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What's news...

## Critical Information

Everything you need to know

### Reappointments

Providers in this reappointment cycle will receive an email from the Medical Staff Office that reappointments will be mailed out the week of June 4 and are due back no later than July 11.

If you do not receive a reappointment, please contact Nancy Ritone in the Medical Staff Office at 860.972.0957 or by email at [Nancy.Ritone@hhchealth.org](mailto:Nancy.Ritone@hhchealth.org).

### Help Patients Find You with "Find a Doc"

The "Find a Doc" feature on our website is a great tool that helps patients locate our physicians. Patients search for a physician many ways – often directly by name, by a specialty, or by a targeted location. It's important that your profile is up to date and references everything you would want a prospective patient to know about you.

When you have a few moments, please check your profile by visiting [www.hartfordhospital.org](http://www.hartfordhospital.org) and click on "Find a Doctor." Then type in your name.

Requesting an update is quick and easy. Just click on the "Request a Change" button on the right-hand side of the page.

### Legislative Update from Kim Harrison

The 2018 session of the General Assembly ended without ANY cuts to the Graduate Medical Education Program! As early as last December, the Governor was looking to make a cut in the state's contribution to GME. For Hartford HealthCare this would be a loss of \$3.8 million in funding, equaling 30 residency slots.

Both the Democrat and Republican budgets released in April included cuts to GME. However, the focused advocacy efforts on restoring cuts to this program made legislators on both sides of the aisle pull back and leave GME funding at its current levels.

As the legislature put forth budget adjustment in the last few hours of the session, the agreement reached with hospitals, legislators and the administration on the Provider tax and supplemental payments from last November remained intact.

If you would like more information on legislation that passed in 2018, contact Kim Harrison [Kimberly.Harrison@hhchealth.org](mailto:Kimberly.Harrison@hhchealth.org) and she will provide a summary of relevant legislation.

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## Noteworthy and New

Announcements, news and information

### Hartford Hospital Gets Women's Choice Award as One of America's Best Stroke

## Centers

Hartford Hospital has been named one of America's Best Stroke Centers by the Women's Choice Award, a referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that Hartford Hospital is in the top 8% of 4,812 U.S. hospitals offering stroke care services.

"This award reflects our commitment to a cutting-edge stroke center model, where we provide care across the spectrum: from prevention and screening to acute care and rehabilitation," said Dr. Mark Alberts, chief of neurology at Hartford Hospital and physician-in-chief of Hartford HealthCare's Ayer Neuroscience Institute.

"Our Comprehensive Stroke Center is designed to provide the best care for women in our region who have stroke or cerebrovascular disease."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in five women in the United States will have a stroke in her lifetime and women comprise nearly 60% of all stroke deaths.

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

## Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit Coming Soon

Construction continues on Hartford Hospital's Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. The unit is set to open in the Conklin building on September 4.

Complete with 26 private rooms, a team of specialized doctors and staff will provide intensive rehab to patients following an acute illness or injury. The unit includes many features designed to help patients regain independence and functioning when they return home, including a state-of-the-art "skills" apartment.

[Click here](#) to see renderings and read the full story on HHC Connect.

## New Interim Associate Chief of Psychiatry – Dr. Joanna Fogg-Waberski

Dr. Linda Durst will be stepping down as associate chief of the Department of Psychiatry on June 6. The MEC and Hospital Administration approved the appointment of Dr. Joanna Fogg-Waberski as the interim associate chief of Psychiatry.

## Physicians Support Young Leaders Advisory Council's Spring Into Action with Platinum Sponsorship

Physicians from Women's Ambulatory Health Services, led by Dr. Peter Beller and Dr. Adam Borgida, generously supported the Young Leaders Advisory Council's signature fund-raising event, Spring Into Action, as the single Platinum Sponsor.

Proceeds from the event, which was held May 23, will support clinical equipment upgrades as well as the purchase of baby equipment for parents and families. Equipment purchases include car seats, strollers, and other key baby items.

## Volunteer at the 2018 Travelers Championship

Be part of the excitement and volunteer at the Travelers Championship. The Travelers Championship received many awards last year including Tournament of the Year, Most-Fan Friendly and Players Choice—it is the amazing volunteers who help make this tournament the best it can be.

Hartford HealthCare is the official sponsor of the Volunteers. Show your support and have fun by volunteering at the tournament. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available.

The tournament will be held from June 18-24, 2018 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT. Visit [the registration page](#) and select Hartford HealthCare Volunteer; the security code is healthcare2018.

