Garnet Health

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Meet Our New Medical Directors

Leroy Cordero Floyd III, MD, CPE, FACP, FHM

Aamir M. Gilani, MD, MPH, FCCP

Kavneet Kaur, MD, MPH

Anjana Poonthota, MD, MPH, FAAP

Ulrick Vieux, DO, MS

Patient Safety Corner

How our patients can contribute to the safety and quality of their care

Everyone has a role in making healthcare safe, including our patients. We can encourage them to make their care safer by asking them to stay active, involved and informed. We also need to encourage our patients to not delay their healthcare for any reason. Garnet Health facilities are clean, sanitized and safe for our patients to schedule their doctor appointments and outpatient tests, book their elective surgeries that they may have put off or visit us for urgent or emergent care.

Research shows that patients who take care of themselves and participate in decisions about their healthcare are more likely to be healthier and/or get better faster. We should urge them to SPEAK UP about questions and concerns and request additional education about ailments and treatments.

Our patients should always be asked to participate in all decisions about their treatment. Patients and physicians should agree on exactly what will be done during each step of treatment. Patients should be encouraged to use MyChart and keep their medical records from other hospitalizations to share with us to ensure we have the best information about their health history.

Please also let patients know it is OK for them to request a second opinion. We should always support these requests because the more information they have about available treatments, the better they will feel about their healthcare decisions. And last, but certainly not least, patients should talk to their health providers and families about their wishes regarding resuscitation and other life-saving actions during an emergency.

For more information on our Culture of Safety, contact Quality Data Specialist Katie Haun at 333-1294 or khaun@garnethealth.org.

COVID-19 Safety and Information

Coronavirus cases continue to increase in other parts of the nation, and vigilance is still critical. That's why social distancing, diligent hand hygiene and mask use are mandatory in Garnet Health facilities. We have done a great job caring for our community and decreasing local COVID-19 statistics, but we must remember that the risk is still present.

What COVID-19 employee symptom attestation means for you:

Daily COVID-19 employee symptom attestation is now required of employees upon arrival to work to ensure the safety of our health system and community.

An attestation is evidence or proof of something. If you come to work and you are not well enough to swipe in for your shift, you must return to your vehicle and call Occupational Health during the day shift, Monday to Friday, or the Nursing Supervisor's office on other shifts or weekends.

A message is now displayed on timeclocks as a reminder. It says to not swipe in if you exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body ache
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

By swiping in, you attest to the fact that you are NOT ill and do not have any of the symptoms above. Thank you for your assistance in keeping us all healthy and safe. If you have any questions, contact Senior Administrator, Human Resources/Payroll Operations Christine Goodhart at 333-7176 or your Human Resource Business Partner.

How Garnet Health Keeps You Safe

Rest assured that we're proactively working to protect you while at our hospitals, doctor's offices and outpatient locations.
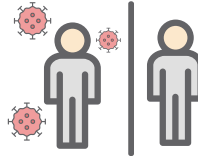
Masks required for everyone

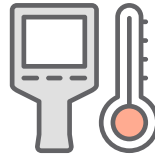**Employees practice extensive hand-washing**

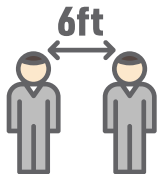**Continuous enhanced cleaning at every facility**

Separate rooms for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients

Pre-screening for COVID-19 symptoms in advance of patient appointments

Temperature checks

Social-distanced waiting areas and registration

Curbside check-in for Urgent Care

Appropriately spaced appointments allow for social distancing and cleaning after each patient

Telehealth available from Garnet Health Doctors

Sanitizing facilities with UV light and decontamination spray/misting units

Urgent concern or Emergency? Visit our Urgent Cares, go to the ER or call 911 in an emergency!

We have taken extensive precautions at our facilities to keep you safe from coronavirus. Hospitalizations from the illness at our medical centers have decreased nearly 100%.

Please encourage family and friends to not delay their healthcare.

Learn more at garnethealth.org/safety

Garnet Health

Making Our Mark on Healthcare

Nationally Honored Women's Healthcare – Two Straight Years!

Congratulations! For the second straight year, Garnet Health Medical Center is proud to receive Healthgrades®' 2019-2020 Excellence Awards in Gynecologic Surgery™, Labor and Delivery™ and Obstetrics and Gynecology™.

