are They? Is There a Nocebo Effect?"

Dr. Thompson presented Cardiology Grand Rounds at the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He spoke on "Are there deleterious cardiac effects from life-long endurance exercise?"

### **Fernandez Speaks at Waterbury Hospital Medical Staff Meeting**

Dr. Antonio Fernandez from the Hartford HealthCare Heart and Vascular Institute and the Cardiology Division of Hartford Hospital was the invited speaker at the quarterly medical staff meeting at Waterbury

Hospital.

The talk provided up-to-date practice recommendations for lipid management in patients with cardiovascular disease and highlighted unique features of our Cholesterol Management Clinic at Hartford Hospital.

## Heart and Vascular Physicians Participate in Scientific Session Meeting

The American College of Cardiology 67th Annual Scientific Session Meeting was held in Orlando, FL from March 10 to March 12, 2018. Multiple members of the HHC Heart and Vascular Institute participated:

### Panels

- Thompson PD. The Athlete with Ischemic Heart Disease: What Do I Do Now? March 11, 2018
- Thompson PD. (Co-Chair) The Athlete With Valvular Heart Disease: Opinions From Around the World. March 12, 2018.

### Lectures

- Thompson PD. Straight Talk About Statin Intolerance: It's a Fact in a Scientific entitled Great Debate in Preventive Cardiology. March 12, 2018

### Oral Abstracts

- Baker W, Gluck J. Predicting Survival with Mobile ECMO: A Novel Approach. March 10, 2018
- Coleman C, Turpie A, Bunz T, Sood N. Effectiveness and Safety of Apixaban, Dabigatran and Rivaroxaban Versus Warfarin in Frail Patients With Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation. March 11, 2018
- Goldgrab D, Arora B, Darsaklis K. Take of the Blinders: Don't Forget Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension in the Differential Diagnosis of Unexplained Dyspnea. March 11, 2018
- Dahal L, Yousuf A, Hanna M, Sharma S, Rijal J, Watti H, Garcia NT, Njoku A, Lee J, Katikaneni P, Jimenez E, Modi K, Tandon N. Percutaneous Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale or Medical Therapy for Stroke Prevention: A meta-analysis of randomized trials.

### Poster Presentations

- Coleman C, Nguyen E, Weeda E, Kohn C. The Impact of Ranolazine Versus Placebo on Health Related Quality of Life in Patients With Chronic Stable Angina and Type 2 Diabetes. March 10, 2018
- Coleman C, Nguyen E, Weeda E, Kohn C. Cost-Effectiveness of Ranolazine Added to Standard of Care Treatment in Patients With Chronic Angina and Type 2 Diabetes. March 11, 2018
- Kumar A, Tendon V, Shivamoorthy P, Gluck J, Kluger J. Single Center Experience of Ventricular Arrhythmias in Left Ventricular Assist Device Patients. March 11, 2018
- Verma I, Thompson, PD, Fernandez AB. Familial Hypercholesteremia: When Statins, Ezetimibe and PCSK9 Inhibitors Are Not Enough. March 11, 2018
- Gajjar K, Liti B, Kluger J. Role of ICD placement in Fulminant Myocarditis Presenting with Ventricular Fibrillation- A Case Report and Review of Literature. March 12, 2018
- Patel N, Baker W. Cryoablation Ablation for the Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. March 12, 2018

## Welcome New Physicians to Hartford Hospital

Scott Claiborne, DDS, MD	Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/scottclaiborne">https://HartfordHospital.org/scottclaiborne</a>
Abhishek Jaiswal, MD	Cardiology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/AbhishekJaiswal">https://HartfordHospital.org/AbhishekJaiswal</a>
Ian Macumber, MD	Pediatric Nephrology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/ianmacumber">https://HartfordHospital.org/ianmacumber</a>
Gracia Mui, MD	Neurology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/Graciamui">https://HartfordHospital.org/Graciamui</a>
Agata Sajkiewicz, MD	Cardiology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/agatasajkiewicz">https://HartfordHospital.org/agatasajkiewicz</a>
Marissa Sicley-Rogers, PsyD	Psychology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/MarissaSicleyRogers">https://HartfordHospital.org/MarissaSicleyRogers</a>
Trevor Sutton, MD	Anesthesiology	<a href="https://HartfordHospital.org/TrevorSutton">https://HartfordHospital.org/TrevorSutton</a>

