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University of Miami Health System is First Academic Medical Center in the World to Use New da Vinci® Xi™ Surgical System
Building on its growing reputation as a leader in the use of breakthrough technology, UHealth - University of Miami Health System, has become the first academic medical center in the world to use the new da Vinci® Xi™ Surgical System. The procedure, a prostatectomy, was performed by Dipen Parekh, M.D., professor and chairman of urology and Director of Robotic Surgery, at the University of Miami Hospital, the flagship hospital of UHealth, and is one of the surgical options available to patients at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Offering our expertise in robotic-assisted surgeries is a clear benefit for our patients," said Parekh, who is a member of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and a leading specialist in robotic and conventional urologic oncology surgical procedures. “The da Vinci Xi technology allows us to provide state-of-the-art technological advancements to our patients facing complex surgical procedures, and propels the UHealth and Sylvester medical teams to pave the way in clinical care.”

"Having the da Vinci Xi system is a distinct advantage that has truly put Sylvester at the leading edge of urologic cancer care," said Stephen D. Nimer, M.D., Director of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Placing the most current technologies, such as the da Vinci Xi robot in the hands of the incredibly talented and experienced surgeons we have at UM, such as Dipen Parekh, means we can offer cancer patients the very best combination of skill and technology. Sylvester is proud to add this capability to our ever growing expertise in the fight against cancer.”

The da Vinci Xi, which was made available to surgeons on April 1, has broader capabilities than prior generations of the da Vinci system, with the adaptability to be used across an array of surgeries in urology, gynecology, thoracic, cardiac, and general surgery. Minimally invasive surgery allows a quicker recovery time, less pain, less bleeding and shorter hospitalization. The Xi possesses 3D-HD visualization, giving surgeons a highly magnified view, virtually extending their eyes and hands into the patient.

The da Vinci Xi system’s new overhead arm architecture provides the surgeon anatomical access from virtually any position, simplifying multi-quadrant surgeries. Smaller, thinner arms coupled with longer instrument shafts permit greater range of motion and more flexibility than ever before.

"This latest version of the da Vinci system allows us to offer more minimally invasive surgical options to more patients,” said Parekh, who is the principal investigator of a National Cancer Institute-funded trial — the only Phase III prospective, randomized trial in the nation comparing traditional
open surgery with robotic surgery in bladder cancer. "Hard-to-reach tumors or those encompassing more than one organ can potentially now be approached with this more agile and visually enhanced device."

The da Vinci Xi system comes to UHealth and Sylvester thanks to a generous gift of $1.85 million from University of Miami Trustee Paul J. DiMare and his wife, Swanee. The longtime supporters of the University have made commitments of $14.5 million to Momentum2: The Breakthrough Campaign for the University of Miami through the Paul J. DiMare Foundation. His gifts to the medical school include a recent pledge of $6 million to fund a scholarship program for Miller School medical students, the school's largest medical education donation ever.

Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the Miller School, and CEO of UHealth, brought the first FDA-approved da Vinci commercial prototype from Intuitive Surgical to perform robotic surgery in the U.S. at The Ohio State University 15 years ago. "The technical advances in robotic surgery coupled with the skill and experience of surgeons such as Dipen Parekh are what set us apart. Having the generosity of donors like Paul and Swanee means we are able to bring this expertise to our patients."

"We cannot thank the DiMare family enough for their foresight and generosity," said Parekh, who holds the Dr. Victor Politano Endowed Chair in Clinical Urology. "When Paul learned about the technology that had become available and how we would be able to use it to enhance treatment for our patients, he didn't hesitate to make this possible."

Sal Barbera and William O'Leary, Jr. Join JKV Advisory Council

Recently, the John Knox Village of Florida, Inc. Board of Directors announced that Sal Barbera, FACHE and William O'Leary, Jr. have joined The Village's Advisory Council. Sal is a former hospital CEO, who has served in that capacity for six hospitals ranging in size from 95 beds to more than 400 beds in both the proprietary and non-profit sector in Florida, Nevada, Louisiana and Kentucky.

In 2007, he was the founding partner of EthicSolutions, LLC, a health care consulting firm in Parkland, FL. for Event Updates, Check the SFHNHR Website at: http://bit.ly/TnNkww

Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing professor John Lowe, RN, Ph.D., FAAN, was recently awarded a $2.9 million grant, funded by the National Institutes of Health, to conduct and evaluate an after-school substance abuse prevention intervention – Intertribal Talking Circle – among Native American Indian youth.