Garnet Health Medical Center is the only hospital in New York State to be recognized in all three areas, and rated among the top 10% of the nation's hospitals for women's healthcare for two consecutive years. We also received three five-star ratings in 2020 for Vaginal Delivery, C-Section Delivery and Hysterectomy. Healthgrades provides consumers with information about physicians, hospitals and healthcare providers.

Our highly skilled women's health teams at Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Doctors work tirelessly to provide excellent care and experiences tailored for each and every patient. A salute to you for this well-earned recognition!

> "We are proud to be the only New York State hospital to achieve all three women's care excellence awards for two consecutive years. It's an outstanding accomplishment that illustrates the level of high-quality care we provide. Expectant parents should feel confident knowing we are delivering high clinical outcomes."
>
> Chief Executive Officer Brian Tew
> Garnet Health Medical Center

ISO 9001 Certification Means Excellent Care

Congratulations! DNV GL, our healthcare-accrediting organization, has certified Garnet Health Medical Center's Quality Management System to rigorous ISO 9001:2015 standards. This means our patients are receiving safe, consistent care in accordance with global standards.

ISO 9001 is defined as the international standard that specifies requirements for a quality-management system. Organizations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements. Kudos to all who made this certification happen! Learn more about quality initiatives at garnethealth.org/quality.

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills
Receives Stroke Gold Plus Award

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills has received the 2020 American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring that stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills earned the award by meeting specific quality-achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding up recovery and reducing the risk of death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients received education on managing their health and scheduled a follow-up visit.

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New Nursing Leadership at Rowley Family Birthing Center

Garnet Health Medical Center welcomes **Lisa Konopko**, MPH, MSN, RN, RNC-NIC, as Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)/Mother/Baby Unit Nursing Director and **Sheila Moreau**, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, as Nursing Unit Director of Labor and Delivery.

Lisa is responsible for the Level ll NICU, which has 10 beds and an isolation room, and leads the registered nurses and support staff who work in both the NICU and Mother/Baby units. She began her career in the NICU at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and later worked in the NICU at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. She was previously Nurse Manager of Ambulatory Women's Health at Mount Sinai and most recently Director of Nursing for the City of Stamford, CT. She is certified in Neonatal Intensive Care and LEAN Six Sigma Healthcare Training, which reduces medical errors and improves medical outcomes, and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the New York Academy of Medicine.

Sheila is responsible for oversight and operations in the Labor and Delivery Unit, which has 12 beds, two operating rooms and two post-anesthesia care beds. In addition, she manages the registered nurses and support staff who work in the Labor and Delivery and the Mother/Baby Units. Previously Nurse Manager of the Rowley Family Birthing Center and NICU, she began her career as a staff nurse at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell. She obtained a degree in Nursing from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix. With 28 years of clinical experience, academic nursing instruction and childbirth education, Sheila maintains certifications in electronic fetal monitoring and inpatient obstetrics.

For more information, email lkonopko@garnethealth.org or smoreau@garnethealth.org.

New Emergency Room Medical Director at Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills

Dr. Trevor McGinley has been appointed as Emergency Room Medical Director at Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills.

Dr. McGinley has served as Chairman of Emergency Medicine, Associate Director of Emergency Medicine and an attending physician at Garnet Health Medical Center since 2013. Dr. McGinley completed his Residency at Geisinger Health System Emergency Medicine in Danville, PA.

Dr. McGinley attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned his medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston Medical School. His research has been published in the *Visual Journal of Emergency Medicine*, the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*, *Trauma & Surgical Care*, and *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. He can be reached at tmcginley@garnethealth.org.

New Garnet Health Medical Directors
To Advance Unified Care Approaches

The new Garnet Health medical directors, pictured below, are:

Leroy Cordero Floyd III, MD, CPE, FACP, FHM, Medical Director of Hospitalist Services. He partners administratively with Brian Tew, Garnet Health Medical Center Chief Executive Officer.

Aamir M. Gilani, MD, MPH, FCCP, Medical Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Services. He partners administratively with Jonathan Schiller, Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills Chief Executive Officer.

Kavneet Kaur, MD, MPH, Medical Director Neurology Services, Garnet Health Doctors; Medical Director Stroke Program, Garnet Health. She partners administratively with Brian Tew, Garnet Health Medical Center Chief Executive Officer.

Anjana Poonthota, MD, MPH, FAAP, Medical Director of Women and Children's Services. She partners administratively with Brian Tew, Garnet Health Medical Center Chief Executive Officer.

Ulrick Vieux, DO, MS, Medical Director of Behavioral Health. He partners administratively with Jonathan Schiller, Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills Chief Executive Officer.

