

## April is Donate Life Month

Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. But despite continuing advances in medicine, the need for organs and tissue is vastly greater than the number available for transplantation. Each day in the United States, 18 people die waiting for transplants that cannot take place because of a shortage of donated organs.

At Hartford Hospital, we honor those who make the final act of love and generosity to people they don't know by giving the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

“Doug was a very special, generous man.”

*Top Right: Doug Zimmerman was a registered organ donor. After his death last summer, his last act was to give the gift of sight and healing to others with the tissues he donated.*

*Bottom Right: Doug Zimmerman's wife Bet, and his parents Larry and Joan Zimmerman, participated in the flag raising ceremony at Hartford Hospital hours after Doug passed away. The hospital flies the flag for two days to honor the donor and his gift.*



# Donate Life: Doug Zimmerman's "Gift That Keeps On Giving"



*Doug Zimmerman left his family and friends with wonderful memories of a life well-lived.*

Doug Zimmerman of Woodstock, Connecticut had registered as an organ donor when he got his driver's license. He told his wife Bet that he believed donation was "the ultimate in recycling," and a good way to give back to others. That is how he lived his life: Doug, who worked for the Department of Environmental Protection for 27 years, had "active hero" status with the Red Cross because he had donated more than 65 units of blood during his lifetime.

So on June 8, 2010, when Doug passed away at Hartford Hospital at the age of 52 after a sudden cardiac event, Bet knew without question that he would want to be a donor.

Staff in the Emergency Room contacted LifeChoice Donor Services, the local organ procurement organization. Sheila Murphy, tissue

coordinator for LifeChoice, joined Bet and discussed the options.

"Sheila patiently and gently explained to me how many people tissue donation could help, and what the tissues could be used for," Bet said. "She answered all my questions. I asked Doug's parents if they were okay with his choice, and they said they were, so I signed off on the consent form. This process and decision was not hard for me. At that point, his body was just a shell."

Because his heart had stopped out in the field, Doug was unable to donate organs, but he was able to be a tissue donor and will help countless people with his corneas, bones, veins, skin and tissue.

"The thought that his gift might be helping others is one of the only things that gives me solace right

now," said his wife Bet. "It helps to know that someone else might be looking through the lenses of his eyes, flexing his muscles, or walking on his bones. He didn't need them anymore. Someone else out there desperately does."

Doug left his family and friends with wonderful memories of a life well-lived. His generosity of spirit and zest for life did not end with his last breath. Through the gift of tissue donation, Doug continues to impact the lives of people he did not know, but to whom he gave a precious chance to live and enjoy life, hopefully as well as he did.

"Doug was a very special, generous man," Bet said. "His last act was to give the gift of sight and healing to others. He had the ability to help approximately 50 people with the muscles, veins, bone and other tissues he donated. This is good news, and there is not much of that around here lately."

Each year, tissue donors like Doug help more than 1,000,000 people. But right now, more than 100,000 people are waiting for organ transplant, and 18 die every day. Bet Zimmerman hopes that part of her husband's legacy will be calling attention to the problem and inspiring others to become donors.

"Immediately after we lost Doug, my brother signed up as an organ donor," Bet said. "I think Doug would be proud. I know I am. I hope others will learn more about organ and tissue donation, and seriously consider leaving such a legacy."



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### The Donate Life Flag

When a patient dies at Hartford Hospital, and then goes on to give the gift of life through organ and/or tissue donation, we raise the “Donate Life” flag in front of the main hospital entrance, and fly it for two days in their honor. Staff members are invited to join the donor’s family and friends at the flag raising, and an image of the flag is broadcast on the in-hospital digital screens.

The flag raising means a great deal to the families, said Jami Tyska, our in-house donation coordinator. It did to Bet Zimmerman and her family.