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## **Hartford Medical Society 2018 Program Schedule**

Town & County Club, 22 Woodland St., Hartford

The Hartford Medical Society's 2018 Program Schedule includes:

- "Health Care 2018" on Tuesday, March 27, at 2 p.m., featuring The Honorable John B. Larson, U.S. House of Representatives, Connecticut 1st Congressional District. Hear about the current state of health care and an update on the challenges facing the Congress.
- "WWI Medical Posters" on Wednesday, April 18, at 5 p.m., featuring Susan Wheeler, Curator, Prints and Drawings and Historical Medical Posters, Yale Medical History Library. Come view a unique mix of WWI Medical Posters from the Harvey Cushing/John Hay Whitney Library and learn how the posters were used to modify the public's actions and behaviors.
- "The Proper Pirate: Robert Louis Stevenson's Quest for Identity" on Wednesday, June 13 at 5 p.m., featuring Jefferson A. Singer, Dean of the College/Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology, Connecticut College. Meet the writer of the book that applies the most up-to-date research on personality, identity and memory to the fascinating life of one of literature's most celebrated figures, Robert Louis Stevenson.

To learn more, visit [hartfordmedicalsociety.org/events](http://hartfordmedicalsociety.org/events).

### **April 12**

#### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance Advanced Prostate Cancer Symposium**

Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford

4 to 8:30 p.m. (Surgical observation 1 to 3 p.m.)

Hosted by the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute and Hartford HealthCare Tallwood Urology & Kidney Institute.

Lectures and discussions include "Genomics and Personalized Treatment," "Metastatic Castrate Sensitive Disease and Imaging," "Metastatic Castrate Resistant Disease," "Quality of Life Issues" and a discussion. Extended Lymph Node Dissection Observation from 1 to 3 p.m.

Hartford Healthcare designates this live activity for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

\$50 for physicians, \$25 for Nurses and Advanced Practitioners and free for all others. Dinner is included and registration is required. Call 1.855.HHC.HERE (1.855.442.4373).

### **May 2**

#### **Annual Mary Mulready Sullivan Oncology Symposium**

Heublein Hall, ERC Building

7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (Optional basic research session from 2 to 4 p.m.)

This symposium for health care providers will provide attendees on the most up-to-date therapies for melanoma.

In this FREE educational seminar, learn to:

- Identify prevention strategies for melanoma and how to facilitate them in your patient population.
- Review surgical approaches to the melanoma patient, including role of excision and nodal surgery.
- Describe new molecular and immunotherapy systemic therapies for melanoma and how best to manage their adverse effects.

Registration is required. Visit [hartfordhealthcare.org/events](http://hartfordhealthcare.org/events) or call 1.855.HHC.HERE.

## **May 26 - 29**

### **Conn. State Medical Society 2018 Clinical Conference**

Habana Libre Hotel in Havana, Cuba  
20 CME Credits

The 2017 Clinical Conference in Havana, Cuba was like no other for CSMS and the physicians who participated, so we are going again this year! We welcome all healthcare providers and their families/guests.

CSMS wanted the clinical conference in Cuba to be a unique continuing medical education opportunity for physicians to explore a different health care model during a time healthcare in the United States is experiencing significant transitions. Assumptions and misperceptions were challenged on both sides through a series of discussions in socio-cultural and historical contexts. American physicians were surprisingly impressed with their hosts' medical education, their pride of country, and how successful they are with limited resources. Cuban physicians were surprisingly impressed to know their guests provided the best possible care to poor patients, organized as a group to mentor, volunteer, and advocate for the profession and all patients.

Cuba's healthcare delivery model combines population-based public health principles building a foundation of wellness and preventative medicine. As the United States searches for ways to improve quality, decrease costs, and engage patients and their families, the integration of primary care in the community and public health approach in Cuba facilitated a powerful exchange of ideas and mutual professional respect. As physician participants on the trip, we both felt the experience reinvigorated the fire of why we went into medicine, and we planned this upcoming trip to share the experience with others.

Itinerary Includes:

- Full-Day Guided Tour of Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit Cuban hospitals and clinics outside of Havana
- Excursions for family and nightly entertainment
- Option of Veradero all-inclusive resort for 2 nights (May 30 - 31)

For information, visit <http://www.usa-cubatours.com/conference-csms/> or contact Catherine Wagner, EdD, CSMS, Vice President of Education and Health Information, at [cwagner@csms.org](mailto:cwagner@csms.org) or 203.865.0587, ext. 102.