Garnet Health has taken another step forward as a unified health system delivering exceptional care by naming five medical directors.

As medical directors, these physicians partner with the health system's administration to lead critical healthcare services across the organization. They are directly involved in developing the vision and strategic plan for their respective services, strive to bring standardized best practices to our healthcare settings, lead innovative programs and services and provide the highest quality of care to our patients and our community.

Please offer your congratulations and appreciation for these outstanding doctors' leadership and guidance when you see them.

For more information, visit garnethealth.org.

"We have designed our health system to deliver excellence in care," said Garnet Health President and CEO Scott Batulis. "Working as a collective with our clinical staff, these system medical directors will help to enhance each patient's experience at every point along their journey."

BEE Awards: Recognizing Service, Excellence and Dedication!

Kaitlyn Umstead, RN

Congratulations to Emergency Department Registered Nurse Kaitlyn Umstead, the May 2020 Employee of the Month at Garnet Health Medical Center. Kaitlyn was chosen for her above-and-beyond care of a patient during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Employee of the Month program is also known as the BEE Award – and Being Exceptional Every day takes dedication, loyalty and commitment. Congratulations, Kaitlyn – you make us proud!

From left to right: Robin Brennen Siebel, Garnet Health Medical Center's Administrator of Emergency Services; Kaitlyn Umstead, RN, May 2020 Employee of the Month; Katie Haun, BEE Committee Member and Garnet Health Medical Center Quality Data Specialist; and Debora Snyder, Garnet Health Medical Center Vice President of Nursing.

Team BEE Award – Nursing Value Analysis Committee

The Nursing Value Analysis Committee, an interdisciplinary team at Garnet Health Medical Center, was selected as the 1st Quarter 2020 Team BEE Award Winner in recognition of service that goes above and beyond to provide an exceptional patient care experience.

Our Nursing Value Analysis Committee members are experts in their disciplines and utilize a standardized process for new product introduction and practices which is evidence-based, clinically sound and financially responsible. Every product and initiative is focused on ensuring improved patient outcomes and experiences.

The quarterly team BEE Award is presented to a group, team or department that consistently demonstrates excellence that goes ABOVE the expectations of their job and in their interactions with their colleagues, patients, families and the community.

To nominate an employee, physician, volunteer or team/department, visit the intranet page, scroll down and click on the BEE Award icon.

Nursing Poster Competition Winners

The 6th Annual Garnet Health Medical Center Poster Competition hosted by Graduate Medical Education Research Services Program Director Dr. Eleonora Feketeova, virtually, showcased research projects, case reports and nursing research and evidence-based practice projects.

The year 2020 has been highlighted as the "Year of the Nurse" by the World Health Organization. Nursing leadership, Shared Governance Nursing Congress members and other Nursing Department members submitted seven Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice posters. Graduate Medical Education Residents also submitted posters specific to their respective disciplines.

And the Nursing Department winners of the Garnet Health Medical Center 6th Annual Poster Competition are:

First prize: "Improving Bi-Directional Communication Within Nursing Service by Implementing a Tiered Huddle Structure," Kathy Bermo, DNP, RN, CCRN, CMSRN, NE-BC, and Lisa Oldham, PhD, MSN, NEA-BC, FABC, FACHE

From left to right: Dr. Frantz Duffoo, of Garnet Health Doctors, Designated Institutional Official; Lisa Oldham, Garnet Health Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services; Kathy Bermo, Garnet Health Medical Center Nursing Director, Intensive Care Services; and Peggy Laggner, Garnet Health Medical Center Nursing Director, Same Day Surgery.

Second prize: "Improving Peri-Operative Throughput," Peggy Laggner, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, and Wendy Mack, BSN, RN, CMSRN

From left to right: Peggy Laggner, Garnet Health Medical Center Nursing Director, Same Day Surgery; Wendy Mack, Garnet Health Medical Center Same Day Surgery Registered Nurse; Dr. Frantz Duffoo, of Garnet Health Doctors, Designated Institutional Official; and Ann Dale, Garnet Health Medical Center Pre-Surgical Testing Registered Nurse.