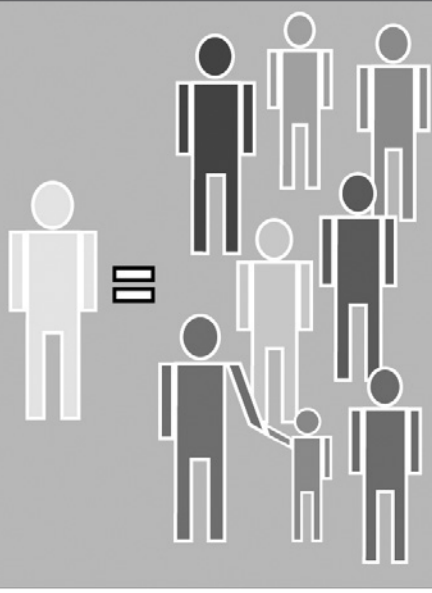
“Doug’s parents and I went outside into the sun, and they let his mom and I crank up the flag,” Bet said. “It was hard, but I was gladened by at least one positive aspect of this tragedy.”

On April 1, to mark National Donate Life month and honor all Hartford Hospital organ and tissue donors, the Donate Life flag was raised at a ceremony attended by staff, donor families, and recipients. It will fly for the entire month of April.

“We want to honor people like Doug Zimmerman, and his wife and family, whose generosity gives hope – and new life – to those who need transplants,” Jami said.

“I am glad Doug was an organ and tissue donor. I am glad that we talked about it before he left,” said Bet Zimmerman. “Every new person who knew Doug who signs up for organ donation now is carrying on his legacy. As Doug would say, ‘It’s the gift that keeps on giving.’”

**Editor’s Note: For more about Doug, see [www.cragman.com](http://www.cragman.com).**



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can save 8 lives.

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organ and tissue donor at  
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## In 2010:

- 19 people became organ donors at Hartford Hospital.
- 62 organs were donated: 7 hearts, 7 lungs, 30 kidneys, 16 livers, and 2 pancreases.
- 27 organs went to recipients at Hartford Hospital.

## Becoming a Donor

Organ and tissue donation and transplantation provide a second chance at life for thousands of people each year. You have the opportunity to make these miracles happen. By deciding to be a donor, you give the gift of hope for the thousands of individuals awaiting organ transplants, and for the millions of individuals whose lives could be enhanced through tissue transplants. To register as an organ, tissue, and eye donor, go to: <http://www.organdonor.gov>



# Hartford Hospital Ranks First in Region in U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals Metro Area Rankings



Hartford Hospital has been ranked number one in the Hartford area in U.S. News & World Report's first-ever Best Hospitals Metro Area rankings.

The new rankings recognize 622 hospitals in or near major cities with a record of high performance in key medical specialties. There are nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide.

Twenty years ago, U.S. News created Best Hospitals rankings to identify institutions exceptionally skilled in handling the most difficult cases, and currently identifies 152 hospitals as the best in the nation. The new metro area rankings just announced are more relevant to a wider range of health

care consumers, whose care may not demand the special expertise found only at a nationally ranked Best Hospital.

Most patients will have a far better chance of finding one of these top-performing hospitals in their health insurance network, and closer to home.

"Hartford Hospital is proud to be named the region's top hospital. This prestigious honor reflects our commitment to providing the most innovative and complex care, with an unmatched level of service," said Elliot Joseph, President and CEO of Hartford Hospital.

To be ranked in its metro area, a hospital had to score in the top 25

percent among its peers in at least one of 16 medical specialties.

Hartford Hospital was recognized as "High-performing" in eight specialties: diabetes and endocrinology, geriatrics, gynecology, kidney disorders, orthopedics, psychiatry, pulmonology, and urology.

"The new Best Hospitals Metro rankings can tell you which hospitals are worth considering for most medical problems if you live in or near a major metro area," says U.S. News' health rankings editor Avery Comarow. "All of these hospitals provide first-rate care for the majority of patients, even those with serious conditions or who need demanding procedures."

Also on the Best Hospitals in Metro Hartford list were Middlesex Hospital, ranked number two with three high-performing specialties, and The Hospital of Central Connecticut, ranked number three with one high-performing specialty.

