

# The Scope

A Newsletter for Medical Professionals

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***“Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world.”***

***-Louis Pasteur***

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

### **Peer Support**

*for the MMC Medical Staff*

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## **Dear Members of the Maine Medical Center Medical Staff,**

Greetings! We hope you all will enjoy catching up on important topics in this issue. We bring you highlights on town hall meeting on MH unification, what you need to know about Clinical Learning Environment Review before the ACGME site visit this summer, new division directors, grant awardees and a profile on the Hospital Medicine group. Please take time to join your colleagues in our medical staff speaker series. The next talk features Dr. Bill D'Angelo, addressing the topic of Senior Physicians and sharing a personal story.

Sincerely,



*Joel Botler MD*

**Joel Botler, M.D.**  
Chief Medical Officer



*Lisa Almeder*

**Lisa Almeder, M.D.**  
Medical Staff President

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## **MH Unification Town Hall**

*By Lisa Almeder, M.D., Medical Staff President*

On Monday, May 22, Medical Staff convened for a Town Hall Forum to discuss the current status of possible governance unification. Bill Caron gave overview of MaineHealth’s evolution, recent changes and current challenges, in addition to the reasons behind the proposed unification. In addition, he described the nature of the process of discussions over the past 9 months. Dr. John Bancroft presented highlights of the report of the Physician Advisory Group consisting of 30 physicians across MaineHealth, 15 representing MMC Medical Staff – many who were present at the town hall meeting. This advisory group delved into rich discussions about potential upsides and downsides of unification and important considerations, priorities and safeguards for such a unification.

Medical Staff members engaged in Q&A about the fiscal and clinical impacts of unification on patient care and also how the unification could affect MMC’s fiscal status. Many leaders and colleagues spoke to the fact that fiscal forces will continue to unfold and present uneven hardships across the MH system. Unifying the governance structure is a means of enhancing the integrity of the system for more coherent planning and sharing of resources.

Local Boards will be voting on Governance unification in the coming month. Read the following for more detailed information presented at the town hall:

- [Report to the Unification Work Group](#)
- [Medical Staff Unification Discussions](#)
- [Physician Advisory Subcommittee, Presented by John Bancroft](#)
- [Unification Operating Model](#)

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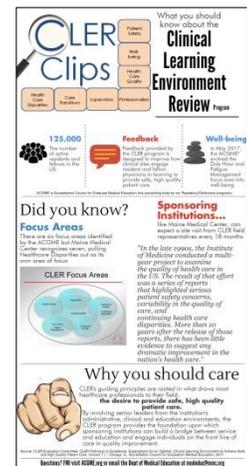
## The Clinical Learning Environment Review Program

By Tom Van der Kloot and Christyna McCormack

As most of you know, our Residency and Fellowship programs are accredited through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER), established in 2012, is a part of the ACGME's accreditation program and includes a site visit about every 18 months. We expect our third site visit this summer, and in preparation will be distributing a series of communications covering important highlights of the program. We hope you'll find these communications informative and useful as a preparatory overview of the content covered as part of CLER. Please see "CLER CLIP" at right – the first in our series which provides a general outline of the CLER program. *Click the image to enlarge.*

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to [Tom Van der Kloot](#) (CLER Physician Director) or [Christyna McCormack](#) (CLER Program Manager).

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**CLER Clips**

What you should know about the Clinical Learning Environment Review

**125,000** The number of residents and fellows in the US

**Feedback** Feedback provided by the CLER program... (text partially obscured)

**Well-being** In May 2017... (text partially obscured)

**Did you know?**

**Focus Areas** There are six focus areas identified by the ACGME for Medical Center accreditation... (text partially obscured)

**Sponsoring Institutions...** In the last report, the Institute of Medicine... (text partially obscured)

**Why you should care** CLER guiding principles are rooted in what drives most healthcare professionals to best work... (text partially obscured)

**Bottom:** The next CLER.org is set to host its 4th Annual Conference of Academic Research

## New Division Directors Named at MMC

Brian W. Nolan, M.D., M.S., of Maine Medical Partners-Surgical Care, is the new division director for the Vascular Surgery/Vascular Services Program of Maine Medical Center. Dr. Nolan comes to MMC from Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center where he was an associate professor of surgery (Vascular Surgery Section) and a research assistant professor for the Dartmouth Institute of Health Policy and Clinical Practice where he earned a master's degree. Board certified in general and vascular surgery, Dr. Nolan participates in the Vascular Surgery Group of New England. He also has more than 70 publications and abstracts.





Brian Keroack, M.D., of Rheumatology Associates will be the new division director of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine, taking over as Marc Miller, M.D., retires after 15 years in the role.

Dr. Keroack is a graduate of Tufts Medical School. He trained in Internal Medicine and served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at University of Massachusetts before completing his Rheumatology fellowship at University of Michigan. Dr. Keroack joined the MMC Medical Staff in 1992. He has been an honored teacher in the Department of Medicine and recipient of several teacher of the year awards. He is board certified in Medicine and Rheumatology and a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology.

Dr. Keroack's interests include Rheumatoid Arthritis Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.

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## **MMP Hospital Medicine**

*By Spencer Powers, M.D.*

Maine Medical Partners Adult Hospital Medicine is a group of physicians and Advanced Practice Professionals (APPs), also known as hospitalists, dedicated to treating a wide variety of hospitalized adult patients. Since starting with three providers in 2001, Hospital Medicine has grown substantially to more than 30 physicians and an additional 20 APPs. The team's initial role in the hospital was providing inpatient services for primary care providers changing their practice patterns to focus more on the outpatient setting.