Third prize: "Research Utilization Among Rehabilitation Nurses: The Effect of White Noise Machine as Therapy to Promote Sleep in Rehabilitation Unit Patients," Carmella Pistone-Halpern, MA, CRRN, NEA-BC; Ann McEnroe-O'Connor, PT, MBA; Sadhana Subramanian, BSN, RN, CRRN; 4 East

From left to right: Sadhana Subramanian, Garnet Health Medical Center 4 East Inpatient Rehabilitation Registered Nurse; Shari Wagner, Garnet Health Medical Center 4 East Inpatient Rehabilitation Registered Nurse; Carmella Pistone-Halpern, Garnet Health Medical Center Nursing Director, 4 East Inpatient Rehabilitation; and Dr. Frantz Duffoo, of Garnet Health Doctors, Designated Institutional Official.

Employee Donor Wall Updated

We thank our employees for their generous show of support, through the Power of One Club, to the Garnet Health Foundation in 2019. The donor wall is located in Garnet Health Medical Center's cafeteria's Giving Corner and we encourage you to see it. The Foundation had a very exciting year with numerous funding projects and equipment for the hospital, including:

- $250,000: Gait-bearing system for Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit
- $93,000: 100 patient telemetry beds
- $33,686: Patient Experience: Empathy & Innovation Summit
- $5,000: Ronaldo Go, MD, cardiac research project
- $4,959: Elliot Mayefsky, MD, surgical research project
- $4,588: Vein finder for the Children's Emergency Department

To show your support by making a donation, contact Donor Relations Assistant Darrigan DeMattos at ddemattos@garnethealth.org or visit garnethealth.org/giving.

# Garnet Health Celebrates Pride Day

Our employees proudly showed support for the LGBTQ+ community on June 30 by wearing Pride shirts.

We have created a Garnet Health LGBTQ+ Resource Team whose mission is to better serve patients, employees and community members within the LGBTQ+ community. To learn more about the LGBTQ+ Resource Team, contact Directors of Patient Experience Jodi Goodman at jgoodman@garnethealth.org or Ann DiAgostino at adiagostino@garnethealth.org.

Cancer Survivorship Day

Thank you to our staff and their families for coming out to support our cancer survivors! On June 28, we celebrated our cancer survivors with a victory lap at Garnet Health Medical Center. A special thank you to our friends and partners at the American Cancer Society of Hudson Valley, Westchester & Fairfield County for their support.
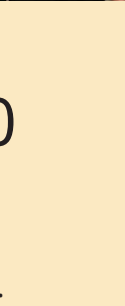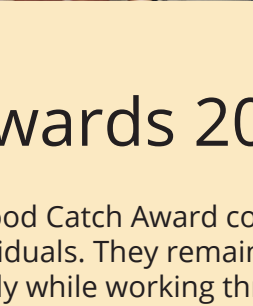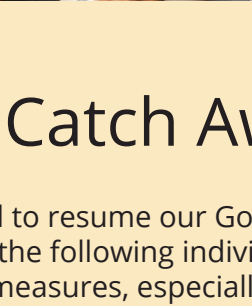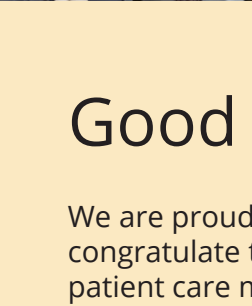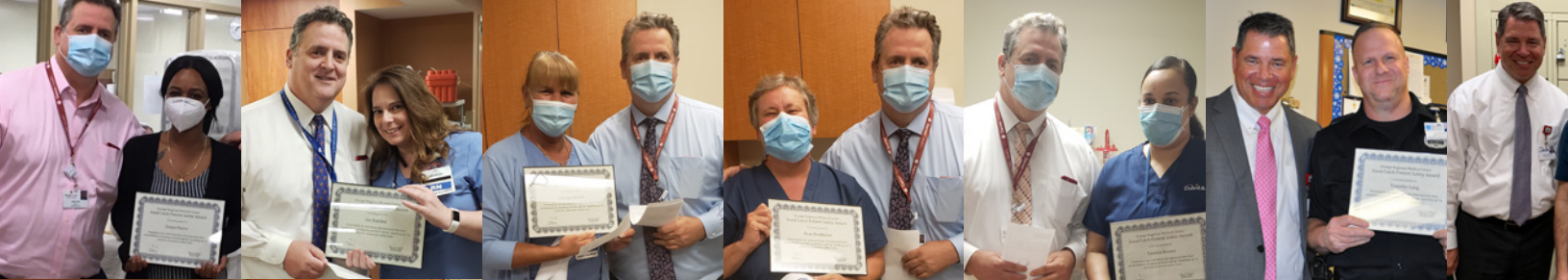
Good Catch Awards 2019-2020

We are proud to resume our Good Catch Award coverage and congratulate the following individuals. They remained proactive with patient care measures, especially while working through a pandemic.