RANKINGS HOSPITALS BY SPECIALTY CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS MAP															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationally ranked</li> <li>High-performing</li> <li>Click headers to sort by specialty</li> </ul>															
Hospital	Metro rank	Cancer	Diabetes & endocrinology	Ear, nose & throat	Gastroenterology	Geriatrics	Gynecology	Heart & heart surgery	Kidney disorders	Neurology & neurosurgery	Ophthalmology	Orthopedics	Psychiatry	Pulmonology	Rehabilitation
Hartford Hospital Hartford, CT	#1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Middlesex Hospital Middletown, CT	#2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hospital of Central Connecticut New Britain, CT	#3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

For the full list of metro area rankings, visit [www.usnews.com/hospitals](http://www.usnews.com/hospitals).

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# Medical Mission: Staff Members Volunteer for Surgeries in Ecuador



From hands, to hearts, to minds towards peace

A team of seven members of the staff spent eight days in February in Latacunga, Ecuador as medical volunteers under the aegis of the nonprofit organization Hands Across the World.

They spent the time doing a total of 98 plastic surgery and hand surgery cases, including cleft lip/cleft palate repairs, congenital and post-traumatic hand repairs, burn surgery, and microtia repairs.

The medical volunteers were Drs. Alan Babigian, Charles Castiglione, Chris Hughes, and Anselm Wong; registered nurses Tembra Gregus and Michael Bafuma, and surgical technologist Timothy Gregus.

"We have established a network of physicians in Ecuador that we work with, who help us with the postoperative care of our patients after we leave," said Dr. Babigian, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon from the Connecticut Surgical Group. He is on the board of director of Hands Across the World, and this was his sixth trip to the same region since 2001.

"We see a number of familiar patients every time we return," said Dr. Babigian. "I, for one, have grown very attached to the people of this region - they are truly nice, happy, gracious people despite

their extremely poor socioeconomic situation."

Dr. Castiglione is director of plastic surgery at Hartford Hospital and chief of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. This was his second trip to Ecuador since 2009.

They plan to return to Ecuador in 2013.

Team members pay their own way on the medical missions. All of the medications, materials, and other expenses are entirely covered by private and corporate donations to Hands Across the World.

[www.handsacrossworld.com](http://www.handsacrossworld.com)



The group of medical volunteers from Hartford Hospital and CCMC in Ecuador (left to right): Dr. Chris Hughes, Dr. Anselm Wong, Dr. Alan Babigian, Timothy Gregus, certified surgical technologist, Dr. Charles Castiglione, Tembra Gregus, RN, and Michael Bafuma, RN.



Drs. Babigian and Castiglione performing surgery in the operating room in Latacunga.



# Hartford Hospital Presents Service Awards - March 2011



## 40 YEARS

Arija Agostino was congratulated on her 40 years of service by her co-workers from Radiology.

## 40 YEARS

Margery Dery was congratulated on her 40 years of service by her co-workers from the West Hartford Surgery Center.



## 40 YEARS

Catherine Jeffery was congratulated on her 40 years of service by her co-workers from the Operating Room.

## 25 YEARS

Marc Rousseau, Diane Michaud and Martha Ringrose were congratulated for a quarter century of service.



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## 20 YEARS

Twenty-year pin recipients were Michael Richards, William Morin and Diana Niro.



## 15 YEARS

Shiela Ash and Daisy Rodriguez celebrated 15 years of service.



## 10 YEARS

Being congratulated for 10 years of service are: **Front row**, left to right: Denise Taylor, Janet Karp, Gladys Flores, Collette Willard and Luis Oyola.

**Back row**, left to right: Judy Boykins, Sandra Brown, Staci Beamon, Kristen Beaupre, Clara Riley, Frank Palumbo and Crestina Walker.



