2016 BWFH Holiday Meal - Today beginning at 11 am

It’s that time of year again! The 2016 BWFH Holiday Meal will be served today, Tuesday, December 13, in the cafeteria from 11 am to 1:45 pm and 5 to 7 pm. Tickets are required for admission and may be obtained through your manager.

Chief of Emergency Medicine directs course for international institute

The International Emergency Department Leadership Institute is an educational initiative sponsored by Brigham and Women's Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine. Luis Lobón, MD, MS, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, recently served as Course Director for the Continuing Executive Education Course, part of the seven-day program held in Amsterdam. Read more.

On Point: Q&A with Michael - Submit a question today!

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital President Michael Gustafson, MD, MBA, wants to hear directly from you, our BWFH employees and staff. As a way to maintain an open channel of communication, Dr. Gustafson recently launched On Point: Q&A with Michael. With this new forum, there is a more easily accessible way for him to hear feedback. Click here to anonymously submit a question directly to Michael.

Joint Commission Tip of the Month: Keep holiday decorations safe

Joint Commission surveyors will arrive unannounced sometime between now and October 2017 for Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s accreditation survey. Now is a good time to brush up on the standards. One of the things a Joint Commission surveyor might notice is your holiday decorations. When selecting and installing holiday decorations it’s important to maintain a safe environment for our patients, visitors and staff, paying particular attention to fire safety. Copy and paste this link into your browser to read the complete Holiday Decorations policy: https://hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/3144. Visit the Continuous Readiness page for additional resources. If you have any compliance questions or concerns, contact Director of Patient Safety, Quality, Infection Control and Accreditation Christi Barney at 617-983-7449.
Rangel named Magic 106.7 Exceptional Woman

Erika Rangel, MD, MS, FACS, Director of Surgical Critical Care and Inpatient Programs at BWFH, was recently featured on Magic 106.7’s Exceptional Women program. Click here to listen.

Save the Packaging! Documenting events related to medical devices with MedSun

The Medical Product Safety Network (MedSun) is an event reporting program launched in 2002 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health. The primary goal for MedSun is to work collaboratively with the clinical community and partner healthcare facilities, as well as manufacturers to identify, understand and solve problems with the use of medical devices. When you report an adverse event, or a near miss event, related to a problem with a medical device in RL Solutions, that information is relayed by Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Risk Management team to the FDA through MedSun. In these events, remember to save the device’s packaging in order for Risk Management to provide MedSun with the information needed. Questions? Contact Senior Risk Manager Maureen Fischer at 617-983-7284.

BWFH Police and Security Department collecting Toys for Tots - through December 18

Please help us support children in need this holiday season. Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Police and Security Department will be accepting toys through Friday, December 18. Drop off a new, unwrapped, non-violent toy at the 1st or 3rd floor Information Desk. All toys will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. For more information, please call 617-983-7677.

Personal package policy

With the holidays upon us, Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Receiving and Distribution Department would like to remind employees that personal package deliveries cannot be accommodated. The priority of the department is delivering items directly related to patient care and hospital business. Due to the large volume of these deliveries alone, the added responsibility of processing personal packages delays the turnaround time on products that may directly affect patient care. Please make alternate arrangements for the delivery of personal packages. If you have questions, please contact Jonathan Santiago, Manager of Materials Management, at 617-983-7976.
Overdose Education and Narcan Training - December 14

Since 2007, more than 3,200 people in Boston have received training on how to administer Narcan, a medication used to reverse opioid overdoses, and thousands more people have been educated on overdose prevention techniques. Join us at the Parkway Community YMCA (1972 Centre Street, West Roxbury) on Wednesday, December 14, from 6 to 7:30 pm for Overdose Education and Narcan Training. Participants learn about the importance of calling 9-1-1 in the event of an overdose, how to perform rescue breathing and administer nasal Narcan and treatment options for opioid users. For more information, contact Tracy Sylven.

Learn more about our new retirement program - December 15

The Benefits Office will be holding an information session for employees to cover the changes to the retirement program effective January 1, 2017, on Thursday, December 15, at 3 pm. The session is expected to run about 45 minutes and will be held in Huvos Auditorium. Materials about the new retirement program are available here.

Celebrating the holidays 2016 - Share your photos with the BWFH community

Having a pot-luck lunch with your co-workers? Attending an ugly sweater party? Picking out your Christmas tree? Stringing up lights with the kids? Dressing your dog in a Santa suit? We want to see it all! Send photos of you and yours celebrating the holidays to Caitlyn Slowe. We’ll share them on social media for everyone to enjoy.

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