

June 25, 2018

Seymour Street Journal



What's news...

Critical Information

Everything you need to know

Opioid Prescribing: What You Need to Know

As you may know, Connecticut and other states are in the midst of an opioid crisis. In order to help control and monitor the prescribing of controlled drugs, Connecticut has put several processes in place which must be adhered to:

- All prescribing practitioners must be registered with The Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting system (CPMRS or CTPMP) prior to prescribing any opioids. This program is monitored by the State of Connecticut. This State program collects data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs and has begun auditing practitioner prescribing practices.
- When prescribing greater than a 72-hour supply of any controlled substance (Schedule II-V), the prescribing provider must review the patient's record in the CPMRS or CTPMP.
- The provider must note in Epic that the CPMRS or CTPMP was checked.
- Opioid prescribing for minors shall not exceed a 72 hours supply at any time.
- When a provider prescribes a controlled substance for the continuous or prolonged treatment of a patient, the patient's CPMRS or CTPMP shall be reviewed not less than every 90 days.

Other Considerations:

- A Controlled Substance Agreement should be discussed and signed with all patients on continuous or prolonged opioid treatment.
- Consider opioid alternatives prior to prescribing.
- Consider discussing titration of opioids with your patients.

Join Us at the Medical Staff "End of Summer Event" on September 21

6 to 9 p.m., New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington Street, New Britain

Join your colleagues from the Hartford Hospital Medical Staff on Friday,

September 21, for an amazing evening at the New Britain Museum of American Art.

You and your guest are invited to join the officers and other members of the Hartford Hospital Medical Staff for this special evening as a unique opportunity for members of the medical staff to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

You will have exclusive admission to the gallery spaces including the works of Howard Pyle, Frederic Rodrigo Gruger, N. C. Wyeth and Norman Rockwell, to name a few.

The evening will feature appetizers, small plates bursting with bold flavors and sweet endings as well as wine, beer and other beverages, brought to you by Riverhouse Catering.

The cost is \$50 per person. To reserve your space by credit card, call Cathleen Aquino at 860.972.6167. To reserve your space by check, drop off at 85 Jefferson Street, JB 114, or mail to Medical Staff Office, Hartford Hospital, 80 Seymour Street, PO Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102-5037

Please respond by September 7, 2018.

State Mandated CME for CT Medical License Renewal for Physicians and APRNs

"A Review to Renew: Addressing the State Mandated CMEs for CT Medical License Renewal for Physicians and APRNs" will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (New Britain Campus), Lecture Rooms 1 and 2.

This program will cover 4 of the 7 mandated hours of education that physicians and APRNs must take every 6 years for relicensure, addressing the following topics: Sexual Assault and the Forensic Examination, Opioids and Pain Management, PTSD and Substance Abuse in Veterans, and Depression and Suicide in Veterans.

There is a \$15 fee for HHC-privileged providers, and \$20 for non-HHC-privileged providers. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Please register and pay via our CME Portal at <https://cmetracker.net/HHC/Login?formname=regLoginProfileSSO>. If you don't have an account, enter your email address and click "Create Account" to continue.

Please contact ContinuingEd@HHCHealth.org with any questions.

Need IT or EPIC Help?

If you need help with EPIC, the contact phone number is different from the number used for other information technology needs.

The Care Connect (EPIC) Help Desk can be reached at 860.972.EPIC or 2-EPIC (860.972.3742).

The IT Service Desk can be reached at 860.545.5699.

Reappointments

Providers in this reappointment cycle received reappointments in the mail the week of June 4 and are due back no later than July 11.

If you did 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.

[Back to Top](#)

Noteworthy and New

Announcements, news and information

New Inpatient Rehab Unit: Admission Criteria and How to Make a Referral

Hartford Hospital will open the doors to its brand new 26-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit on Sept. 6. The intensive rehab offered on the unit will help patients who have suffered a severe illness or injury gain a greater level of independence and return to home with a better quality of life.

Patients must meet the following admission criteria:

- Require active and ongoing intervention of multiple therapy disciplines
- Require intensive rehab therapy program consisting of 3 hours of therapy per day at least 5 days per week
- Require close supervision by a rehabilitation physician
- Expected to actively participate in and benefit from the program
- Require an intensive and coordinated interdisciplinary team approach to the delivery of care

Appropriate patients:

- Stroke
- Brain injury/spinal cord injury
- Neurological/neuromuscular disorder
- Multiple trauma
- Amputation
- Complex joint replacement surgery
- Cardiac/Pulmonary
- Deconditioned patient

Call 860.972.0990 to make an admission. Appropriate patients will be reviewed by the case coordinator, therapy team, nurse liaison and physiatrist.