## Partnership for Breast Care Receives Big Y Gift

Big Y Foods, Inc. has provided a \$24,000 gift to the Partnership for Breast Care on behalf of Big Y's Annual Partners of Hope Campaign to promote breast cancer screening, education, and treatment. Patricia DeFusco,

MD, leads the Hartford HealthCare Breast Disease Management team.

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## Recognizing Excellence

*Awards, accolades and achievements*

### In Brief

**Jason Gluck, DO**, director of the Hartford Hospital Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation program (ECMO) has been named as one of 4 chairs for an international writing committee for mechanical cardiopulmonary support in acute shock. Dr. Gluck, who is also a member of the cardiology division and program director for Advanced Heart Failure fellowship, authored a chapter titled "Leukopenia/Neutropenia" in the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplant monograph series book, [What to do in case of... A Reference Diagnostic Guide in Thoracic Organ Transplantation: Practical Approach to Frequent Scenarios](#). It is available at <http://www.ishlt.org/publications/monographSeries.asp>.

**Paul D. Thompson, MD**, chief of cardiology at Hartford Hospital, gave the Annual Jason Richmond Cardiovascular Lecture at Tufts New England Medical Center on May 11, 2018.

**Ross Albert, MD, PhD**, chief of the Division of Palliative Medicine at Hartford Hospital, spoke at the American Lung Association Lung Force Expo in Rocky Hill on May 10. The title of his talk was "Essential Palliative Care Concepts for the Pulmonary Provider."

**Colin Swales, MD**, gastroenterologist and assistant medical director of Transplant Services at Hartford Hospital, recently had an article published on the Healthgrades website. The article is titled, "An Expert's Perspective on Primary Biliary Cholangitis." <https://healthguides.healthgrades.com/treating-rare-liver-diseases/an-experts-perspective-on-primary-biliary-cholangitis>

### NIH Grant to Study Neuroimaging Predictors of Bariatric Surgical Outcomes Approved

A grant application submitted by the Olin Neuropsychiatry Research Center and the Hartford Hospital Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Center has received preliminary approval for funding. The grant application is titled, "Neuroimaging predictors of bariatric surgical outcomes." More details of this significant funding will be made public in the very near future.

In 2012, an award of \$836,670 from Hartford Hospital led to the development of an Interdisciplinary Center on Obesity Research and an important pilot study on neuroimaging predictors of bariatric surgical outcomes. The study served as the basis of this latest grant application submitted to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Dr. Pavlos Papasavas and Dr. Darren Tishler extended their thanks to Dr. Rocco Orlando, who led the committee that awarded us the seed grant in 2012; Elliot Joseph, whose initial decision led to the funds becoming available; and Hartford Hospital administration for their trust in the collaboration. They also extended a special thank you to Liz Roper and the entire Research Department along with Dr. Godfrey Pearlson for his mentorship and guidance

"This award will place our program on the map of academic excellence in bariatric surgery, as there are only a handful of bariatric programs nationally that have been awarded NIH grants," Dr. Papasavas said. "We believe that this grant will generate future external funding opportunities."

### Welcome New Providers to Hartford Hospital

#### Physicians

[Mirjana Domakonda, MD](#)

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

[Dmitry Drapach, MD](#)

Family Medicine

[Daniel Kombert, MD](#)

Internal Medicine

#### Advanced Practitioners

Sherifa Bello, APRN  
Thomasean Britten, APRN  
Amy L. Canino, PA-C  
Alexandrea Charles, MT  
Peter A. Ford, APRN  
Jennifer Grzybinski, APRN  
Kathleen A. McCarvell, APRN  
Julia Moore, APRN  
Clare M. Nespoli, APRN

Geriatric Medicine  
Psychiatry  
Pediatrics  
Integrative Medicine  
Internal Medicine  
Cardiology  
Psychiatry  
Cardiology  
Pediatrics

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## Coming Up

Education and events

### May 31

#### Annual Medical Staff/Board Spring Event

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

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*

### June 1

#### Surgical Grand Rounds: "Promises"

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

Featuring Pardon R. Kenney, MD, chief of surgery at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital. By participating in this live activity, participants should be able to "discuss benefits and areas of improvement of current medical and surgical training programs, assess if we, as surgeons, are doing the best job for our patients, and develop strategies to take care of ourselves, as well as our students, residents, and patients."

Use [meet.hhsurgery@video.hhhealth.org](mailto:meet.hhsurgery@video.hhhealth.org) for VMR or dial 860.972-6338 and use access code 4437#.

Hartford HealthCare designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)*™.

