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Hospital Staff-Did You Take the Survey?

John Dempsey Hospital staff members have an opportunity to provide their opinion, good or bad, regarding the culture of patient safety by completing an online survey. It is a tool to evaluate the current patient safety culture and to identify areas of



improvement. "Our goal is to create a culture that encourages our hospital staff to share information about patient safety problems and actions that can be taken to make care safer, and that also supports making any changes needed in how care is delivered," says clinical risk manager Patricia Connolly. For those without computer access, kiosks have been set up in the corridor leading to the Food Court and the Medical Arts and Research Building and Dowling South lobbies. All hospital staff members are encouraged to complete the survey. [Take the survey](#)>

Fair a Tremendous Success

Interactive learning opportunities, a poster display created by the children of the Creative Child Center, a tree of recyclables, and many drawings were only some of the things that made the recent Health, Safety, and Environment Fair a huge success. Approximately 100 individuals were waiting at 6:30 a.m. to be one of the first of several hundred people to attend the fair. Many Health Center departments participated as well as UConn Storrs, OSHA and CRRA. "The fair provided both informational and educational opportunities which only enhance ongoing efforts relative to health, safety and sustainability at the Health Center," says Dan Penney, fair chairman. Attendees were also able to decorate the tree of recyclables with items that were commonly recycled either at work or home. "The items that people brought in really showcased how many things can be recycled and reinforced our theme of reduce, reuse and recycle," says Patti Wawzyniecki, co-chairperson.

Celebrating World Voice Day

Although we use our voice every day, most individuals forget about its importance until a voice problem arises. World Voice Day encourages men and women, young and old, to assess their vocal health and take action to improve or maintain good voice habits. World Voice Day will be celebrated at the Health Center with a free program **Thursday, April 16**, from 9 a.m. to 12:45



p.m. in the Keller Auditorium. The program includes presentations on vocal physiology, common voice disorders and vocal health for singers; singing and acting presentations; and a choir master class with Tim Stella. The program is open to the public. For further information and to register, call x7692. [Learn more about the Voice and Speech Clinic](#)>

Discovery Series Explores Blood Disorders

Disorders of the blood can have a great effect on your health. By understanding the signs and symptoms of common blood disorders, you can protect your health. Learn about blood disorders at the [Discovery Series Tuesday, April 21](#), from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Keller Auditorium. [Robert Bona](#) and [Biree Andemariam](#), experts from the [Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders](#), will address the symptoms of anemia, a condition that affects about 3.5 million Americans; sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder; and bleeding and clotting disorders. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required. [Register for program](#)>

Students Attend Clinical Career Day

Approximately 320 students from over 21 high schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts participated in Clinical Career Day at the Health Center. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, explore career choices at various booths and participated in breakout sessions that provided information on topics such as rehabilitation services, diagnostic imaging, anatomic pathology and dentistry. Some students were able to go the operating room area to view a demonstration of a heart-lung machine and to learn about perfusionist training. Clinical Career Day is an annual Health Center event introduced in 2004, sponsored by the UConn School of Medicine's Area Health Education Center, Human Resources and Celebrate Health program.

Dermatology Opens Today in New Location

The [Department of Dermatology](#) has moved to 21 South Road, just around the corner from the main Health Center campus. Today patients will be seen in the in the new, state-of-the-art space located on the second floor. Dermatology offers a full spectrum of medical, surgical and cosmetic services including the region's only total body imaging program; Mohs surgery; on-site dermatopathology laboratory; and specialty services for podiatry, psoriasis, melanoma, cutaneous oncology, cosmetic dermatology and more. The dermatology phone number, x4600, and mail code, MC6231, remain the same. The dermatopathology lab has also

moved to the first floor of the new location. [Learn more about the Department of Dermatology>](#)

Celebrate Women Programs

Celebrate Women has several programs lined up in April to keep you healthy and active. Joseph Civetta, Department of Surgery, discusses how best to express your pain to medical providers, how to learn the language your providers use and how you can prepare for doctor appointments **Monday, April 13**, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Low Learning Center. Discover how Mindful Exercise can offer physical as well as mental benefits. Speaker Cheryl Jones-Reardon will help you tune into the inherent wisdom of your body. Light refreshments and book-signing included. The talk will be held **Tuesday, April 21**, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Mindful Path, 435 Buckland Road, South Windsor. Sarita Arteaga, Oral Rehabilitation, Biomaterials and Skeletal Development, discusses why tooth wear is so common and how it can be prevented **Wednesday, April 29**, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Low Learning Center. Registration for these programs is required. [Register online>](#)



EAP Newsletters Offer Advice and Tips

The April editions of the [Employee Assistance Program's](#) monthly newsletters, *Frontline Employee* and *Frontline Supervisor*, are now available. The newsletters contain helpful tips and advice on staying motivated, conquering procrastination and the role of family in addiction treatment. EAP offers confidential assessment, brief counseling and referral services to all employees and their families. Visit the website for details. To speak with an EAP representative, call x3098 or x2877. [View the newsletters>](#)

Take Your Child to Work Day April 23



The [Department of Human Resources](#) through [Know Better Place](#) is hosting Take Your Child to Work Day 2009 on **Thursday, April 23**. Health Center employees are invited to participate in this fun, educational program offering children ages 8 to 15 an opportunity to learn about the type of work performed at the Health Center. Registration is open through April 17. [For further information and a registration form>](#)

Transgender Lives 2009 Conference

The third annual Transgender Lives conference titled "The Intersection of Health and Law Conference" will be held **Saturday, April 18**, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Health Center. The conference is aimed toward

service providers, medical and legal professionals, trans and gender non-conforming individuals, allies and individuals interested in the health and law issues facing the trans and gender non-conforming communities. The conference will cover topics such as mental health needs for transgender individuals, disability and employment rights, and communication skills for providers. The cost of the conference is \$25 for individuals and \$50 for agency personnel. Register at www.TransGenderLives.org or call 860.983.8139. The conference is sponsored in part by the UConn Health Center.

People



Kimberly Ruscher, General Surgery PGY-3 resident, was awarded a Resident and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship covers one of several ACS courses and is awarded to only three young surgeons in the United States who best exemplify an important mission of RAS-developing future leaders for the field of surgery. Congratulations!



Judy Lewis, Community Medicine and Healthcare, has received the Christopher Krogh Award from the Global Health Education Consortium. The award is presented to a student, resident, faculty member or other individual(s) who best represent the spirit of Dr. Christopher Krogh's dedication to global health. Krogh demonstrated that careers among our own underserved and those abroad are often two sides of the same coin. The award seeks to pay tribute to Krogh by honoring an individual who also demonstrates this integration of international and domestic health care. The award was established in 1995 to honor Krogh who was killed in an airplane accident in 1994 while traveling as a physician for the Indian Health Service. Congratulations!

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