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*Keeping Brooklyn Healthy*

# CMO UPDATE

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## From the Chief Medical Officer FOCUSING IN ON CASTLE CONNOLLY



Sam Amifar, MD, MS

I'm sure you are aware of the Castle Connolly Top Doctors list. It remains one of our industry's better-known honors. Selection for the list means something to patients who use it to research their physicians.

Licensed physicians can nominate other physicians for inclusion on this list. A physician-led research team vets each nominee's qualifications, education, hospital appointments and professional reputation.

While TBHC has its fair share of doctors who routinely make the list, many of you go unnoticed because you are invisible to Castle Connolly. To even be considered, you must register through their provider portal.

I want to see all TBHC healthcare providers, including physicians (MD, DO, DPM) and dentists (DDS, DMD), register their accounts.

By having a Castle Connolly account, you can be nominated by your peers, nominate other colleagues, and update your profile information, including practice location. [Visit here](#) to start or update an existing account.


Each calendar year, you are allotted the following number of nominations, and we encourage you to use your full quota on your colleagues, our excellent TBHC doctors:

- 15 nominations in your own specialty
- 7 nominations in Family Medicine
- 7 nominations in Internal Medicine
- 7 nominations in Pediatrics
- 5 nominations in all other specialties

After December 31, your quota will reset for the upcoming new year.

This is a campaign that we are taking seriously because it is an easy way to get TBHC and YOUR name recognized. We do a service to the community to let them know about our excellent physicians.

## Link to TBHC at LinkedIn (and elsewhere, too)

We are pleased to announce that The Brooklyn Hospital Center is up and running on LinkedIn! Follow us there for news, announcements and other information.  [The Brooklyn Hospital](#)

You can also follow us on all the popular social media platforms!



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# New Physician Leaders

TBHC is pleased to announce some recent leadership changes in the Department of Medicine:



**Magdalena "Maggie" Cadet, MD**, has been appointed Chief of Rheumatology. Dr. Cadet brings her clinical expertise in lupus, autoimmune diseases and bone disorders to this role. She was formerly Director of Rheumatology at NewYork-

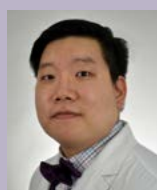
Presbyterian Queens for several years and has been included on the Castle Connolly Top Doctors list since 2016. Dr. Cadet completed her fellowship training in rheumatology at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases and her residency at Yale New Haven in Connecticut. She received her medical degree at Drexel University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She is board certified in rheumatology.

Please note that **Stuart Green, MD**, will continue to provide patient care on Fridays at the Ambulatory Care Center. TBHC wishes Dr. Green all the best as he transitions to his part-time role and we thank him for his many years of leadership heading up the Division of Rheumatology.



**Priyanka Singh, MD**, has been promoted to Associate Chief of Nephrology and Medical Director of the Dialysis Center. She also continues in her role as Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Singh

received her medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in India, and did her residency at Long Island College Hospital. She completed a fellowship training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center at Long Island College Hospital.



**Youngjun "Peter" Park, MD**, has been promoted to Associate Medical Director of the Dialysis Center. Dr. Park received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed both his residency and fellowship training at NYU Winthrop Hospital.

## Welcome!

### BARIATRIC SURGERY



**Vincent Abanilla, PA**  
Physicians Assistant

### ENDOCRINOLOGY



**Verne De Guzman, MD**  
Attending

### PEDIATRICS



**Naasira Gafar, DNP, CPNP**  
Nurse Practitioner  
(neonatology)

### EMERGENCY MEDICINE



**Michael Levine**  
Director,  
Simulation Medicine



**Michael O'Halloran**  
Attending



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# Rounds



We are continuing to improve in our **survey-driven quality measurements**. We recently received a B from Leapfrog and now have two stars from Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS). The stakes are high for our inpatient survey, known as HCAHPS/ Press Ganey. HCAHPS results contribute to many recognitions, including the Leapfrog grades, the star ratings from CMS, as well as other recognitions such as *US News & World Report* "Best Hospitals." If you interact with patients at check-out or discharge, provide them a friendly reminder that they may receive a survey and we welcome their feedback.

We marked **October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month** with community outreach, wearing pink and walking with The Brooklyn Cancer Center at the annual Making Strides Walk.



**Reverse Trick-or-Treat** is one of our cherished traditions. On Halloween, Child Life, nursing and pediatrics staff, among other departments, put on their best costumes and spread joy by handing out candy to our young patients and generally having a spooky, fun time.



This American Heart Association recently awarded TBHC with the **"2025 Gold Plus Stroke Award."** This award recognizes TBHC for its continued commitment to enhanced and high-quality patient care with evidence-based guidelines. For more information about how we care for stroke patients, [click here](#).

Last month, *Newsweek* and Plant-A Insights Group announced their list of **"America's Greatest Workplaces 2025"** and TBHC is among those chosen! Inclusion on the list is based on a comprehensive assessment involving employee interviews, company reviews, publicly accessible data and an analysis of over 120 key performance indicators. Additionally, *Forbes* announced that TBHC is included on their list of **"America's Best Employers for Healthcare Professionals 2025"**!



**TBHC announced a partnership with the Colon Cancer Coalition**, facilitated through a generous grant from the Coalition to bolster colorectal cancer screening and prevention efforts in the community. The grant empowers the division to deepen their outreach, enhance patient engagement and improve access to life-saving colonoscopy screenings.





# PATIENT TESTIMONIAL

## Service That Goes Above and Beyond

### Dallas Griffin: Emergency Room, Orthopedic Surgery

Brooklyn College student and dancer Dallas Griffin is a busy guy, and like many busy young men, he simply does not have the time for healthcare setbacks. With that in mind, he battled through ongoing knee problems on his own. "I dealt with pain and my knee misaligning," Mr. Griffin recalls. "Typically, I could work it back in place and keep going, though it certainly wasn't getting better. One night last year, after a physically strenuous workout, the knee locked up on me. But, this time was different, and there was no realigning or making it work."

Mr. Griffin decided to head to TBHC, his community hospital. With an ambulance on the way, Mr. Griffin knew the EMTs would have a challenge getting him down four narrow flights of stairs. So, again, not one to sit around and wait for things to happen, he packed a small bag and hopped down to meet them. From that point on, Mr. Griffin had no choice but to put himself and his injured knee into TBHC's hands.

"Dallas presented at the Emergency Department on a Wednesday with a locked meniscus, which accounted for the lack of movement," says Bryan Conti, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon. "His MRI was scheduled for Thursday, and indicated the need for surgery.

I had an out-of-town trip coming up, but I didn't want Dallas to wait any longer than necessary and I decided to prioritize his care." TBHC had Mr. Griffin in the operating room just three days later. Today, Mr. Griffin is on the mend and has been as pleased with his follow-up care as he was with his emergency care.

That's the kind of service that sets TBHC apart and has neighbors like Dallas Griffin asking, "Why go elsewhere?"



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