## **May 31**

### **Annual Medical Staff/Board Spring Event**

Heublein Hall – ERC Building  
6 to 8:30 p.m.

## **June 14**

### **Semi-Annual Medical Staff Meeting**

Gilman Auditorium  
6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

## **September 21**

### **End of Summer Event**

New Britain Museum of American Art  
6 to 9 p.m.

Join the Medical Staff Officers and your colleagues from the Hartford Hospital Medical Staff for a unique opportunity to socialize and enjoy each other's company. More details to follow!

### **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

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## For Your Information

*Other things you ought to know*

### Template Statements Not Valid as Electronic Signatures in Epic

In an electronic medical record, the only official signature is electronic. After a document is completed and the "sign" button is clicked, the document is officially signed and the statement "electronically signed by..." appears at the bottom. This is also seen when notes are printed. This format is specifically required by CMS, and is the only valid form of an electronic signature.

Many providers have customized their personal templates by including statements at the bottom of their documents with statements such as: "signed by Dr. [x]" or "electronically signed by [x]". These statements are not valid as an electronic signature, and not accepted by CMS.

Please remove these types of statements from all templates. It remains acceptable, although unnecessary and redundant, to put your name, position, time and date in templates. Please realize your name, time and date are automatically placed in each document when it is signed.

### Minimum Data Set

Beginning March 5, all HHC entities will be requesting a minimum data set at scheduling for elective services. Anyone requesting elective procedures or outpatient services for their patients at HHC should come prepared to provide the following pieces of information as part of the scheduling process:

- Patient Legal Name
- Patient Gender
- Patient Social Security Number - if available
- Patient Home/Alternate Phone Number
- Patient Address
- Patient Date of Birth
- Guarantor
- Subscriber
- Insurance Plan Name
- Insurance Policy Number
- Insurance Group Number - if applicable
- Primary Care Physician

The process will start with education, so in the first month we are hoping to learn what forms (such as reservation forms or booking slips) need to be updated and then work with the VPs of Operations to ensure the changes are made appropriately.

To learn more, [click here](#) for the full Minimum Data Set policy.

### Housekeeping Notes

#### No Eating and Drinking in Patient Care Areas

Please remember that eating, drinking, applying lip balm and handling contact lenses are prohibited in patient care areas. This restriction is for the protection of staff from blood borne pathogens. Violations of this OSHA standard can lead to significant fines for the hospital. Food and drink should only be consumed in designated "break areas" located on each unit.

All food and drink should be kept covered in airtight containers to discourage bugs and flies from entering patient care areas. Lastly, communal food and drink on nursing units is a potential source of foodborne illness outbreaks in the winter such as norovirus, affecting patients and staff.

#### Hand Hygiene and Medical Glove Use

Wear gloves appropriately and perform hand hygiene before and after each use. The use of gloves does not replace the need for cleaning your hands. Please DO NOT Purell your gloves!

Remove gloves after completion of each task—they have been contaminated and serve as a source of microbial transmission to clean supplies in storage areas. Wear gloves only when indicated according to Standard and Contact precautions. Otherwise they become a major risk for microbial transmission.

#### Pause for Purell

Please “Pause for Purell” to allow the dispenser to complete its cycle. The volume of the foam Purell is the same as the gel, but is aerated, taking longer to dispense.

The Purell on nursing unit floors, and in the drip trays is due to the “Drive By” phenomenon as above and is a potential fall hazard to our patients and colleagues. Dispenser empty or nonfunctioning? Point it out to your EVS person or call 972.2855 for a refill or battery replacement.

### **New Paging Service Vendor**

We are excited to inform you of an upcoming change we are making to our paging service. Beginning in April, our new Hartford HealthCare partner for paging will be American Messaging.

American Messaging will provide paging services for both in-house and long-range paging. Their network provides encrypted, HIPAA compliant messages. Additionally, Hartford Hospital will receive a HIPAA compliant app called AMConnect for cell phone users. AMConnect will deliver all pages to the phone app and provide encrypted peer-to-peer messaging.

American Messaging is the second largest wireless and critical messaging company in the United States. They provide service to nearly 725,000 subscribers, including more than 1,300 major healthcare and first responder customers.

Over the next few months, please be on the lookout for important details regarding the change. American Messaging will be onsite at a later date to exchange your device and answer any questions.

