Nominate your colleagues for a *Partners in Excellence* award

Help recognize your colleagues for their creativity, dedication and commitment to excellence by nominating them for a *Partners in Excellence* award. Click here to complete a nomination for an individual or team. For paper nomination forms, see your manager or email partnersinexcellence@partners.org. The nomination deadline is Friday, September 11. All nominations will be reviewed by the selection committees in October. The annual *Partners in Excellence* award ceremonies will be held starting in December and continuing through early 2016. Learn more about the *Partners in Excellence* awards program.

Outpatient Laboratory renovations improve workflow and the patient experience

After a month-long renovation process, the Outpatient Laboratory recently reopened on the first floor at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. The refreshed space features new flooring, new furnishings and a soothing green color scheme. There is also nature-inspired artwork that reflects the hospital’s surroundings. Most importantly, the reconfigured space significantly improves workflow and the patient experience. Read more.

BWFH Speech-Language Pathologists begin Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing

At Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, certified Speech-Language Pathologists diagnose and treat adults with speech, language, voice and swallowing problems. Modified Barium Swallow Studies (MBSS), or Videofluoroscopic Swallowing Studies (VFSS), have long been conducted in the Radiology Department in collaboration with Speech-Language Pathology. Alongside this valuable instrumental study, Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) has become a globally recognized gold standard for evaluating oropharyngeal dysphagia and for assessing swallowing function. The Speech-Language Pathology department at BWFH is now offering FEES to the appropriate patients. Read more.

CRNA wins DAISY Award

The DAISY Award, established by the DAISY Foundation, is named in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at the age of 33 from Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family was inspired by the care that Patrick received and established this unique program to recognize and thank the nurses who make a profound difference in the lives of their patients and families. Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Department of Nursing recently honored Barbara Ostendorf, CRNA, with a DAISY Award. Read more.
BWFH in the News: Dr. Elizabeth Loder shares headache triggers with *Good Housekeeping*

Millions of adults suffer from headaches. Triggers can include not getting enough sleep, hormonal changes, high altitudes, diving and thyroid problems. Dr. Elizabeth Loder, Chief of the Division of Headache and Pain in Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital’s Department of Neurology, recently spoke with *Good Housekeeping* about some of the more surprising headache triggers.

Former Pulmonary Service Chief competes in National Senior Games

Twelve thousand athletes from all over the country, all ages 50 and up, recently gathered in Minnesota for the 2015 National Senior Games. Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital's former Pulmonary Service Chief Ray Murphy, MD, DSc, was among them. Dr. Murphy, who is 83 years old, completed in six events: the Men's Freestyle 50Y, the Men's Freestyle 100Y, the Men's Backstroke 50Y, the Men's Backstroke 100Y, the Men's Breaststroke 50Y and the Men's Breaststroke 100Y. Read more. [Read more.](#)

Update: Atrium elevator modernization project

Due to the ongoing reliability issues of the elevators in the Atrium lobby, Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital committed funds to upgrade all three elevators. The senior leadership team is pleased to report that the project is now one-third complete. One elevator has been fully modernized and work has begun on the second. To learn more about the scope of the project, click [here](#).

Heartfelt Thanks: Letters from our patients and their families

BWFH staff and employees often receive heartfelt thank you notes from the patients and families they serve. The letters [here](#) are devoted to featuring those special letters from patients and family members who have benefitted from the incredible compassion and expert skill of our superb staff.
**BWFH to host Weight Watchers at Work Program**

Do you want to lose weight while enjoying what you eat? With the Weight Watchers at Work Program, you’ll stay motivated with an inspirational meeting leader, powerful group support and access to Weight Watcher’s suite of digital tools. Plus, when you purchase a 17-week meeting series, you can get two weeks free! Meetings will be held at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital on Tuesdays at 12 noon beginning in September. For more information, or to sign up, contact Meg Payne at 617-983-7907.

**Back to School Supply Drive ends August 26**

BWFH’s Young Professionals group is collecting new school supplies for kids in need at the JP Manning Elementary School. You can drop off your donated school supplies between 12 noon and 1 pm on August 25 and 26 outside the cafeteria. To see JP Manning Elementary School’s supply list, click here. For more information, email Meg Payne or call 617-983-7907.

**BWFH Epic Personalization Lab - August 27**

There will be an Epic Provider Personalization drop-in session on Thursday, August 27, from 9 am to 5 pm in the training room located on the fourth floor across from the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. During this Epic drop-in session, you can learn to create smart texts, smart phrases and share templates among your colleagues and department; increase your skill and confidence in Epic; ask any how-to questions you have; receive assistance in setting up your mobile device; and improve your Epic efficiency.

**Join the Boston Heart Walk - September 12**

Join the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital American Heart Association Boston Heart Walk team to support heart health and celebrate the progress made in awareness and treatment. Participate by joining the team or becoming a captain, recruiting more walkers and/or donating to the walk. The walk is Saturday, September 12, at the DCR’s Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade. For more information, contact Merilyn Holmes or visit the team website.

**BWFH offers Leadership Leverage course - September 17 and 18**

This two-session program is designed to reinforce your role as a leader and understand employment law, leadership characteristics, performance management, workforce diversity and operations management skills. This class is required for all lead staff at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. The class will take place in the Saslow Conference Room on Thursday, September 17, and Friday, September 18, from 8 am to 1 pm. Participation is required both days. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Mary Duggan at 617-983-4634.
BWFH surgeon Dr. Onaly Kapasi reads from his book of poetry - September 21

Join Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Library Services on Monday, September 21, from 7 to 8 pm in Huvos Auditorium for a reading by Dr. Onaly Kapasi. Born in Mombasa, Kenya, Dr. Kapasi moved to Boston in 1975 to complete a Harvard Orthopaedic Fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Today he is a surgeon at BWFH and a poet. He will read from his book of personal poems, *Mind’s Eye: A Vision into the Depth of Consciousness*.

BWFH calendar of events

Never miss a beat. Check out BWFH’s calendar of events for a complete list of events, lectures, training sessions and more. You can see everything happening this month, or look ahead to coming months to help you plan.

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