"Intertribal Talking Circle for the Prevention of Substance Abuse in Native Youth" is a five-year research project targeting sixth grade Native American youth in three tribal communities – the Ojibwe/Chippewa in Minnesota; Choctaw in Oklahoma; and Lumbee in North Carolina. A community-based participatory research approach will be used to culturally and technologically adapt the Intertribal Talking Circle to be delivered as a web-based virtual Talking Circle that connects participants from all three tribal communities during the intervention sessions.

The goal of the study is to evaluate the use of the Talking Circle to increase Native American youth cultural identity while decreasing their substance use. The study also will train tribal personnel throughout the three regions on how to implement the Talking Circle intervention as a more permanent program in their communities.

"The Talking Circle is both a cognitive and behavioral intervention, reviewing stress levels, substance abuse and other risk factors associated with the Native American Indian populations," said Lowe. "In the work I have done on this subject, we have seen clear results associated with the Talking Circle, including increased self-worth and cultural identity, thus decreasing dependence on drugs and alcohol. I look forward to further evaluating the program and its effectiveness so it can be adopted and implemented by other tribal communities and Indigenous populations."

This research project builds on several years of previous studies conducted by
specializes in fraud and abuse, regulatory compliance and organizational ethics. He also currently teaches at Florida International University (FIU) as a Clinical Assistant Professor and Interim Chair of the Health Services Administration Program. In July of 2012, Sal was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Association and serves on the FMA Board. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from FIU.

William O'Leary, Jr. is a Vice President and Wealth Strategist at Northern Trust in Fort Lauderdale. In his current role, he advises individuals and families on investment strategies and solutions to help build and manage their wealth. As a Wealth Strategist, he works to evaluate, design and implement investment plans that are closely aligned and integrated with clients' overall personal and financial goals.

Prior to this, Bill was a Director and Senior Private Banker for Citigroup Private Bank both in New York City and Miami, where he advised global law firms, attorneys and their clients for the past 17 years. He also was a Vice President at a leading regional banking firm, and Bill began his career with Irving Trust Company.

Bill earned his Bachelor's degree from Fairfield University. He also is a graduate of the ABA National Trust School, a former Board Member of The Irvington Institute for Immunological Research and a former volunteer with Chandler Hall Hospice.

Both gentlemen were introduced to John Knox Village by Board Treasurer Paul Simpson. "Professionally, I have had the pleasure of working with a number of JKV residents. Each one planned their future thoughtfully, and John Knox Village was a significant piece of their plan," Bill said.

"What impresses me most about JKV is the staff dedication and the comprehensiveness of the services provided to the residents," Sal said. "I was totally unaware of the vast complex and variety of living arrangements and levels of service available to the residents."

Sal and Bill will serve on the Advisory Council, which will help them learn about The Village and responsibilities of our Board of Directors. Then, in January of 2015, they would be eligible to become full Board Members.

John Knox Village's Board of Directors is comprised of 15 members. Most of them are local business professionals. There are three who are current Village residents serving a three-year term.

Lowe that have evaluated the use of the Talking Circle as an effective intervention for the prevention of substance use/abuse among Native American youth. Models have emerged from Lowe's previously funded research, promoting the health and well-being of Native Americans across the country, and are being recognized internationally by those advocating for the health of other Indigenous populations.

Lowe, the John Wymer distinguished professor, is a Cherokee Native American tribal member and currently one of approximately 20 doctoral-prepared Native American nurses in the United States. He advocates for culturally-competent healthcare for Native Americans and Indigenous people globally. Lowe actively serves in many elected, appointed, advisory and consultant positions. He has represented Native American and Indigenous nurses in many national and international forums, and with national leaders. Globally, Lowe has provided health-care services and research consultation to underserved/disadvantaged groups in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania, Costa Rica, Jamaica and China. He has presented nationally and internationally, and has published several articles and books that report the findings of his research.

INDIAN RIVER MEDICAL CENTER EARNS “A” IN PATIENT SAFETY IN SPRING 2014 LEAPFROG HOSPITAL SAFETY SCORE

Designed to rate how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections, the latest Hospital Safety Score honored Indian River Medical Center (IRMC) with an “A”—its top grade in patient safety. The Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation’s leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group (Leapfrog), an independent industry watchdog. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the , the Hospital Safety Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

"At Indian River Medical Center, our mission has always been to improve the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve. Patients are at the very center of everything we do, every decision we make," said Jeffrey L.
Bethesda Health Announces Sandy Schauman as the New Auxiliary Gift Shop Manager and Buyer

Bethesda Health is pleased to announce Sandy Schauman as the new Auxiliary Gift Shop manager and buyer for both Bethesda Hospital East and Bethesda Hospital West. In her role, Ms. Schauman is responsible for the daily operations of both gift shops as well as overseeing the gift shop’s volunteers. As an experienced buyer, she will also travel in and out-of-state to purchase new and exciting items for the gift shop including ladies, men’s, baby and sporting gift items.

