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Keeping Brooklyn Healthy

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From the Chief Medical Officer FRESH FACES, NEW WAYS



Sam Amifar, MD, MS

Finally, spring is here and with it some new things to report. In addition to other stories in this issue (new physicians on staff, the recent Legislative Breakfast and our upcoming Founders Ball,), I have a few other important initiatives to announce.



ner. Smooth discharge processes make everything work better, from getting anxious patients out of the hospital, to moving admitted patients from the ED up to the floors, to freeing up staff to provide better and more attentive care to the other inpatients.

New Roles, Key Responsibilities



Please welcome **Ailiazt Turgunbek, PA, who will serve a critical patient experience role in the Emergency Department (ED)**. Currently, patients in our busy ED often experience a long stay (and our on-line reviews and patient experience

scores reflect this). Aili will be there during peak hours to serve as an adjunct to the hospitalists and residents to make the experience a more pleasant and faster one. From doing the initial workup, coordinating lab and/or radiology results, to making sure pain is managed and meals are provided, Aili's aim is to decrease the "ED's pain factor."

And, please welcome **Adeyinka Olojede, our new Director of Case Management**. One of her new initiatives will be to craft a more effective discharge strategy, allowing patients to leave the hospital in a timely man-

Service Improvements

We submitted a grant application to New York State's Department of Health that will allow us to **expand our Epic electronic medical record (EMR) to our inpatient population**. We have used Epic since 2018 for all ambulatory patients, which has improved overall quality of care. Extending Epic to our inpatients is an essential next step that we look forward to.

We are also working closely with our Department of Surgery and The Brooklyn Cancer Center, to open a **new inpatient oncology wing on 6W**. Patients with a cancer-related diagnosis will be admitted to this wing. This designation will provide coordinated care.

And finally, before summer is over, we're launching a new **TBHC app for all physicians**, both staff and voluntary! We're really excited about this initiative, which will allow a convenient platform for community doctors to coordinate care with TBHC physicians. We'll keep you posted!

Welcome!

AMBULATORY CARE



Gulmira Sardo, MD
Medical Director,
Medicine Physician

ENDOCRINOLOGY



Fatima Diallo, FNP-BC
Nurse Practitioner

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY



Neil Patel, MD
Attending

PEDIATRICS



Tenzing Doma, PNP
Nurse Practitioner, NICU

RADIOLOGY (continued)



Ajay Patel, MD
Attending

THE BROOKLYN CANCER CENTER



Paul Gliedman, MD
Attending, Radiation Oncology

FAMILY MEDICINE



Nazik Al-Hashimi, MD
Attending

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY



Lauren Delmonaco, PA
Physician Assistant



Aileen Song, NNP-BC
Nurse Practitioner, NICU



Elina Zaretsky, MD
Attending, Breast Imaging



Jason Naziri, MD
Attending, Radiation Oncology



Tameca Miller, FNP
Nurse Practitioner



Kylie Lacerte, PA
Physician Assistant

PODIATRIC FOOT & ANKLE SURGERY



Zarnab Butta, DPM
Attending

SURGERY

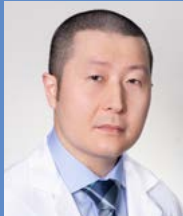


Brendon Cohen, PA
Physician Assistant,
Robotic Surgery

CARDIOLOGY



Sabah Siddiqui, MD
Attending



Jian Yang, MD
Attending



Kyle Mesa, PA
Physician Assistant

RADIOLOGY



Elliot Landau, MD
Attending



Peter Einersen, MD
Attending,
Bariatric Surgery

INFECTIOUS DISEASES



Robert Jellinger, MD
Attending



Leo Menashe, MD
Attending, Musculoskeletal

DENTISTRY AND ORAL & MAXILOFACIAL SURGERY



Esther Nelson, DDS
Attending, General Dentistry

On May 20, Founders Ball Celebrates TBHC as the Heart of Healing

The Brooklyn Hospital Foundation is proud to announce the return of its signature event, the Founders Ball, on May 20, at the renowned Brooklyn Museum. This gala celebrates The Brooklyn Hospital Center's pivotal role within its community as the Heart of Healing. Renowned for its unwavering commitment to providing high-quality healthcare, the hospital prides itself on offering compassionate, community-based services that are accessible to all.