Hartford HealthCare Working on Joint Venture with DaVita for

Outpatient Dialysis

As we strive to provide the best value and highest-quality care for the patients, families and communities we serve, Hartford HealthCare is building partnerships with world-class partners for specialized clinical and operational services. Memorial Sloan Kettering for cancer care, GoHealth for urgent care and GE for bed-management technology are just some examples of our respected partners.

Now, Hartford HealthCare is working toward a joint venture with DaVita, a global leader in kidney care services, for the provision of outpatient dialysis services at Hartford Hospital and The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

[Click here](#) to read the full message from Jeffrey A. Flaks, chief operating officer at Hartford HealthCare.

Do you have patients requiring respite care during the summer months?

Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home will care for patients while their caregiver takes a vacation or some well-deserved time off.

Independence at Home offers:

- Lifeline / emergency response units
- Personal Care Attendants (hourly care)
- Homemaking
- 24/7 Live-in care
- And more

Call us for details at 1.888.863.2771.

Hartford Hospital Chosen for Nationwide TAVR Study for Low-Risk Patients

The Heart & Vascular Institute at Hartford Hospital has been selected as one of 35 hospitals nationwide participating in a study that allows low-risk patients with severe aortic stenosis to receive a replacement aortic valve in a minimally invasive procedure using catheters instead of conventional open-heart surgery.

Since the Food and Drug Administration approved transcatheter aortic valve replacement, or TAVR, for high-risk patients in 2011, Hartford Hospital has performed more than 800 successful procedures — the foundation of one of the biggest TAVR programs in New England. It's the only New England hospital accepted for this study, the Partner 3 Low Risk Continued Access Registry, by Edwards Lifesciences of Irvine, Calif., maker of the Sapien 3 biological-tissue heart valve used in the TAVR procedure.

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

[Back to Top](#)

Recognizing Excellence

Awards, accolades and achievements

Colleagues Honored at Annual Spring Event

The Hartford Hospital Medical Staff recognized the exceptional work and accomplishments of seven colleagues at the annual Hartford Region Board of Directors/Medical Staff Spring Event on May 31.

Honored for excellence in clinical care, outstanding commitment to quality and safety, leadership in philanthropy, and sustained commitment to the community were:

Eric Oligino, MD, received the David Hull, MD, Young Practitioner Award. Dr. Oligino is a cardiologist who spearheaded the cardiac oncology program. He has earned accolades from his patients and colleagues for his devotion to excellence in clinical care and research, innovation, and teaching.

Danette Alexander, DNP, nurse director for Emergency Services and LIFE STAR, and **Avital Porat, MD**, director of Quality and Safety, received Quality and Safety Awards for their team work in developing a comprehensive quality and safety program in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Peter Beller, MD, received the John K. Springer Humanitarian Award. As medical director of Women's Ambulatory Health Services, he leads one of the hospital's most prominent community outreach programs.

Paul Thompson, MD, received the Physician in Philanthropy Award. Thompson is chief of cardiology, co-physician in chief of the Hartford HealthCare Heart & Vascular Institute, professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut, a prolific author, an editor, and an accomplished distance runner. His generosity of time and money has inspired philanthropy among patients and the staff.

Jack Greene, MD, and **Lenworth Jacobs, MD**, received Distinguished Service Awards. Greene, who served as vice president of Medical Affairs from 2013 to 2017, devoted 34 years of passion and expertise to women's health at Hartford Hospital. Jacobs' three decades of transformational work in emergency medicine includes founding of the LIFE STAR helicopter program. His work continues today with the Stop the Bleed Campaign, which has trained tens of thousands on techniques bystanders can use to assist people with life-threatening injuries during traumatic events.

In Brief

Dr. Mario Katigbak was a speaker at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center "Innovations in Personalized Oncology" on May 3. Dr. Katigbak presented data showing the safety, efficacy and long term cancer survival with minimally invasive surgery for patients with advanced lung cancer following treatment with chemotherapy or chemo and radiation. Dr. Katigbak recommended that this should be the initial approach whenever feasible.