## 5 YEARS

Jeffrey Flaks, executive vice president and chief operating officer (back row, far left) and President Elliot Joseph (back row, far right) congratulate all the five-year award recipients:

**Front row**, left to right: Monique Gray, Patricia Simonowicz, Kelly Rider, Monique Roy, Kimone White, Lynn Yaglowksi and Lidia Scodella.

**Middle row**, left to right: Yolanda Johnson, Beatrice Resto, Samuel Vega, Valentina Moore and William Joughin.

**Back row**, left to right: Ruth Amador, Leoner Fontanez, Sanjay Banerjee, Nelis Bido-Jimenez, Alison Champagne, Garret Condon and David Johnson.



## VOLUNTEER

Gabriel Morales, center, was congratulated for 500 hours of volunteer service by (left to right): Jeff Flaks; Danian Harper from the Ambulatory Surgery Center; Kelley Boothby, codirector of volunteer services; and Elliot Joseph.



# Employees Recognized at March Service Awards Ceremony

## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Arija Agostino**, Radiology/Administration  
**Margery Dery**, W.H. Surgery Center/Administration  
**Catherine Jeffery**, OR/Administration  
**Janis Vannais**, Case Coordination

## 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Karen Heffernan**, Rehabilitation/General

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Israel Caro**, Security

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Pamela Dombroski**, OR/Materials Management  
**Diane Michaud**, Cardiology/Arrhythmia  
**Martha Ringrose**, IS/Clinical Integration  
**Marc Rousseau**, Pharmacy/General  
**Edward Sasiadek**, OR Assistive Personnel

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Michael Halpin**, IS/PC Services  
**William Morin**, IS/Operations  
**Diana Niro**, Administration/General  
**Michael Richards**, Food/Nutrition/Patient Tray Service  
**Anca Suci**, IS/Tech Support

## 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Shiela Ash**, Environmental Services/General  
**Denyse Fillion**, Emergency Room/General  
**Alda Reis**, Radiology/Administration  
**Daisy Rodriguez**, OPD/Dental Clinic

## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Annie Augustine**, Nursing Per Diem Pool  
**Staci Beamon**, Surgical Service North 9  
**Kristen Beaupre**, Radiology/CT Scan  
**Judy Boykins**, Cafeteria/Vending Services  
**Sandra Brown**, Center for Emergency Medical Preparedness  
**Christopher Clyne**, Department Of  
Cardiology/Administration  
**Gladys Flores**, H I M/Regulatory  
**Mary Gratton**, Special Education/Hartford  
**Cheryl Hunt**, PA Remit Processing  
**Janet Karp**, Donnelly 3S  
**Robert Maigret**, Environmental Services/General  
**Jennifer McNamara**, ERN - Glastonbury - OA  
**Fyneface Orchingwa**, Donnelly 3S  
**Luis Oyola**, Environmental Services/General

**Frank Palumbo**, Cardiology/Endovascular  
**Janice Phillips**, Surgical Services North 11  
**Lynn Roberts**, Donnelly 1N  
**Melissa Talarico**, IS/Clinical Integration  
**Denise Taylor**, Radiology/Administration  
**Wendy Twarkins**, Special Education/Bloomfield  
**Crestina Walker**, Emergency Room/General  
**Collette Willard**, Vascular Laboratory

## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Ruth Amador**, Medicine Services Center 12L  
**Veronica Amoaning**, Cardiology Service Bliss 10E  
**Kerri-Anne Atchison**, Post Anesthesia Care Unit  
**Randy Baggoo**, Environmental Services/General  
**Sanjay Banerjee**, Donnelly 2S  
**Nelis Bido-Jimenez**, OPD/Child/Adolescent Psych Clinic  
**Magdalena Brown**, Cardiology Service Center 10  
**Alison Champagne**, Research Administration  
**Garret Condon**, Planning and Marketing  
**Emmalee Cuevas**, C A R E S  
**Antonio D'Agostino**, Environmental Services/General  
**Leoner Fontanez**, Environmental Services/General  
**Leslie Gomez**, Medicine Services Bliss 11 ICU  
**Monique Gray**, PAS Financial Clearance  
**Mindy Johanson**, Rehab Bishops Corner - OP  
**David Johnson**, Assets/Liabilities Accounts  
**Yolanda Johnson**, Surgical Services North 9  
**William Joughin**, Buckingham Program  
**Steven Katz**, Department of Psych/Administration  
**Virginia Landon**, H I M/DOC Imaging  
**William Lee**, Pharmacy/General  
**Tiffany Mohammed**, Human Resources  
**Valentina Moore**, Environmental Services/General  
**Blandina Rebeiro**, Cafeteria/Vending Services  
**Kelly Rider**, Rehab Windsor - OP  
**Monique Roy**, PA Financial Assistance  
**Maria Sabatelli**, Food/Nutrition  
**Lidia Scodella**, Womens' Health Services  
**Yao-Ling Shih**, Orthopedics CB6  
**Patricia Simonowicz**, Department of Surgery  
**Olga Steward**, OPD/Surgical Clinic  
**Susan Thibeault**, Emergency Transport Center  
**Mattie Thomas-Sinclair**, Patient Services/SNF  
**Samuel Vega**, Patient Support Services  
**Kimone White**, Cardiology Service Bliss 10E  
**Lynn Yaglowski**, Risk Management  
**Peter Zeman**, Donnelly 3S



# Spring is Here; Volunteer!

*With the return of good weather, many organizations hold events to raise awareness of certain diseases or money for life-saving medical research. Join your friends and coworkers from Hartford Hospital at any of these four events - you could help save lives!*



## April 10: Walk for Multiple Sclerosis Research

Teams from Hartford Hospital will participate in the 5-mile "Walk to Create a World Free of MS," which raises awareness and funds for research for Multiple Sclerosis. It will be held on Sunday, April 10, in 12 sites around the state: Brooklyn Community, Cheshire, Clinton, Enfield, Litchfield, Manchester, New London, Simsbury, Stamford, West Hartford,

West Haven and Westport. Registration opens at 8 a.m.; the walk starts at 9 a.m. at all locations. A free Subway lunch will be provided after the walk. **Please register by April 3. Rose Jacobs, a PA in surgery, is coordinating a team. Contact her at [rjacobs@harthosp.org](mailto:rjacobs@harthosp.org), or call 860-844-8939 (cell 860-202-9057).**



## April 13: "Be The Match" Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Every day, patients with leukemia hope for a volunteer donor who can make a bone marrow transplant possible for them. Seventy percent of patients don't have a donor in their family, so they depend

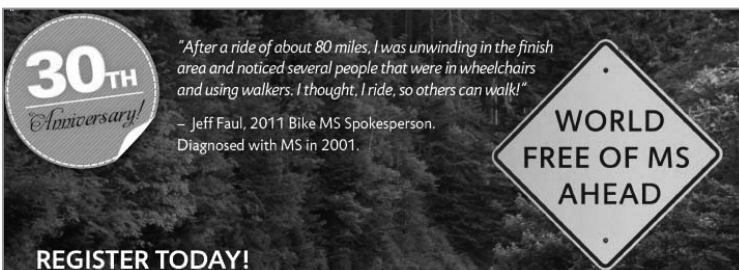
on strangers who have joined the national registry of potential donors. There will be a drive to screen new donors for entry in the "Be The Match" Registry at the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center on Wednesday, April 13, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. in the Taylor Conference Room. You must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and meet the health guidelines to participate. At the drive you will complete a registration form and have your cheek swabbed so your tissue type can be determined. If you match a patient in the future, you will be asked to donate either bone marrow or cells from circulating blood. It's not as painful as some people think, and you could save someone's life. **For more information, contact Susan Peck from cancer nursing at 860-545-3497, or visit [BeTheMatch.org](http://BeTheMatch.org).**