Prior to joining Bethesda’s staff, Ms. Schauman was the gift shop manager and buyer for seven years at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, OH. She was responsible for the day to day operations, purchasing store merchandise and managing a team of employees and volunteers.

Ms. Schauman earned a general business degree and interior design degree from Delta College in Saginaw, MI.

Volunteers Are the Unsung Heroes in a Healthcare Environment

By Christine Golia

In 2013, 64.5 million Americans, a quarter of our total population, volunteered time to help others in their communities donating 7.9 billion hours of service. Volunteers in the healthcare environment add quality of life for patients and assume many tasks that alleviate the time burdens of clinical staff. Hospitals easily draw support from people of all ages anxious to donate their time. Many of those people think that volunteering for a hospice would be sad and depressing. In fact, it is quite the opposite.

Susi, president/CEO of IRMC. “Our success is owed to IRMC’s dedicated team of employees, physicians and volunteers. This award recognizes their commitment to our community by providing a truly secure environment for our patients.”

“Safety should come first for our families when we pick a hospital, because errors and infections are common and deadly,” said Leah Binder, president & CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which produces the Hospital Safety Score. “We congratulate the Board, clinicians, administration, and staff of Indian River Medical Center for achieving an “A” and showing us that you made the well-being of your patients your top priority.”

More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in the spring of 2014. Calculated under the guidance of Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” score representing a hospital’s overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, and its website offers a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades.

IRMC scored better than average in all areas of infection measured, and performed better than average in 12 of 13 performance metrics. To see how IRMC’s score compares locally and nationally, and to access safety tips for patients and their loved ones, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at www.hospitalsafetyscore.org. Consumers can also go to www.hospitalsafetyscore.org for a free download of the Hospital Safety Score app.

The non-invasive & non surgical approach to treating pain

“ARP WAVE: THE LATEST IN NEURO THERAPY”

Accelerated Recovery Performance (ARP) Wave is a non-invasive, non-surgical approach to treating chronic and acute pain which focuses on the neurological origin not the physiological symptoms. ARP (Accelerated Recovery Performance) is comprised of proprietary technology and protocols that use a patented bioelectrical current simultaneously with active range-of-motion and other
Hospice by the Sea volunteer, Phil Orso, spends time with hospice patients in their homes as well as in the nonprofit organization’s care centers. He knows the difference he makes, especially when they recognize his touch or voice. They know he is there for them and that, he says, is his “great reward.”

Hospice volunteers come into a patient’s life as a compassionate listener, a concerned “stranger” who quickly becomes a confidant, a shoulder to lean on, someone who is there because he or she wants to be there. Many of Hospice by the Sea’s 550 volunteers have more than 20 years of service. They say that hospice becomes a part of you, that it “gets in your blood.”

Whether it is in an inpatient setting or the place a patient calls home, volunteers provide the non-clinical, human connection. They help create a calm environment for the patient and family members, and they often free up the caregiver’s time to focus more fully on their duties. The patient and family often do not have visitors because friends and other family members simply don’t know what to say. Some families can become disenfranchised because of past disagreements and separation. For those patients, especially, there is an intrinsic value in knowing that someone is talking with you voluntarily, without being paid for their time. It makes the patient feel valued.

Everyone has a story to tell at end of life – things they haven’t told anyone, and may be uncomfortable telling a family member. The Volunteer has that anonymity and neutrality to absorb and listen without making judgments. Patients and family members will often speak more freely to a volunteer than with a professional. They want to be seen as more than just their symptoms and they appreciate the informality of the volunteer culture as a chance to unwind.

In addition to exercise techniques to significantly speed up the body’s natural recuperative ability. Dr. Alejandro Badia renowned Upper Extremity and Hand Surgeon, Medical Director of the Badia Hand to Shoulder Center and founder of OrthoNOW in Doral, Florida, incorporates ARP Wave Neuro Therapy in his specialized approach in treating chronic and acute pain, sprains, strains, fractures including sports related and occupational injuries, giving patients a start-to-finish treatment that ensures they are treated and cared for correctly the first time they visit him and his team.

