“In examining disease, we gain wisdom about anatomy and physiology and biology. In examining the person with disease, we gain wisdom about life.”

- Oliver Sacks, M.D., Neurologist

The Scope appreciates the enthusiastic response of readers contributing quotes. Please submit a favorite you’d like to share with others by emailing The Scope.

A Compact Between Maine Medical Center and Its Medical Staff

Peer Support
for the MMC Medical Staff
PeertoPeer@mmc.org
Physician leader: Christine Irish, MD
Confidential  *  One-on-One  *  Peer Support

Dear Members of the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff,

We hope you are having the best days of summer, enjoying some time to celebrate family and friends and also thriving in your clinical, academic and research pursuits.

We thank you, the medical staff, for your energies during The Joint Commission visit and your continued attention to prepare for the CLER visit which will be any day now.

Please know The Joint Commission visit was robust and remarkably detailed in breadth and depth with more reach into our ambulatory realm than any prior survey. The survey identified our strengths – numerous examples of best practice – as well as several areas requiring improvement, which is underway. We will have more detail about The Joint Commission visit in our next issue.
Read on for good news that includes: a new initiative for GME wellness, a new class of MMC medical students and a recent visit by Senator Collins who toured MMCRI and celebrated their new NIH Grant.

Read further and get activated for upcoming CLER visit, faculty development conferences and Paul Cox Quality award.

Please consider and ask yourselves:

- How will you shape Professional Development for yourself, your group and our medical staff?
- Who will you nominate for the Paul Cox Quality Award?

Send us your thoughts on these and any other issues.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Joel

Joel Botler, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

Lisa Almeder, M.D.
Medical Staff President
MaineHealth Unification Website and Video

The MaineHealth unification website features a new video that helps explain why unification is now a consideration for Maine Medical Center and our other MaineHealth member hospitals. Take a moment to watch the video, share with your colleagues and continue the conversation. You will also see the Unification Community Forum Schedule, a listing of dates and locations for community members to share their thoughts and have their questions answered.
‘Joint’ Visit Complete, Getting Ready for CLER

Thank you to everyone for your preparation and assistance during The Joint Commission (TJC) visit earlier this month. We will have a wrap up of the visit in a future issue of The Scope.

We continue to prepare for the Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) visit, which will be any day now. This is similar to a TJC visit, but with a focus on how our organization integrates academics and GME into our structure and function.

Take a look at these “CLER clips” for content covered in the upcoming review:

- CLER Clip #1: Overview
- CLER Clip #2: Professionalism
- CLER Clip #3: Supervision
- CLER Clip #4: Well-Being
- CLER Clip #5: Care Transitions

(at right)
Med Ed Takes Part in National Initiative to Support Resident Well-Being

The Medical Education Department has been accepted into a national initiative to help tackle resident wellness. The Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers (AIAMC) National Initiative VI is called *Stimulating a Culture of Well-Being in the Clinical Learning Environment*. Members of our MedEd team will be collaborating with 33 other hospitals from across the US over the next 18 months to create and implement a well-being plan that will positively impact the health of our staff both individually and institutionally. They’ll be taking part in four on-site learning sessions, as well as monthly networking teleconferences and educational webinars. In reviewing the MMC application to the national initiative, AIAMC noted that we have “a fair bit of experience and have already developed initiatives and a good thought process” around these issues. Improving our care team’s well-being is one of MMC’s 2017 AIP goals.

For more information: Mededuc@mmc.org

Welcome a New Class of Medical Students to MMC

Thursday, July 27, 1 p.m.
Dana Auditorium

Join your colleagues in welcoming members of the Class of 2021 to the Maine Medical Center - Tufts University School of Medicine Medical School Program – Maine Track. This is the ninth Maine Track class.

The ceremony features a lecture on medical education transformation by George E. Thibault, M.D., President of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, whose mission is to improve the health of the public. Prior to his role as foundation president, Dr. Thibault served as Vice President of Clinical Affairs at Partners Healthcare System in Boston and Director of the Academy at Harvard Medical School.