## May 1: March of Dimes March for Babies

Women's Health Services is sponsoring a Hartford Hospital team in the March of Dimes March for Babies on Sunday, May 1 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. This fun walkathon will raise money for important research and programs that help babies begin healthy lives. **You can register online**

**at [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org) and include the team name "Women's Health Services, Hartford Hospital," or go to Hartford Hospital's table on the day of walk. For more information contact Donna Phelan, a nurse on Bliss 6, at 860-545-2167.**



## June 5: Bike MS

Join the Hartford Hospital team of cyclists on June 5 in the 30th annual Bike MS: bkm/Steelcase Ride starting in Windsor. You can choose to ride 10, 25, 50 or 100 miles. For the past 29 years this ride has seen over 27,000 cyclists pedal to raise over \$6 million to benefit the more than 6,000 people affected by multiple sclerosis living in Connecticut. Participants

can register at [www.bikemsconnecticut.org](http://www.bikemsconnecticut.org); make sure to register with the "Hartford Hospital Cyclists" team. **For more information contact team captain Suzanne Femino, an APRN from the Child and Adolescent Outpatient Clinic, at 860-545-7717 or [sfemino@harthosp.org](mailto:sfemino@harthosp.org).**

# Hartford Hospital Welcomes New Employees in March

Danielle Allen, PCA, Nursing  
Jennifer Andrews, PCA, STAR  
Valbona Baci, Food and Nutrition Associate  
Jennifer Bergeron, PCA, Nursing  
Rachid Berhili, Environmental Service Aide  
Christa Berry, PCA, STAR  
Sara Blakesley, RN, C9I  
Antoinette Boland, PCA, B9I  
Jeanette Bracetty, PAA, CB6  
Ana Brasil, RN, ED  
Carlos Brantley, PAA, CB2  
Jeremy Brothers, RN, Bliss 9  
Sonia Camargo, Medical Assistant, Community Care Center  
Karen Cardillo, Manager, Donnelly 1N  
Shellon Charles, PC, C9I  
Rosangel Colon, PA, N11  
Jennie Corey, PCA, Nursing  
Joshua Cruz, Unit Aide, Patient Support Services  
Elizabeth Deckers, MD, Womens' Ambulatory Health  
Abigail DeLisa, APRN, Cancer Program  
Morgan Denno, PCA, STAR  
Tina DiLernia, PAA, Bliss 10E  
Lorraine DiPietro, RN, Ambulatory Surgery Center  
Manuel Duby, RN, Dialysis  
Anin Ebenezer, RN, Bliss 9E  
Akilah Franklin, Recruiting Assistant, Human Resources  
Lauren Fredette, RN, Donnelly 2N  
Theresa Gardener, RN, IOL  
Bejaimatie Ghirdhari, Environmental Service Aide  
Eledio Gonzalez, Food and Nutrition Associate  
Judy Graham, Physical Therapist, Patient Clinic  
Rodney Grant, Central Sterile  
Tadnesha Gregory, Environmental Service Aide  
Kelly Griffith, Respiratory Care Practitioner  
Brianna Guertin, RN, Bliss 10E  
Vanessa Hernandez, PAA, North 11  
Gloria Huerta, Central Sterile Supply Tech  
Stacy Jennison, PCA, STAR  
Chelsea Johnson, PCA, STAR  
Dorothy Joyce, Case Coordinator  
Jill Kwolek, RN, ED  
Margaret Laboy, Environmental Service Aide  
Pamela Lofton-McGeorge, Human Resource Consultant  
Hector Lopez, Environmental Service Aide  
Juan Maldonado, PCA, Nursing  
Andres Mangual, Materials Associate, Equipment Express

