Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital named one of only 63 US hospitals with Straight “As” for patient safety!

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide, were recently announced. Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital once again earned an “A,” and is just one of just 63 hospitals nationwide to be awarded Straight “As” since the inception of the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade in 2012. To see BWFH’s full grade, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients, click here.

Faulkner21 program sees record numbers

The Faulkner21 partnership between Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital aims to provide high-quality care in a lower-cost community setting by transferring patients from the BWH Emergency Department directly into a general medicine bed at BWFH. In March of 2017, the program achieved record numbers. Read more.

Orthopaedic surgeons offer novel device trials to preserve joints in patients with early arthritis

Orthopaedic surgeons at Brigham and Women’s Hospital are studying numerous devices to help prevent or delay the need for joint replacement and expand treatment options for patients with early arthritis. In the ATLAS trial they were the first in the United States to implant a new system that reduces joint load without altering anatomy in patients with medial knee osteoarthritis. Read more.

Division Chief of Breast Surgery published in JAMA Surgery

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Division Chief of Breast Surgery Laura Dominici, MD, FACS, is an author for the paper “State Variation in the Receipt of a Contralateral Prophylactic Mastectomy Among Women Who Received a Diagnosis of Invasive Unilateral Early-Stage Breast Cancer in the United States, 2004-2012,” which was recently published in JAMA Surgery. The study seeks to answer the question “Does the proportion of contralateral prophylactic mastectomies vary by state?” To read the abstract of the work, click here.
Angell awarded the American Thyroid Association ThyCa Research Grant

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital endocrinologist Dr. Trevor Angell has been awarded the American Thyroid Association’s 2016 ThyCa Research Grant for his project, “Assessment of Circulation Immune Suppressor Cells for Predicating Treatment Response in Follicular Cell Derived Thyroid Carcinoma.” Angell’s study focuses on myeloid-derived suppressor cells—a type of immune cell found in association with cancers—in the blood of patients with thyroid cancer. The goal is to determine whether changes in the levels of these cells, before and after therapy, can serve as a predictive biomarker for how a patient with thyroid cancer would respond to treatment.

Improved Language Line access

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital providers no longer need to call the hospital operator to access the Language Line for a telephonic interpreter. Under the new system, providers can contact the Language Line directly on their own, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To access the Language Line, simply dial extension 1336 from any hospital phone. When prompted, indicate the language you need interpreted and provide your first and last name, department and the patient’s medical record number. Once connected to an interpreter, providers should document the interpreter’s name and ID number, brief them on the situation and give them any special instructions.

*BWFH also now has three Interpreter on Wheels to help providers communicate with patients, particularly those who are deaf and hard of hearing. To learn more, click here.*

Cultural Rounds: Cross Cultural Perspectives on Muslim Patient Care, Their Families and Our Colleagues - May 4

Join Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee and Spiritual Care Service Department for Cultural Rounds on Thursday, May 4, from 12 noon to 1 pm in Mary Ann Tynan Conference Room 2. Guest speaker Imam Ibrahim Sayar, Muslim and Interfaith Chaplain at Boston Children’s Hospital, will present “Cross Cultural Perspectives on Muslim Patient Care, Their Families and Our Colleagues.” All are welcome.

Celebration of life in honor of Dr. Darryl Powell - May 12

All staff are invited to a memorial service celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Darryl Powell, chief resident in the Harvard Brigham and Women’s/Boston Children’s Hospital Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Training Program and a member of Brigham and Women’s Family Care Associates at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, who passed away in April. The memorial service will be held on Friday, May 12, at the Joseph Martin Conference Center amphitheater at 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur. Refreshments will be served from 5 to 5:30 pm and the ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7 pm.
Cultivating Meaning, Balance and Professional Satisfaction in the Practice of Medicine: Individual and Organizational Approaches with Tait Shanafelt, MD - May 23

Clinicians and hospital administrators from across Partners institutions are invited to attend a timely and informative lecture by Tait Shanafelt, MD, on clinician administrative burden and burnout on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, from 10 to 11:30 am at the Harvard Club (374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston). Space is limited. Click here to register by May 9. Questions? Contact Maureen Goggin via email or at 617-278-1028. Partners is offering 1.5 hours of CME credit for this lecture.

Opioid Grand Rounds - May 25

Join us on Thursday, May 25, from 8 to 9 am in Huvos Auditorium to view a webcast of Opioid Grand Rounds, featuring Dr. Ed Boyer, an expert toxicologist and emergency physician who will speak about the mechanisms of development of addiction. All are welcome. Register here. Credit is available for those at BWFH, so please register and sign in!

ASMBS Foundation’s Walk from Obesity - June 3

Join the Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and Massachusetts General Hospital Weight Center at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital as we Walk from Obesity on Saturday, June 3. The Walk from Obesity is the nation’s largest gathering of individuals affected by obesity. This is a fundraising event for the ASMBS Foundation which supports obesity research, education and advocacy. All are welcome to walk! Register here by Monday, May 1, for the early bird rate of $15. And be sure to follow the event on Facebook. Questions? Email Katy MacQueen at bariatricdietitians@partners.org.

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