A good catch occurs when corrective action and/or timely intervention prevents an incident or medical error from happening. Nominations are judged by the Patient Safety Subcommittee. For more information about the Good Catch Award, contact Quality Data Specialist Katie Haun at khaun@garnethealth.org.

Tracee Abrams	Melvin Caceres	Jovanie Delrio
Brittany Aldrich, RN	Patrick Callan	Andrew DeSerto
Emenike Allen	Susan Cannock	Josie DeSimone
Justin Alvis	Chrissy Canzoneri	Mary Anne Diana
Marco Andalis	Katelyn Caragine	Elizabeth DiDomenico-Conklin
Akasha Andersen	Jennie Carelli	Maureen Donnelly
Kim Andrew	Lauren Carnevali	Ken Dull
Nick Baez	Nicole Carpenter	Samantha Duquette
Jennifer Bankrich	Sandy Casillo	Danielle Dyer
Stephanie Barnhart	Kristy Cavello	Jordan Evans
John Basilio	Christian Cheh	Facilities Department
Howard Bass	Dawn Cherry	Ricky Fairbairn
Dawn Bast	Lisa Christiansen	Donna Feeney
Scott Batulis	Linda Chudow	Margery Fellenzer
Melissa Beck	Shelly Cluley	Carol Ferguson
Jennifer Behrent	Jennifer Coomer	Karen Flood
Cindy Bendersirrie	Matthew Cosgrove	Cleveland Forde
Cindy Bidad	Kayla Costello	Russ Furman
Gary Biscardi	Chelsea Crawford	Julia Galea
Lori Blauvelt	Zuzuanna Crisafi	John Gallagher
Veronica Bollati	Lori Crosson	Jodi Galvin
Jennifer Breitenfeld	Eileen Cudmore	Paige Gennarelli, RN
Tashica Brown	Jen Cuttler	Dawn Goring
Jana Bush	Annmarie Dale	Anthony Gorlachov

Dave Granucci
Brett Gurda
Jen Hadden
Dawn Hammer
Michael Hansen
Cheryl Hatton
Melissa Henderson
Kelli Hessinger
William Heusel
Paul Higby
Jasmine Hogan
Erika Horne
Michelle Hostutler-O'Keefe
Gregg Hough
Minming Huang
Bryanna Hurban, RN
Karen Huslinger
Mohammed Islam
Helen Jacoby
Sadia Jahangir
Nicole Jehlen
Patricia Jerido-Cox
Dana Jones
Jerrin Jose
Shenae Josephs-Pladel
Terri Kaese
Dawn Kaylor
Caitlyn Kennelly
Betty Koshy
Lisa Kozma
Dax Kruger
Chris Kuveke
Kevin Leahy
Sionne Leblanc
Katherine Lederman
Mary Lennon

Courtney Leslie
Soccoro (Marissa) Llado
Christopher Lok
Hai Lou
Vanessa Lupo
Krystle Mabee
Joe Macerone
Wendy Mack
Ricky Maldonado
Donna Martin
Mary McGreal
Anthony Mennella
Bria Middleton
Stefanie Migliore
Matthew Miller
Greg Mills
Kelly Minnerly
Mirna Moawad
Michelle Morgiewicz
Hope Morin
John Muller
Sue Muller
Meghan Murphy
Eziuche Nwakanma, MD
Rosanne O'Campo
Michele Olszanecki
Kevin Paffenroth
Andre Perry
Marcy Piatek
Sonya Pierre
Nelson Polanco
Fran Predmore
Alyssa Raldiris
Felipe Reyes
Amanda Rhinehart
George Rivera

Josh Rivera
Rose Anna Roantree
Miguel Rodrigues
Blanca Rodriguez
Porfirio Rodriguez
Brian Rogers
Rahkiah Rogers
Wilson Rui
Alyson Rutigliano
Shannon Santiago
Joanne Segui
Virginia Sharff
Eric Silva
Joseph Simon
Sandra Sinchi
John Sinnott
Nelson Sit
Marcus Small
Donna Smith
Leticia Spoor
Jessica Thalassinos
Elizabeth Thorpe
Nancy Tienken
Catherine Tionloc
Victor Todisco, MD
Suzanne Tofallos
Giovanni Tulino
Paula Tully
Emily Walsh
Chris Webb
Larry Whitehead
Melissa Wixon
Jessica Wood
Carolyn Woods

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Breastfeeding Awareness Month - Helping To Educate Our Moms

August is National and World Breastfeeding Awareness Month, and here at Garnet Health, Jennifer Lansiquot-Dallas, Community Health Coordinator and Lactation Specialist, and Rene Fisher, Lactation Services Coordinator, educate mothers across our System on why breast milk is best when it comes to feeding a baby, especially during the first year of life.

