

HARRINGTON Health. Harrington HOSPITAL Total Local Care Lines

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MORE NOTES



Thanks to All Who Helped Make Charlton A Success

Harrington HealthCare at Charlton has been given the green light to open by the state Department of Public Health.

We are now taking appointments and each department is open or soon will be. We are making good on our pledge to bring much-needed medical services to the communities we serve, so that patients will not have to travel long distances to receive the highest quality of care.

Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to launch this major medical facility. It has taken countless hours of work for many of you, from staffing phone banks to recording patient information for our Charlton Family Practice physicians. Thank you all who worked hard and responded quickly to the requests of the DPH reviewer who came to the site in mid-June.

I look forward to sharing stories of success about our operations in Charlton in the months to come.

Sincerely,

Ed Moore, President & CEO

Kathleen Davis Named New Head of Quality

Kathleen S. Davis has joined the Harrington HealthCare family as the new Vice President of Quality, Patient Safety and Risk Management. She will begin work at Harrington at the end of July.

Davis, who has a background in quality improvement, patient safety and risk management, comes to Harrington from Eastern Connecticut Health Network (ECHN) in Manchester, Conn., where she was Manager of Quality Improvement. In that role, she was responsible for hospital-wide quality improvement initiatives. She also coordinated efforts by ECHN to prepare for reviews by regulatory agencies such as The Joint Commission and the Department of Public Health.



"Please join me in welcoming Kathleen Davis to Harrington," said **Edward Moore**, Harrington President and CEO. "As our new Vice President of Quality, Patient Safety and Risk Management, she will also be a member of Senior Leadership Team. Kathleen, who is a Registered Nurse, has experience in the clinical side as well as the management side of healthcare." ■

MHA President Lynn Nicholas Talks Healthcare at Harrington



Lynn Nicholas, Massachusetts Hospital Association President, spoke at Harrington Hospital Tuesday, June 15, to administration and board members about state and regional healthcare reform trends.

The President of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, Lynn Nicholas, gave a 90 minute presentation to some Harrington administration and board members on Tuesday, June 15. Her presentation, entitled "The Journey from Volume to Value in Massachusetts" offered regional and statewide statistics and trends in healthcare reform.

Nicholas focused on the universal coverage plan, saying three years in, there has actually been some success, with only 2.7 percent of residents still uninsured. She also mentioned the plan has dramatically reduced racial and ethnic disparities.

Nicholas said in the future, hospitals will change the way they offer care, and work more closely together as a team. "Community hospitals – which might do several things very well – might find it hard to try and compete one-on-one with larger hospitals that also do many things really well, too," she said.

According to Nicholas, quality and patient safety measures will become one of the most important healthcare trends in the coming years. ■

WELCOME ABOARD

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Donna Brown	ICU
Diane Fougere	GB Wells
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Jessenia Irizarry	Central Sterile Supply
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Janele Pelletti	Physical Therapy
Kareen Powaza	ECC
Vincent Prendergast	ECC Physicians
Justina Szafarowicz	Radiology

Grand Masters Fair

Hadley Zabinski, left, and **Betsy Peppel** helped staff the Harrington booth and explained the services Harrington offers to the community to fairgoers at the Grand Masters Fair at Overlook LifeCare Center in Charlton June 13. ■





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The Harrington Healthcare family is growing!

Please help us welcome the newest faces to our team, all joining us in July:

Paul A. Santolucito, M.D., a cardiologist, is joining Harrington Physician Services on July 6. He will provide services at the newly renovated Cardiac Care Center at Harrington, located on the Southbridge main campus. Dr. Santolucito will be working closely with Cardiac Care Center Medical Director John Tumolo, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P.

The arrival of Dr. Santolucito gives Harrington the added capabilities of Cardiac CT Angiography and Transesophageal Echocardiography, in addition to routine cardiac care services, including Exercise Stress Testing and Nuclear Imaging. Dr. Santolucito will also see patients at Harrington HealthCare at Hubbard and Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, and perform cardiac catheterizations at UMass.

Brittany Weber, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, will join Harrington Physician Services on July 19. She will work with **Drs. Cindy Shiro, Christine Carey, Naiem Hanna** and **Mark Simonelli** and be located primarily at the Medical Arts Building in Southbridge. Weber will also rotate through several HPS satellite offices. Weber received her degree in medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and just finished her OB/Gyn Residency at Baystate Medical Center.

Tai Temple, M.D., will be joining the Southbridge Hospitalist group starting July 6. Temple worked previously as a full-time hospitalist at Beth Israel Deaconess Needham. She received her degree in medicine from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii in 2001 and completed her Residency at Cambridge Health Alliance. ■

Harrington at SouthbridgeFEST

Kathy Franco-Anthony showed a visitor to the Harrington tent at SouthbridgeFEST June 5 how to figure her body mass index. Employees staffed the Harrington tent, administered health screenings and explained the services we offer the community. ■



Pediatric Teleradiology Newest Addition to Harrington Services

An agreement between Children's Hospital Radiology and Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) is bringing Pediatric Teleradiology to Harrington Hospital. Children's Hospital Radiologists will now be able to view radiographs, CT's and MRI's in their Boston campus for review and interpretation. CH Radiology will then provide a prompt, full report to the patient's physician at Harrington.

"As Harrington Hospital performs sophisticated, cross-sectional exams, and at the request of some of our physicians, we wanted to bring the leader in pediatric imaging services – Children's Hospital Radiology – to Harrington's patients and families," said Jeff Bernard, Community Radiology Network Services Manager at BIDMC. Children's Hospital Boston is an internationally renowned center for medical research and treatment and one of the only pediatric hospitals nationwide that focuses on pairing world-class research with clinical resources to develop novel therapies to treat and cure children. ■

Jackie Ricci Celebrates 50 Years of Service to Harrington



Jackie Ricci, with her husband, Maddy (on right) is congratulated for 50 years of service to Harrington by CEO Ed Moore at the hospital's Service Awards Banquet at Old Sturbridge Village in May.

When **Jacqueline "Jackie" Ricci** began working as a Registered Nurse at Harrington Hospital, Dwight Eisenhower was president, and the Beatles were four years away from invading our shores. In August, she will celebrate her 50th anniversary on the Harrington nursing staff. "I still enjoy it," says Ricci, who now works on a per diem basis and who was honored at Harrington's Service Appreciation Awards Night in May. "Nurses go above and beyond the call of duty, and we do that all the time here at Harrington." Actually, Ricci, points out, she has been working for Harrington for more than 50 years, having started here as a part-time aide when she was enrolled at St. Vincent Nursing School in Worcester. ■

— SAVE THE DATE! —

Monday, July 19: Harrington Hospital Employee & Friends Blood Drive

Southbridge Campus Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors will receive a voucher for a Free Carton of Friendly's Ice Cream plus Register to Win Red Sox Tickets!

Sunday, July 25: sheROX Women's Triathlon

Memorial Beach, Webster. Come support 2,500 women from across New England as they compete in the fastest growing women's triathlon series in the country.

Southbridge Summer Concerts on the Common:

Saturday, July 10: Lori McKenna

Sunday, July 18: Anthony Fors/Southbridge Lions Club Big Band

Friday, July 23: Rockin' the Common Night with Doctor Robert

Saturday, July 31: Latin Band Night with Los Soneros De Borinquen