Dr. Andrew Ricci Jr. and **Dr. Brittany Symbol** from the pathology department recently published original research in *The Breast Journal*. The article is titled,

"Management of intraductal papilloma without atypia of the breast diagnosed on core biopsy: Size and sampling matter." [Click here](#) to visit the e-publication ahead of print.

Welcome New Providers to Hartford Hospital

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

Physicians

Hossam Alhabach, MD	Neurology
Robert Brautigam, MD	Surgical Critical Care
Mamatha Kadiyala, MD	Anesthesiology
Christy Lottinger, DDS	Dentistry
Dennis Mello, MD	Pediatric Cardiac Surgery
Daniel Morganstern, MD	Oncology
Hnin Oo, MD	Hospital Medicine
Kristal Ragbir-Toolsie, MD	Hospital Medicine
Andrew Raisbeck, MD	Anesthesiology
Payam Sajedi, MD	Radiology
Elisabeth Scherpenisse, PhD	Psychology
Raphaella Weiser, MD	Neurology
Ramy Zughul, MD	Hospital Medicine
Diana Rodriguez, MD	Internal Medicine
Colin Stack, MD	Emergency Medicine

Allied Health

Christine Grem, APRN	Pediatrics
Jennifer Lloyd, APRN	Endocrinology
Barbara Pottinger, APRN	Psychology
Dianne Powers, APRN	Pediatrics
Jamille Rancourt, PA-C	Neonatology
Alexa Rouse, PA-C	Vascular Surgery

[Back to Top](#)

Coming Up

Education and events

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@HHCHealth.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 to schedule a planning session

[Back to Top](#)

For Your Information

Other things you ought to know

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 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.

[Back to Top](#)

In the News

Media coverage, headlines and trends

Healthcare Trends

[AMA asks regulators to oppose \\$69B CVS-Aetna merger](#)

The country's largest physician organization is asking government regulators to oppose CVS Health's proposed \$69 billion acquisition of Hartford-based health insurer Aetna.

[To keep up with Amazon, CVS will now deliver drugs](#)

CVS Health will soon offer a delivery service for prescription medications and some over-the-counter drugs, according to CNBC. The announcement comes as Amazon explores the prescription drug market. CVS hopes to compete with the e-commerce giant's promise of two-day shipping by getting its customers their orders within one or two days of placing them — in some areas, CVS customers can receive their orders same day.

[Healthcare provider organizations seek digital tools to improve the patient experience](#)

More than two-thirds of healthcare organizations say they're adopting new technology initiatives to improve the patient experience and over half say clinical outcomes is a motivation for new tech tools, according to a new EY survey. Almost all organizations surveyed—mostly executives on the provider side and some payers—have a new technology initiative in the works for the next year, EY found. Leaders at organizations with more initiatives underway are more likely to think they have a competitive advantage.

[Dr. Atul Gawande to lead Amazon, JPMorgan, Berkshire healthcare venture](#)

Dr. Atul Gawande will lead the Boston-based Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase healthcare venture, the companies announced Wednesday. Gawande practices general and endocrine surgery at Brigham and Women's

Hospital and teaches at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. He is also the executive director of Ariadne Labs, a staff writer for The New Yorker and a best-selling author who is widely recognized for his contributions to the healthcare industry.

[Back to Top](#)

Stay Connected

Visit [Hartford HealthCare's News Hub](#)
Follow Hartford Hospital on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#)
Connect with [Hartford HealthCare's Media Relations Team](#)

Seymour Street Journal (SSJ) supports physician engagement at Hartford Hospital by providing critical information, news and recognition in an easily digestible format. The SSJ will be sent to your preferred e-mail address the last Sunday of each month.

If you would like to be added to the Seymour Street Journal email list, or to receive it at a different email address, please opt-in at harthosp.org/SSJ. This ensures that you will receive the newsletter at your preferred email address.

For any questions or suggestions, please contact editor Matthew Clyburn at matthew.clyburn@hhchealth.org or 860.500.0464.

This email was sent to: jerry.belanger@hhchealth.org

This email was sent by: Hartford HealthCare
1 State Street, Suite 19 Hartford, CT 06103 US

We respect your right to privacy - [view our policy](#)

[Manage Subscriptions](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [One-Click Unsubscribe](#)