When administered by certified physicians or physiologists, ARP Wave can help relieve the following ailments:

- Athletic injuries
- Arthritis
- Back Pain
- Bone-on-Bone Joint
- Concussions
- Auto injuries including cervical/lumbar sprains
- Plantar Fascitis

Badia Hand to Shoulder Center in conjunction with OrthoNOW, (the only orthoped-focused urgent care franchise system) in Doral, Florida, have partnered with ARP Wave the only neuro therapy treatment solution in the world! ARP Wave treatments dramatically alleviate pain and expedite recovery time from surgery.

“ARP Wave Neuro Therapy and simple workouts can drastically improve the healing process of any injury and create long term benefits. The simple workouts consist of one arm dumbbell row, upright workouts, overhead squat, and lunge workouts. These workouts help with poor flexibility, bad posture, low back pain, strengthens the upper body, reinforces stabilizing muscles, and overall health”, explains Karen Kennedy, “as a Certified Personal Trainer and a National Physique Committee Competitor being in overall great health and free from injuries is a must. When I recently suffered an injury on my right calf, I began treatment with ARP Wave Neuro Therapy. After a few non- invasive therapy treatments which were partnered with Dr. Badia’s help, I was ready to get back on my strict cardio regimen”- Affirms Kennedy.

A few athletes that have been treated with Arp Wave Therapy:
- Hockey Tim Thomas, Bret Hedican, Jonathan Toews
- Football Dwight Freeney, Santana Moss, Larry Fitzgerald
- Golf PGA Arron Oberholzer, Peter Jacobsen
- Basketball Shaquille O’Neal, Kevin Garnett
conversation, volunteers bring joy to their patients’ long days. They will read to the patient or take them outside. A visit from a volunteer music therapist or certified pet therapist becomes a calming influence. They can bring a dying patient closure just by writing a letter to someone the patient won’t get to see before passing.

People volunteer for many reasons. Some have experienced the wonderful support of hospice care for a family and want to pay it forward. Others simply do not want anyone to pass away alone. For students wishing to pursue a career, volunteering is a way to extend their healthcare knowledge and develop skills as future professionals in the field. They apply for medical or nursing school, having had the experience of working with patients.

Naturally, not all volunteers are comfortable on the clinical side of healthcare. There are a variety of administrative tasks they assume, like helping to assemble packets, repackaging supplies, welcoming visitors at the Hospitality Desk, or working at the Thrift Shop. These volunteers feel the same satisfaction of helping a healthcare provider and enjoy the camaraderie of working together. When there is a desire to help, Hospice by the Sea will find the right role for that person.

Christine Golia is the Director of Volunteers for Hospice by the Sea, Inc. She can be reached at cgolia@hbts.org.

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Charles Felix, Publisher

Physicians Join Lee Memorial Health System Medical Staff

Lee Memorial Health System is pleased to announce the following physicians recently joined our medical staff:

Roy Kaplan, M.D. – Anesthesiology
obtained his medical degree from the University of Vermont. He completed residencies in Pediatrics from Baylor College of Medicine and in Anesthesiology at Brigham & Women’s Hospital. He also completed two years of Anesthesiology fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Boston. Dr. Kaplan is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and
the American Board of Pediatrics. He has joined Anesthesia & Pain Consultants.

James Kasiewicz, M.D. – Trauma Surgery obtained his medical degree from Temple University. He completed a General Surgery Internship and Residency at Western Pennsylvania Hospital and a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Kasiewicz is certified in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care by the American Board of Surgery. He has joined LPG-Trauma Surgery.

Roxanna Menendez, D.O. – Dermatology obtained her degree at Western University. She completed a Pediatrics Residency at Miami Children's Hospital and a Dermatology Residency at Columbia Hospital. Dr. Menendez is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology. She has joined Riverchase Dermatology.

Charles Newton, M.D. – Palliative Medicine obtained his medical degree at Washington University School of Medicine. He completed a General Surgery Residency at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a Thoracic and Cardio Surgery Fellowship at Brigham & Women's Hospital. Dr. Newton has completed a Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at the University of South Florida. Dr. Newton is certified in General Surgery, Thoracic and Cardio Surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Newton will be providing services through Hope Healthcare Services.

Lenay Santana, M.D. – Neurology obtained her medical degree at Ponce School of Medicine. She completed an Internal Medicine Internship at Louisiana State Health Science Center; a Neurology Residency and Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at Louisiana State University. Dr. Santana is certified in Neurology and Neuromuscular Medicine by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology and has joined the Florida Neurology Group.

Juan Zapata, M.D. – Internal Medicine obtained his medical degree at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. He completed an Internal Medicine Internship at Michael Reese Hospital and an Internal Medicine Residency at Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital. Dr. Zapata is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and has joined Internal Medicine Associates.