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“I wake up every morning at nine and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If my name is not on it, I get up.”
—Benjamin Franklin

The Scope appreciates the enthusiastic response of readers contributing quotes. This quote was submitted by Cindy Boyack, M.D. Please submit a favorite you'd like to share with others by emailing to: thescope@mmc.org

Dear Members of the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff,

It's hard to believe we are half way through 2015 – the year began with the opening of MMC's retail pharmacy. In this issue, Director of Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Services Andrea Lai gives us an update on the service, which now includes bedside delivery. Also, *the Pharmacy* accepts all major commercial insurances, and discounts for those covered under MaineHealth insurance. If you haven't already checked it out, stop by on the ground floor of the East Tower.

Also in this issue, we announce a new service that is set to go live on August 17 when Maine Medical Partners (MMP) Hospital Medicine will launch a collaborative effort with New England Cancer Specialists that will redefine how inpatient care is provided for medical oncology patients at MMC. Medical oncology patients will now largely be under the primary care of MMP Hospital Medicine during their hospitalization.

And on July 16, the MMC Department of Surgery will host two internationally renowned physicians for lectures on Global Surgery. We hope you are able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.



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MMC Pharmacy Expands Services, Insurance

By Andrea Lai
MMC Director of Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Services

Now that *The Pharmacy at Maine Medical Center* has been open for five months, I wanted to provide an update on new developments happening within the outpatient pharmacy.

We now offer *Bedside Delivery*, a new enhanced service offered to patients leaving the hospital with their prescriptions in hand. Pharmacy Technicians deliver outpatient prescriptions throughout the hospital to patients upon discharge. iPad technology enables the pharmacy to take credit or debit payment at the bedside. Currently, Bedside Delivery is available to inpatient floors Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and to the ED 24/7. To request a delivery for your patient, please contact the community pharmacy or fill out an orange discharge delivery form available at all nursing stations.

We honor all major commercial insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid. For patients who do not have insurance, *the Pharmacy* has teamed up with *MedAccess and Care Partners* to provide patients with resources available in our community to assist with medication access. We offer an extensive \$4 generic program (www.mmc.org/pharmacy). Additionally, MMC/MMP patients qualifying for Free Care may be eligible for sliding scale discounts on prescription medications.

The Pharmacy offers complimentary Mail Order services available to all patients.

To send prescriptions electronically through Epic/EHR, search for “Maine Med” and the outpatient pharmacy will appear.

Lastly, the Pharmacy offers **discounts for employees** and their families covered under the MaineHealth insurance. Prescriptions with traditional copays are discounted 10%, while those with a deductible as part of the Health Saver Plan (HSA) are discounted 5%.

The Pharmacy is open **24/7**. Located on the ground floor of the East Tower at MMC, *the Pharmacy* is **open to all**.

Pharmacy Contact Information:

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Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me with any questions at alai@mmc.org or at 662-5366.

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Partnership for Inpatient Medical Oncology Care

A new service is set to go live on August 17 when Maine Medical Partners (MMP) Hospital Medicine will launch a collaborative effort with New England Cancer Specialists (NECS) that will redefine how inpatient care is provided for medical oncology patients at Maine Medical Center (MMC).

With the goal of improving patient care, medical oncology patients will now largely be under the primary care of MMP Hospital Medicine during their hospitalization.

“As Hospitalists, we look forward to helping the team at NECS leverage their exceptional expertise in cancer treatment to better serve both their inpatient and outpatient populations,” said Dan Meyer, M.D., Assistant Director and Quality Lead for Hospital Medicine at MMC. “It’s a partnership that we hope will serve as a model for collaboration going forward.”

To accomplish this, the hospitalist service will be launching a new inpatient medical oncology team with a focus on care of patients with cancer.

NECS will remain closely involved with all oncologic patients, but will serve primarily a consultative role seeing patients specifically for issues related to their cancer care. They will, however, continue to serve a primary role in the care of patients with acute hematologic malignancies and those admitted primarily for the initiation of chemotherapy.

"This partnership will provide access for our patients to the established expertise of the MMP Hospitalist physicians in enhancing inpatient outcomes and patient safety, building on the reputation for quality, compassionate care for which NECS is known," said Devon Evans, M.D. of NECS.

The goal for the new collaborative model is to enable MMC to continue improving the quality of care it provides to oncologic patients, while also providing the same continuity with the outpatient setting that patients of NECS have come to expect.

To learn more, please contact Devon Evans (evansd@newecs.org) or Dan Meyer (meyerd@mmc.org).

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Lectures on Global Surgery at MMC July 16

By Baird Mallory, M.D.

Maine Medical Partners Pediatric Surgery

Please join us for this unique opportunity – the MMC Department of Surgery has invited two internationally renowned physicians: John Meara, M.D., DMD, MBA and Dan Poenaru, BSc., M.D. to give presentations concerning Global Surgery on Thursday, July 16 from 7 a.m. – 10- a.m. in the Dana Auditorium on the Bramhall Campus. Dr. Meara will speak at 7 a.m. and Dr. Poenaru will speak at 9 a.m.

Dr. Meara is Director of the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School and Chief of the Department of Plastic & Oral Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. Since 2008, he has Co-Directed the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship program in collaboration with Partners In Health. Its purpose is to train leaders who will further promote surgical care, education, and research pertinent to global surgery. He has a particular interest in augmenting the delivery of quality surgical care in low-resource settings. He is involved in multiple global surgery projects looking at the burden of surgical disease, surgical capacity and systems building in low-resource environments, surgical education, and the economic impact of untreated surgical disease.

Dr. Poenaru is a pediatric surgeon working at BethanyKids at Myungsung Christian Medical Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Following medical school studies in Toronto, Canada, he trained in general surgery at McGill University, then in pediatric surgery at the Universite de Montreal. He has also earned a Masters in Health Professions Education through the University of Illinois in Chicago. He has practiced academic surgery for 10 years in Kingston, Canada. In 2003, he moved with his wife and two children to Kenya to pursue a humanitarian surgical practice with Africa Inland Mission and BethanyKids, two faith-based organizations. Since then, he has helped build a quality pediatric surgical unit that provides care and treatment to thousands of children each year, often in the middle of civil unrest and in refugee camps. He also established the first accredited pediatric surgery training program in Eastern Africa.

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Calendar

MMC Medical Executive Committee Meeting Schedule for 2015

All meetings are held from 12-2 p.m. in the Dana Center Boardroom, and lunch will be served:

- Friday, July 17
- Friday, August 21
- Friday, September 18
- Friday, October 16
- Friday, November 20
- Friday, December 18

2015 Medical Staff Dinner

Please mark your calendar for the next 2015 Medical Staff Dinner:

- Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the East Tower Patio.

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Story Ideas?

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Medical Staff Value, Mission, and Vision Statements

Value Statement

The Medical Staff of Maine Medical Center values both individuality and collaboration. We will continually pursue higher value health care. We embrace a culture of curiosity and life-long learning. We are partners with Maine Medical Center, and we mirror its values of compassion, service, integrity, respect, and stewardship.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Medical Staff of Maine Medical Center is to provide affordable, high-quality health care to our community. We teach future health care providers and develop innovative ways to improve the health of our community. In partnership with the Medical Center, we proudly accept our responsibility as one of Maine's leaders in patient care, education, and research.

Vision Statement

The Medical Staff of Maine Medical Center will be the driving force within Maine Medical Center leading the way to making Maine the healthiest state in the nation.

[A Compact Between Maine Medical Center and Its Medical Staff](#)

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for the MMC Medical Staff

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