### June 13

#### Hartford Medical Society Program

Town & County Club, 22 Woodland St., Hartford  
5 p.m.

"The Proper Pirate: Robert Louis Stevenson's Quest for Identity" will feature 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).

**June 18 - 24**  
**Travelers Championship**

TPC River Highlands, Cromwell

This year we are stepping up our involvement with this premiere golf tournament by spotlighting our orthopedic and sports health expertise with the Hartford HealthCare Sports Zone pavilion that will be located between the 15th and 16th greens.

The pavilion will showcase our world class Bone & Joint Institute and will feature highlights of the Center for Musculoskeletal Health, with events, education by sports health specialists, assessments, movement screenings and analyses, massage therapy and so much more.

We invite anyone planning to attend the Travelers Championship to drop by.

**June 14**  
**Semi-Annual Medical Staff Meeting**

Gilman Auditorium

6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

**June 21**  
**Connecticut EAPA Conference: "Plugged In: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly of the Information Super Highway on the Workforce"**

Zandri's Stillwood Inn, Wallingford

7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

The 2018 conference of the Connecticut Employee Assistance Professionals Association will be held on Thursday, June 21. The topic is a very timely one, and it is something that involves the workplace, productivity and the issues created by technology.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Paul Weigle, Child and adolescent psychiatrist, chairman of the Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's Media Committee at Natchaug Hospital.

For more information, visit <https://cteapa.com/conference-information/>.

**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!

**September 23**  
**A Review to Renew: Addressing the State Mandated CMEs for CT Medical License Renewal for Physicians and APRNs (Part Two)**

Hospital of Central Connecticut, Lecture Rooms 1 and 2

7:30 a.m. to Noon

The next session of our CME series addressing the State of Connecticut required education for physician and

APRN license renewal is Sunday, September 23, 2018, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at HOCC. Providers must take these classes once every six years. Topics will include:

- Sexual Assault and the Forensic Examination
- Opioids and Pain Management
- PTSD and Substance Abuse in Veterans
- Depression and Suicide in Veterans

Space is limited and registration is required using the following steps:

1. Log in to your CME account [here](#). (If you don't have an account, use the same link and click "Create Account")
2. Choose "View Upcoming Events"
3. Register and pay for each day separately. Fee per day is \$15 for HHC Privileged Providers and \$20 for non-HHC Privileged Providers

Please contact [ContinuingEd@HHHealth.org](mailto:ContinuingEd@HHHealth.org) with any questions.

## **September 25**

### **13th Annual Interdisciplinary Transplant Symposium**

Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill

More information to come.

### **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*

### **New Policy Platform Now Live**

PolicyTech Policy and Procedure Management Software went live on May 15. The new platform streamlines the complex tasks of writing, sharing, updating and attesting to policies, while helping our business units meet legal and regulatory requirements.

For questions regarding processing and managing documents, please contact Tracy Hespelt at 860.972.5525 or [tracy.hespelt@hhchealth.org](mailto:tracy.hespelt@hhchealth.org).

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## **In the News**

*Media coverage, headlines and trends*

### **Media Coverage**

- Dr. Paul Weigle and Dr. Chris Judson on Ch. 8 - Topic: Video game dangers  
[https://youtu.be/v0f\\_iDrx0qc](https://youtu.be/v0f_iDrx0qc)
- Dr. Paul Weigle on Ch. 8 Facebook Live - Topic: Video game addiction  
<https://youtu.be/4XqjZhM8mo0>
- Dr. Craig Allen on WTIC AM Radio - Topic: Opioids  
<https://soundcloud.com/hartford-healthcare/dr-j-craig-allen-wtic-may-16-2018/s-5WHVX>

