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Ostomy Care Now Available

Fatima Hospital's Comprehensive Wound Healing Center has launched a new ostomy care program. Under the direction of **Dr. Gerald Marsocci**, a general surgeon, the program is staffed with a certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse, **Kim Doyon**, who is specifically trained in the care and management of patients with a stoma and who has extensive experience with complex ostomy management issues. **Dr. Andrea Goldfarb** and **Phil Zangale, PA**, are also available for consultations.

The program is focused on providing individualized ostomy care, including colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy, and bowel fistula management. Pre and post-operative counseling on stoma care and management (complications include leakage & skin care) are provided to patients on an inpatient and outpatient basis. Evaluation and treatment are also available for patients with feeding or drainage tubes, as well as management and treatment of peristomal skin problems, stomal complications, ill-fitting appliance issues, or common skin complications after surgery. The program includes information, education and support for families and caregivers to increase their understanding, knowledge and management of a patient's condition and the lifestyle adjustments that are necessary after stoma surgery.

Kim Doyon is a certified wound and ostomy specialist with more than 20 years of experience developing and managing ostomy programs. She works for Restorix Health, a recognized leader in wound care and Fatima's partner in managing the wound care program.

For more information or referrals, contact the Wound Center at 401-456-3011

EMERGENCY GRAND ROUNDS
There will be no Grand Rounds in August.

The next program will be Wednesday,
September 8 at 6pm via Zoom

Topic: **Legal Aspects of EMS
and Documentation**

Special **Abigail Williams, RN, JD, MPH,**
Guest: **MS, CPPS**

Ankle Arthroplasty Now Available

Total ankle replacement featuring a faster recovery time than other procedures is now available at Roger Williams Medical Center, thanks to the leadership of **Nathalia Doobay, DPM, FACFAS**, Chief of the Division of Podiatry and a physician with Orthopedic Associates.

Total ankle arthroplasty is indicated for patients with end-stage ankle arthritis who meet specific criteria pertaining to age, activity level, and comorbidities. Recovery time is accelerated in comparison to the traditional ankle fusion procedure, affording earlier weight-bearing while maintaining the natural range of motion of the ankle. Like other joint replacement surgeries, physical therapy is utilized post-operatively to optimize recovery.



Nathalia Doobay, DPM,
FACFAS

An important aspect of Dr. Doobay's surgical protocol is the use of Prophecy Preoperative Navigation Guide. Using a combination of computer imaging and the patient's own CT Scan, a surgical blueprint is then developed. Ankle implant sizing and alignment are determined in advance using the patient's anatomic landmarks. This allows for less procedural complexity, less fluoroscopic exposure and reduced surgical time. The procedure is done as an inpatient procedure with one overnight stay.



Tattoo Less is Here!

Roger Williams Radiation Therapy/21st Century Oncology, part of the

Genesiscare network, recently went live with a new radiation therapy treatment machine, the Elekta Versa HD. And now our radiation therapy department has even more exciting news, we are now offering tattoo less treatment. Patients will continue to receive the most precise treatment available without permanent tattoos marking their skin!

ECG of the Month July 2021

You are watching an athletic event and one of the players collapses and appears to have a seizure. EMS providers rush to the patient's side and apply ECG leads. You look over their shoulder and see this rhythm on the ECG.

1. What is the ECG rhythm?
2. How would you treat this patient?

Submit your answers to john.jardine@chartercare.org for a chance to win a Dunkin' gift card!

Answers in next month's edition.



EMS Pearl of the Month July 2021

An EMS paradigm for the treatment of exertional heat stroke:

1. Rapid Recognition-the definition of heat stroke is a core body temperature greater than 104° WITH an altered mental status.
2. Rapid Assessment-the valid and feasible method of measuring an accurate core body temperature is a rectal temperature.
3. Rapid Cooling-the gold standard for cooling is cold water immersion.
4. Rapid Advanced Care- cool first, transport second.

Reference: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2017.1392666>

ECG of the Month June 2021 Answer



For those of you who recognized the ECG in the June issue as that presented in the May issue, congratulations! There was a production error and the ECG that was supposed to be shown in June was

the ECG above, that of atrial fibrillation. Following our recent EMS Rounds discussion on stroke, patients with Afib have a 17-fold increase in having an ischemic stroke. The woman in the case presented with stroke symptoms and should have been transported to a stroke center or stroke-ready hospital. Ultimately, patients with Afib are typically anticoagulated with Coumadin or one of the newer novel agents (Xarelto, etc.) to protect them from embolic events.

CharterCARE Medical Associates

CharterCARE is pleased to welcome the following new providers to our network of care.



Humberto Leal Bailey, MD, is a Neurologist with a subspecialty in Movement Disorders such as Tremors, Parkinsons Disease, Ataxia, Dystonia, Tics, Tourettes, and Neurodegenerative Conditions such as Alzheimer's dementia, Huntington Disease, and Frontotemporal Dementia. He also treats general neurology conditions such as headaches, strokes, neuropathy, and epilepsy and has experience with lumbar punctures, adjust Deep Brain Stimulation, and Botox injections (not cosmetic) for migraines, hemifacial spasm, cervical dystonia, and spasticity. He is fluent in Spanish, German and French. He is accepting new patients will be practicing at the CharterCARE Medical Associates office at 50 Maude Street in Providence, 456-2316.



Krystel Feghali, MD, is an Endocrinologist with an interest in treating a wide range of issues including diabetes, osteoporosis, Addison disease, adrenal diseases, low testosterone, thyroid cancer, pituitary, metabolic, lipid and calcium disorders, and transgender medicine. She is accepting new patients and her primary practice will be located in the CharterCARE Medical Associates office at 50 Maude Street in Providence. 456-5716.



Abed Hout, MD, is a Primary Care Physician with a special interest in general health and lifestyle maintenance, sports medicine and dermatology procedures. He is joining CharterCARE Medical Associates in practice with Dr. Frank Fraioli at 41 Sanderson Road in Smithfield, 349-2203, and is accepting new patients.

Congrats!

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Cranston Fire Department, most recently as Deputy Chief of the Emergency Medical Services division, **Captain Paul Casey** has retired. Congratulations and best wishes in the years to come! We also welcome his replacement, **Captain Lawrence Caron, Jr, EMT-C**, whose father was a 40 year veteran of the department and former captain. Good luck!