We are excited about our new partnership and know you will see a positive difference in service and support. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at 860.972.5580 or [Ariel.Pino@hhchealth.org](mailto:Ariel.Pino@hhchealth.org).

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## **In the News**

*Media coverage, headlines and trends*

### **Media Coverage**

#### Physician Appearances

- A crew from HBO spent the day at CESI last week interviewing Dr. Len Jacobs. The topic was tourniquet training for law enforcement. The story featured the training at CESI and aired on [HBO's Vice News](#).
- Dr. Laura Saunders on [FOX 61](#) - Topic: Children and video games
- Dr. Craig Allen on [WTIC AM Radio](#) - Topic: Opioid Study
- Dr. Andy Salner on [FOX 61](#) - Topic: HPV and head/neck cancer
- Our pitch of the CT Orthopaedic Institute resulted in the following story on [Ch. 8](#) last evening

- featuring Dr. Chris Lynch and his patient
- Dr. Jim Cardon on [WTIC AM Radio](#) - Topic: CarePartners
- The HHC Care Logistics Center on [NBC CT](#)
- WTNH Reporter Jocelyn Maminta posted a [Facebook live](#) interview and partial tour with Dr. Lynch
- HHC Care Logistics Center on [Ch. 3 - FOX 61](#) - Topic: Middlesex incident
- Dr. Jack Ross on [Ch. 3](#) - Topic: Flu
- Pat Rehmer on [Ch. 3](#) - Topic: Mental health/Middlesex incident
- Matt Reynolds/Sports Health on [NBC CT](#) - Topic: How to train like an Olympian:
- Dr. David Bendor on [Ch. 3's Face the State](#) - Topic: Florida School Shooting
- Dr. Virginia Bieluch on [WTIC AM radio](#) - Topic: Flu
- [Ch. 8](#) - Tracking opioids overdose deaths (Dr. Craig Allen)
- Dr. Virginia Bieluch - [NBC CT](#) Topic: Flu and Booster Shots
- Dr. Craig Allen - [NBC CT](#) Topic: FDA Lowering Nicotine

## Integrated Media Partnerships

### Medical Rounds on WFSB, Ch. 3

- Dr. Eileen Plotkin on Ch. 3 - Topic: Colon Cancer <https://youtu.be/EtCICUM7n3U>
- Dr. Joy de Marcaida on Huntington's Disease <https://youtu.be/tYCdJivQG2A>
- Enhancing Sports Health with Stefanie Bourassa: <youtu.be/L9kADqtZ9ao>
- Eric Smullen on Sports Health: <youtu.be/SPzmGbdd6Uo>

### Connect to Healthier on NBC-CT

- Rob Dibble/BJI: <https://youtu.be/sv-sn-6c4IA>
- Deep Brain Stimulation: <https://youtu.be/pYfThsG9cSQ>

### Hartford Courant Facebook Live

- [Facebook Live](#) with the Hartford Courant featuring Sports Health with Eric Smullen

### Advances in Health on WTIC Ch. 8

- Dr. Brian Grosberg on Headaches: <https://youtu.be/67nlZmiFDDc>
- Karen Castiglione gets joint replacement surgery so she can do the things she loves again: [Patient story](#)

## Healthcare Trends

### **What the \$52-billion Cigna purchase of Express Scripts means for consumers**

The healthcare industry is consolidating in a series of head-snapping deals. But like many of the recent multibillion-dollar combinations, it's not clear whether the just-announced \$52-billion merger of Cigna Corp. and Express Scripts Holding Co. will deliver lower premiums or cheaper drugs for consumers.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-cigna-mergers-20180312-htmstory.html>

### **Can blockchain succeed where EHRs have failed?**

Throughout history, the sharing of information has been a precursor to progress. The printing press and, centuries later, the internet exponentially increased our ability to access and share knowledge, ushering in new eras for science and society as a result. And yet, these revolutionary inventions met their match in the modern medical record, the documentation and distribution of which has only grown more Byzantine and frustrating for all involved.

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/ehrs/can-blockchain-succeed-where-ehrs-have-failed.html>

### **Anthem and American Medical Association announce new effort to streamline prior authorization process**

One recommendation is to make prior authorization easier for providers that take part in risk-based contracts.

<http://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/anthem-and-american-medical-association-announce-new-effort-streamline-prior-authorization>

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