The Brooklyn Hospital Center (TBHC) has achieved significant recognition for its innovative and compassionate approach to healthcare. According to the latest rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*, TBHC has been ranked a "Best Regional Hospital" and seven of its programs were recognized for their excellence.

In response to the growing needs of the community, TBHC is committed to enhancing its services. Proceeds raised from the upcoming event will support the construction of a state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Suite. This new facility will play a pivotal role in doubling the hospital's capacity to serve heart patients, addressing a critical need within our community.

The event will be chaired by Shri Madhusudhan, Head of Operations Support, NY National Grid, and TBHC Trustee. Because of their tireless commitment to medical excellence, the event will honor:

- **Sherly Abraham, MD**, Chair, Family Medicine, The Brooklyn Hospital Center - Walter E. Reed Medalist
- **Maria Fiorini Ramirez**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Maria Fiorini Ramirez, Inc. (MFR) - Founders Medalist
- **Peggy Smyth**, Partner, QIC - Brooklyn Without Borders Medalist

It takes an entire team of committed visionaries to meet these major milestones. Many thanks go to this year's Ball early sponsors: New York Cancer & Blood Specialists, St. George's University, and Lizanne Fontaine & Robert Buckholz.

The celebration includes:

- Cocktail reception: 6 pm
- Dinner and awards program: 7:30 pm
- After party: 9 pm

Join TBHC in Keeping Brooklyn Healthy: Visit foundersball.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, or purchase tickets or table package.

Join us for an unforgettable celebration with dinner, awards, live music and dancing!

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The Heart of Healing

THE BROOKLYN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

2024 FOUNDERS BALL

May 20 at the Brooklyn Museum

HONORING



SHERLY ABRAHAM, MD
Chair, Family Medicine
The Brooklyn Hospital Center
Walter E. Reed Medalist



MARIA FIORINI RAMIREZ
President & Chief Executive
Officer, Maria Fiorini Ramirez, Inc.
Founders Medalist



PEGGY SMYTH
Partner, QIC
Brooklyn Without
Borders Medalist



TBHC Hosted Legislative Breakfast

TBHC invited local, state and federal elected officials and their representatives to join us at our annual Legislative Breakfast, held at the hospital on April 24. Community groups and stakeholders were also welcomed.



Erroll I. Byer, Jr., MD, TBHC's Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology

“Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women,” said Erroll I. Byer, Jr., MD, Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Brooklyn Hospital Center (TBHC). Dr. Byer presented this startling fact in an in-depth presentation, “Understanding and Reversing Racial Disparities in Maternity Care,” at the hospital’s annual Legislative Breakfast, held on April 24. Community leaders along with State Senator Jabari Brisport, State Assembly Members Jo Ann Simon and Phara Souffrant Forrest, and Council Member Crystal Hudson, joined to hear and participate in the important topic.

Dr. Byer pointed to poor access to healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism and implicit bias as major contributors to the troubling statistics. “Women of color are less likely than white women to have access to quality maternal healthcare,” he explained. “Black women have the highest uninsured rates among all women, are more likely to have chronic health conditions that are risk factors for maternal death, and are less likely to get care for disease prevention and management.”



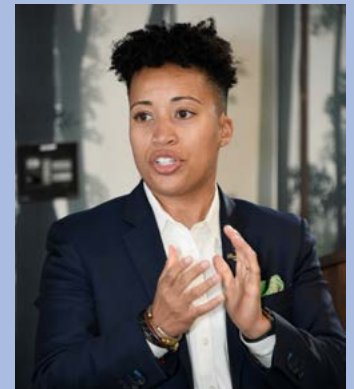
State Senator Jabari Brisport



State Assembly Member Jo Ann Simon



**State Assembly Member
Phara Souffrant Forrest**



Council Member Crystal Hudson

At TBHC, physicians and residents are taught to step up their communication, address implicit bias, and perform enhanced reviews, among other steps to avoid the dire numbers. “I’m pleased to say, we do beat the statistics. We have excellent and above-the-national averages for maternal safety, but we work hard at getting and keeping there,” Dr. Byer said.

President & CEO Gary G. Terrinoni also delivered brief state-of-the-hospital comments, thanking the legislators and leaders for their continued support and partnership.



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