"Breastfeeding creates a special, close, emotional bond; provides essential, balanced nutrients; is cost-effective; and offers short- and long-term health benefits for both babies and mothers," Jennifer explains.

"A mother's breast milk provides protection that is specific to her baby and can change to meet her baby's needs," Rene added. "Because breast milk contains hormones and cells that fight germs, breastfeeding helps protect infants from many health problems, including respiratory illness, ear infections, gastrointestinal disease, asthma, obesity and allergies. As an added bonus for mothers, breastfeeding is linked to lower rates of breast cancer and other illnesses, and aids in post-pregnancy weight loss."

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), exclusively breastfeeding during the first six months provides all the nutrition an infant needs. The AAP recommends that mothers breastfeed exclusively for about the first six months, followed by breastfeeding combined with gradually introducing other foods until at least 12 months of age, and continuing as long as mother and baby wish to breastfeed.

For more information on breastfeeding and lactation services, contact Jennifer at jlansiquot@garnethealth.org or Rene at rfisher@garnethealth.org.

Community Health Coordinator and Lactation Specialist Jennifer Lansiquot-Dallas.

Lactation Services Coordinator Rene Fisher.

New Technology Improves Prostate Cancer Diagnosis

Garnet Health Medical Center's technology has taken an important step forward with the introduction of the UroNav Fusion Biopsy System. The system enhances the ability to diagnose and treat prostate cancer earlier. UroNav combines MRI images of the prostate with ultrasound-guided 3-D images in real time. That creates a precise view of the prostate and any abnormal lesions that may or may not be cancerous.

"We can identify suspicious areas easier, and then target them for biopsy," said Garnet Health Doctors Urologist Samuel Abourbih, MD, who leads the prostate biopsy program at Garnet Health Medical Center. "The quality of this imaging enables us to get the most accurate results, and guide the most effective treatment plan if cancer is found."

"We are committed to using the latest innovations in technology to provide our patients with the highest quality of care," said Garnet Health Doctors President Gerard Galarneau, MD. "The UroNav Fusion Biopsy System allows urologists to identify, target and diagnose prostate lesions quickly and with precision."

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Garnet Health President and CEO Scott Batulis.

The Garnet Health Foundation Healey Brothers 29th Annual Golf Classic

Enjoy a spectacular setting and help advance life-saving care by participating in, or supporting, the Garnet Health Foundation Healey Brothers 29th Annual Golf Classic! The Classic will be held on two days, Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15, on two exceptional courses: West Hills Country Club in Middletown and The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge in Monroe.

Golfers will be provided sanitizers from Black Dirt CBD and social-distance requirements will be in place. Golfers will have their own cart and to-go meals. Day-of registration and scoring will be supported through smartphones.

"We have modified this event to keep everybody's health and safety a top priority," said William Dauster, Garnet Health Foundation President. "The event will provide golfer choices for four rounds of golf over the two days to distance participants on and off the course."

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14. The golf event on September 14 will offer "Better Ball" at West Hills and Mansion Ridge. On September 15, participants will play a golf "Scramble" at both courses. High-quality golfer gifts and prizes are, again, part of the program.

Sign up today! The deadline is September 1. Proceeds will benefit the expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center at Garnet Health Medical Center.

For more information regarding sponsorships, golfing opportunities or to participate in the virtual raffle, please visit garnethealthclassic.org or call the Foundation Office at (845) 333-2333.

September Is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and, once again, Garnet Health is taking part. Our focus is personal preparedness so that you and your family can be as ready as possible for whatever may come our way. Whether there's a hurricane, blizzard, lightning, fire or flood, we want you to be ready. Please remember to make a plan, get a kit and stay informed. For more information, contact Manager of Emergency Management Robin Masiero at rmasiero@garnethealth.org.

It's Annual Education Season

The Organization, Development & Learning Department has kicked off annual education for Garnet Health. Annual education must be completed by November 5. For more information, contact Manager of Organizational Development and Learning Naomi Lippin at ext. 0228 or nlippin@garnethealth.org.