Today, MMP Hospital Medicine is the primary service managing roughly one quarter of the adult patients in the hospital, including patients with primary oncologic issues, renal disease, ischemic stroke and others, and offers consultation services including coordination through the preoperative or "PREP" clinic. Hospital Medicine works closely with the Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency programs, including key teaching roles for each program. Hospitalists also play key roles in leadership throughout the organization in operational and quality improvement capacities. In addition, the continued growth of the team's clinical footprint has included the expansion to full coverage of adult medical patients at Stephens Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital in Norway, Maine. As their roles in the hospital expand, Hospital Medicine is taking on more of the complex challenges of coordinating care within the hospital and, through a new KPI board, working steadily to provide higher quality, lower cost care for every patient.

For more information: MMP Hospital Medicine, 662-4618

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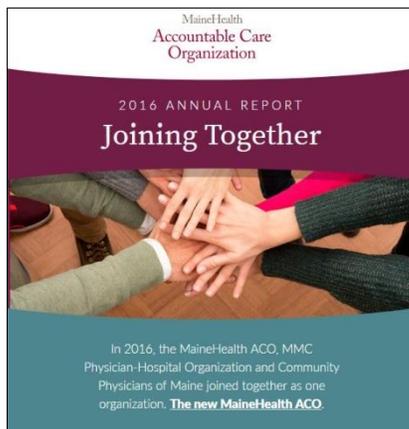
## Obstetric and Gynecology Faculty Members Awarded TUSM Grant

Debra Sepulveda, M.D., MPH, and Kalli Varaklis, M.D., MD Ed, were awarded a TUFTS Educational Innovation Grant for the following project: “Design and Implementation of a Multifaceted Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Curriculum.”

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## Explore the MaineHealth ACO Annual Report Online



Grab your smartphone, tablet or PC and navigate over to the MaineHealth ACO’s new online annual report. Highlighting 2016 ACO activities and results, it features animated graphics, stories from diverse stakeholders and new insights into the day-to-day work behind the ACO’s success.

“This is the first report we’ve published since the MMC PHO and Community Physicians of Maine joined with the MaineHealth ACO to become one unified organization,” says Dr. Betsy Johnson, CEO and President of the ACO. “Readers familiar with those legacy organizations will see that the partnership of employed and private providers, primary care

providers and specialists, hospitals and practices is alive and well – and contributing to impressive work and outcomes. And, equally importantly, they’ll witness the power of coming together around a shared vision of healthier patients and healthier communities.”

[Read the report here.](#)

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## Volunteers Needed for Beach to Beacon Medical Tent

**By Michael R. Baumann, M.D.**

Saturday, August 5  
Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth

The Beach to Beacon road race, sponsored by MaineHealth, is looking for volunteers for the medical tent. Let's Go!, a program of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, is the 20th Anniversary beneficiary of this year's race.

As a volunteer, you'll start the day on the ocean at Fort Williams by the Portland Head Light, convening at the medical tent at about 6 a.m. You'll have a front row seat as the first racers come through the finish line - the wheelchair racers followed by the elite international runners.



Then the next wave of 7,000 runners comes through. About 50 - 80 each year need assistance with everything from sprains/strains to hypotension, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, hypoglycemia, seizures, chest pain, etc. The day ends as quickly as it starts and usually you are done before noon.

Sign up here <http://www.beach2beacon.org/volunteer2017>, and upload your medical credential (a picture of your license is fine or the print out from the board website works):

- Go to the volunteer section
- Click the link that says "medical"
- Under the medical section you will have options to volunteer for the following locations: Medical Start, Medical Course, Finish Line and Medical Tent, Medical General (non-licensed medical staff/Medical Records and Security), Medical Sweep Team and Medical Pediatrics (Kids Race). We will do our best to accommodate your location request.
- *NOTE: All non-medical volunteers (ham radio operators, medical records and security staff) should sign up using the "Medical: General, Non License" link.*

Questions? [Michael R. Baumann](#)

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## Upcoming Brown Bag Lunch Series

The MMC Medical Staff Peer Support Program proudly offers the Brown Bag Lunch Series to all Medical Staff, Residents and Fellows. The practice of medicine can be rewarding, enormous, challenging and overwhelming all at the same time. We often hear from our peers how satisfying it can be to connect with one another professionally and personally, to have an opportunity to hear from others who have "been there" or who are "going through

the same thing.” We hope that this lunch series will help enhance existing relationships, forge new bonds and promote a culture of support for the MMC community. New topics will be presented each month in a focused but informal discussion. Coffee and tea, as well as healthy light refreshments will be offered, but feel free to bring your own lunch.



**Assessment of the Senior Physician: Safe Doctor, Safe Patient**

Speaker: William F. D’Angelo, M.D.

Tuesday, June 13

7 - 8 a.m.

Dana classroom 7

This discussion will focus on how to assess the senior physician from a cognitive and decision making viewpoint, and how that relates to the maintenance of good patient safety and care. Dr. D’Angelo describes how the senior physician can purposefully transition to a more appropriate but still valued role with the health care team.

**Summer Break: July and August. See you in September!**

RSVP to [MedStaff@mmc.org](mailto:MedStaff@mmc.org) indicating the date(s) of the session, your name, preferred email address and phone number.

We want your feedback! If you would have attended this Brown Bag if not for obstacles, please identify those obstacles. We plan to alter the timing and campus location as the series matures. Would you like to partner with us to schedule one of these topics in a more convenient location?

Questions? Dyan Albano, 662-3404

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## Calendar

**2017 Med Staff Dinners – Save the Date**

- September 20, East Tower Patio

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

**Maine Medical Center Medical Executive Committee Meeting Schedule 2017**

- June 16
- July 21
- 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.

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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.

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