Francesca Martinez, Food and Nutrition Associate  
Katherine Martinez, PCT, GREER  
Jessica Masztal, Respiratory Care Practitioner  
Brittany Mitchell, Environmental Service Aide  
Ketra Mobley, PA, North 10  
Monica Moquin, PCA, STAR  
Dana Muller, PCA, STAR  
Amy Murphy, RN, PACU  
Erin Murphy, Receptionist Aide, Patient Clinic  
Lindsey Nelson, PCA, Nursing  
Mathew Nucci, RN, Bliss 10 ICU  
Valeria O'Farrill, Sitter, SHEA  
Gloria Palomo, Environmental Service Aide  
Sally Peraza, PA, Bliss 11 ICU  
Maria Perez, Food and Nutrition Associate  
Sharanika Perry, PCA, C10  
Amanda Petri, PCA, CB5  
Jing Ping, PCA, Nursing  
Arturo Rivera, Laundry Associate  
Pedro Rivera Jr., Environmental Service Aide  
Leonel Rojas, Environmental Service Aide  
Miguel Rosario, Medical Assistant, OPD/Surgical Clinic  
Stacey Rutledge, PCA, Nursing  
Joanna Ryan, PCA, Nursing  
Shannon Sardi, PCA, Bliss 7 ICU  
Irina Schwartz, PCA, North 8  
Alana Sciortino, PCA, STAR  
Allan Shields, Environmental Service Aide  
Jose Silva, Laundry Associate  
Kimberlee Simmons, RN, NMU  
Marisol Soto, Environmental Service Aide  
Chasity Terry, Vendor  
Joan Tetro, Unit Leader, Accounting  
Brenda Tiemann, Sitter, Greer  
Luis Toledo, Food and Nutrition, IOL  
Ashley Torres, PA, Bliss 10 ICU  
Dan Valdivia, RN, STAR  
Pamela Venegas, Environmental Service Aide  
Lixmarie Wagner, PAA, North 11  
Margaret Watson, Dental Assistant, Dental Clinic  
Joshua White, Sitter, SHEA  
Denise Whyte, Surgery, B7I  
Guy Yansen, Environmental Service Aide  
Alex Yeakel, Student Intern, Nursing Administration  
Toni Zanks, MAA, Radiation Oncology

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*“Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought.”*

~ Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, 1937 Nobel Prize for Medicine



## HHC System Moving Forward to Increase Research Volume

The Hartford Health Care Institute for Research is becoming a reality. The executive board of the Institute is in the beginning stages of allocating the \$9,000,000 set aside by the System, for the purpose of increasing research volume over the next 5 years. In addition the Midstate Medical Center IRB will be combined with Hartford Hospital's IRB to better facilitate research growth within the System.

## Internal Funding Update

Requests for support through the Small Grants program (for research projects requesting \$10,000 or less) may be submitted at any time through the Research Program's online form system. The goal of the Small Grant program is to provide seed money for pilot projects with the potential to generate external research support. Medical Staff funding is also available to support data analysis and database development through the Research Program. Contact Ilene Staff, PhD (545-0178) for more information.

***The following projects were supported through the generosity of the Hartford Hospital Medical Staff:***

- **Shameem Azizad, MD (Radiology):** “Low Dose CT Protocol for Cystic Fibrosis Patients”
- **Louise McCullough MD (Neurology):** “Variability in Stroke Outcomes Across the Population”
- **Inam Kureshi, MD (Neurosurgery):** “Craniotomy for Intraventricular Lesions”
- **Andrew Salner MD (Oncology):** “Clinical and Quality of Life Outcomes Following Diagnosis of Prostate Adenocarcinoma”
- **Michael Sahjian RN (Emergency Medicine):** “Needle Decompression”
- **Brent Suozzi MD (Urogynecology):** “Do Urogynecologists Hate Fractions?”

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**Schimpf, M.O., Tulikangas, P.K., O'Sullivan, D.M., LaSala, C.A., Jacob, M.C., and Egan, J.F.X.** Characteristics of nulliparous women who would consider Cesarean delivery on maternal request. *Connecticut Medicine*, in press, April, 2011.

**Ayirala, S., Kumar, S., O'Sullivan, D.M., and Silverman, D.I.** Echocardiographic predictors of left atrial appendage thrombus formation. *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography*, in press, 2011.

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