- Go Health on Ch. 3 - Allergies  
<https://youtu.be/ryUxfaYjDIA>
- Go Health in FOX 61 - Topic: Allergies  
<https://youtu.be/aSoZiZmP1Qw>
- Dr. Cheri Ye, Nephrologist on FOX 61 - Kidney Donation  
<https://youtu.be/fEVKxcryFbw>
- Dr. Toni de Marcaida on NBC CT - Topic: Parkinson's disease  
<https://youtu.be/xaL52XCRukI>
- Dr. Virginia Bieluch on NBC CT - Topic: E.coli  
<https://youtu.be/VpkzKAukSGA>
- Dr. Toni de Marcaida on Ch. 8 - Topic: Parkinson's disease  
<https://youtu.be/ErD4yHTsdwA>
- Dr. Mark Alberts on Ch. 3 - Topic: Concussions  
<https://youtu.be/XzeKllu3TPU>
- Dr. Laura Saunders on WNPR - Topic: Misogyny  
<https://soundcloud.com/hartford-healthcare/where-we-live-laura-saunders-may-1-2018/s-BHngY>
- Dr. Hank Schwartz on WNPR/Colin McEnroe Show - Topic: Mental Health Asylums  
<http://wnpr.org/post/should-we-bring-back-asylums>
- Dr. Peter Yu on Ch. 8 - Topic: Ron's Run Fundraiser/pancreatic cancer  
<https://youtu.be/nt3A9hrATiE>  
Heather Priest/LifeStar and Bernice Plourde, HH Nurse who lost her daughter to a distracted driver on Ch. 8 - Topic: Distracted driving <https://youtu.be/F5OMQeq9foo>
- Dr. Virginia Bieluch on WTIC AM Radio - Topic: Measles  
<https://soundcloud.com/hartford-healthcare/bieluch-hocc-wtic-measles-05062018mp3/s-OEbGf>
- Gary Havic provided tours of the Hartford HealthCare HealthCenter in Southington to the [Record Journal](#) and [Bristol Press](#).
- GoHealth on NBC CT - Topic: Ticks  
<https://youtu.be/mW0CZgpzS1Y>
- Karen Pagliaro on FOX 61 - Topic: Nurses week <https://youtu.be/0VJCJmzO-jc>

## **Integrated Media Partnerships**

### Hartford Courant Facebook Live

- Topic: Laser eye surgery for cataracts with Dr. Alan Solinsky.  
<http://www.courant.com/brandpublishing/Connect-to-Healthier-LIVE/hc-laser-cateracts-surgery-20180517-story.html>

### Advances in Health on WTIC Ch. 8

- Dr. Jeff Pravda- partial knee replacement  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1xpj86i44z0xe8s/050318%20AIH%20COI%20YEAR%2048.mov?dl=0>
- Pat Rehmer - Recovery Coaches  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/dewj6gy7qi1dzvi/051718%20AIH%20COACHES%2048.mov?dl=0>

### Medical Rounds on WFSB, Ch. 3

- Dr. Mark Alberts on Ch. 3 - Topic DAWN Study  
<https://youtu.be/nz5WWyehE0M> and <https://youtu.be/boKSBqi4uLQ>
- Facebook Live with Dr. Kris Ware - Topic: Sports-related injuries  
<https://youtu.be/HX90KkAI5BE>
- Dr. Scott Walter on Ch. 3 - Ocular Melanoma  
<https://youtu.be/6RrFHo-hdoA>
- Laurie St. John on Ch. 3 - Topic: Nurses Week  
<https://youtu.be/NF5yRfbX1g8>

### Connect to Healthier on NBC-CT

- Topic: May Hartford HealthCare Happenings  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/auuk7rjbn7jq35n/050618%20CTH%20MAY%20ROUNDUP.mov?dl=0>
- Topic: Mother's Day Heart Attack Survivor  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ivpm0jxlthrwd1/AABwuQ4nNXTWkUhOw4y-LzDGa/CTH%20HHC?dl=0&preview=012818+CTH+LEIGH+BR+SPECIAL.mov>
- Topic: Kidney Donation <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wj9k4zk9097zohw/052018%20CTH%20NURSES%2018%20.mov?dl=0>
- Topic: International Headache Patient <https://www.dropbox.com/s/2mrqu09hhmb0ju/042918%20CTH%20INT%20HEADACHE.mov?dl=0>

## Healthcare Trends

### [Virtual Health Care Could Save the U.S. Billions Each Year](#)

Rising health care costs, a shortage of physicians, and an aging population are making the traditional model of care increasingly unsustainable. But new uses of virtual health and digital technologies may help the industry manage these challenges.

### [Is Facebook making moves in healthcare?](#)

Facebook ads are often eerily personal, showing you the shoes you've been obsessing over for weeks or a restaurant in the city you're traveling to next. Soon, those ads might get even more personal, targeting users' health. The company could be about to jump headfirst into healthcare advertising and data analytics, according to some in the industry, combining what it already knows about its users with healthcare-specific data.

### [New numbers released showing staggering amount of opioid overdoses in Connecticut](#)

For the first time, Connecticut health officials have released data on the number of fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses across the state. The jaw dropping report shows 3,090 people checked into 27 emergency rooms for suspected drug overdoses, including opioid overdoses, from January to April of 2018.

### [Amazon is Exploring the Role of Alexa in Chronic Disease Care](#)

Alexa may soon help Amazon enter the chronic disease care environment by enabling voice activated services for patients in the home.

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