The Maine Track program was founded to address the shortage of doctors in the state – especially in rural areas – and offer Maine’s brightest students the financial means to pursue a career in medicine.
Senator Susan Collins Tours MMCRI

U.S. Sen. Susan Collins toured the Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI) on Friday, July 21, following the recent award of a $20 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to the institute and its partners to establish the Northern New England Clinical and Translational Research Network.

“These research efforts and the broad benefits that they bring to our state, would not be possible without the support of the NIH and other federal agencies that fund biomedical research,” says Don St. Germain, VP of Research, MMC, and Director, MMCRI. “Senator Collins shares our passion for the importance of biomedical research, and our values as scientists and healthcare professionals - values of caring, curiosity, determination, and thoughtful discourse.”

MMCRI investigators briefed Senator Collins on the consortium during her visit, and the senator toured research labs housed at the institute’s Scarborough campus.

“This $20 million grant will help spur the advancement of treatments, means of prevention, and cures for diseases that affect nearly every American family. The establishment of this consortium is a true credit to the skilled scientists at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute and its partnering institutions, including the University of Southern Maine,” says Senator Collins. “As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have strongly advocated for increased funding for biomedical research. By helping to foster collaboration among researchers and implement innovative medical treatments, this investment will help us conquer many diseases that take an emotional and financial toll.”

Clifford Rosen, M.D., Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at MMCRI, and Gary Stein Ph.D., Director of the University of Vermont Cancer Center and Chair of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, will co-lead the network.

*Pictured above: Senator Collins (l) and Leif Oxburgh, Faculty Scientist, tour an MMCRI research lab.*

[Back to Top](#)
6th Annual Faculty Development Conference

Wednesday, September 27
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dana Center

Keynote Speaker: Graham T. McMahon, M.D., MMSc, CEO, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®), presents, “The Leadership Case for Investing in Continuing Professional Development.”

Dr. McMahon is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the ACCME, which sets standards for high-quality continuing medical education (CME) that supports physicians’ commitment to lifelong learning, improves their competence and performance, and drives healthcare improvement for patients and their communities. Dr. McMahon directs the ACCME system for accrediting national and international CME providers, and the ACCME system for recognizing state and territory medical societies as accreditors for intrastate CME providers.

See the conference flyer, agenda and registration.

Back to Top

Paul Cox Quality Award - Nominations Now Being Accepted

Maine Medical Center is revitalizing the Paul Cox Quality Award. A highly respected clinician and teacher, Dr. Cox was a role model for continuously striving to perfect patient care. We are honored to announce the revitalization of the prestigious Paul Cox Quality Award, recognizing teams and projects that reflect and embody his remarkable spirit of continuous improvement.

Submissions will be accepted through August 15. The Submission Form may be found the OpEx site and sent to Ruth Hanselman.

Back to Top
Research Retreat Features Presenters from Across MMC

The 2017 Costas T. Lambrew Research Retreat in May included distinguished keynote speaker Vasan Ramachandran, M.D., D.M., FACC, FAHA, Principal Investigator, Framingham Heart Study, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, Boston University School of Medicine. Scientific presentations and dozens of poster presentations were featured by staff from across the medical center.

Click here to see the full list of presentations.

Back to Top

Publications


**Sittig DF, Belmont E, Singh H.** *Improving the safety of health information technology requires shared responsibility: It is time we all step up.* Healthc (Amst). 2017 Jul 14.


**Haydar S, Spanier M, Weems P, Wood S, Strout T.** *Comparison of qSOFA score and SIRS criteria as screening mechanisms for emergency department sepsis.* Am J Emerg Med. 2017

Calendar

2017 Med Staff Dinners – Date change
- October 4, East Tower Patio

Dinners begin at 5:30 and run until about 7 p.m.

Maine Medical Center Medical Executive Committee Meeting Schedule 2017
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

All meetings are held from Noon - 2 p.m. in the Dana Center Boardroom. Lunch is served.

Story Ideas?

Your participation is essential to making The Scope a dynamic and sustainable publication. Please submit articles of 250-300 words to thescope@mmc.org. Include practitioner’s byline with title and appropriate contact for further information. We publish two times each month.

For past copies of The Scope go to: http://www.mmc.org/newsletter-for-medical-professionals
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 lifelong 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.

Back to Top