Mutinga named Medical Director of BWFH Outpatient Infusion Center

Dr. Muthoka Mutinga, a physician at Brigham and Women’s Gastroenterology Associates at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, has been named Medical Director of BWFH’s Outpatient Infusion Center (OPIC). In this role, Dr. Mutinga, in partnership with Nurse Director Susan FitzMaurice, MPA, BSN, RN, will be responsible for the safety and care of OPIC patients. Read more.

Radiology Department passes Radiation Control Program inspections

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Bureau of Environmental Health’s Radiation Control Program (RCP) protects the health and safety of patients from the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation. Recently, Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Radiology Department completed inspections by the RCP in nuclear medicine and mammography. Read more.

Orthopedic surgeon speaks at annual meeting of Mexico’s orthopedic society

At FEMECOT, the annual meeting of Mexico’s orthopedic society, Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital orthopedic surgeon Dr. Andreas Gomoll was among four surgeons from the United States and one from Spain who were invited to present as part of an international symposium. Each day during the meeting, the five international surgeons were allotted an hour and a half to present on topics such as biological treatment for knee disorders such as stem cell injections, cartilage disorders and soft tissue injuries of the knee. Read more.

Psychiatry Department welcomes new physicians

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital’s Department of Psychiatry recently welcomed two new physicians: Dr. Timothy Mariano and Dr. Claudia Rodriguez. Read more about their backgrounds and new roles. In addition to Drs. Mariano and Rodriguez, Dr. Timberly Humbert also joined the department recently.
**December Is National Hand Washing Awareness Month: Remember, good health is in your hands!**

Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital reminds staff to wash or sanitize your hands before and after each patient interaction. Hand hygiene is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection. There are five moments for hand hygiene defined by the World Health Organization: before direct patient contact, before an aseptic procedure, after exposure to blood or body fluid, after direct patient contact and after contact with the patient’s environment. To read BWFH’s complete Hand Hygiene policy, visit: [hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/2246](http://hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/2246).

And remember, as of December 1, all personnel who have not been vaccinated against the flu—for any reason—will be REQUIRED to wear a surgical or procedure mask in patient care areas. To read the complete policy, visit: [hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/10171](http://hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/10171).

**Global travel safety information**

In light of recent global terrorism events, employees and others who are planning to travel on approved business of Partners Healthcare and its affiliates are reminded to review [Partners’ TravelSafe program](http://Partners-TravelSafe). Partners’ TravelSafe program and Partners’ world-class travel-risk-management vendor, iJET, can help provide useful travel and location safety and security information and emergency assistance with a single point of contact. Further, the US State Department recently issued a [Worldwide Travel Alert](http://Worldwide Travel Alert) for all travelers to exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation due to increased terrorist threats. **All Partners Healthcare travelers should be sure to carry the TravelSafe 24/7 Global Assistance Hotline: +1 443-965-9242.** Visit [Partners Travel Central](http://Partners Travel Central) for more information and details.

**Weight Loss Surgery Information Session - December 2**

Hosted by the Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, this FREE seminar is designed for patients considering weight loss surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital or Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital. The next session will take place on Wednesday, December 2, at 6 pm in the Huvos Auditorium at BWFH. For more information or to register online, click [here](http://here). A session in Spanish will be held on December 16. Click [here](http://here) for more information or to register online.

**Stroke Support Group - December 2**

Have you had a stroke? You are not alone. In the United States, there are more than six million stroke survivors. Like so many others, you may have unique needs and interests, as well as questions. Open to all stroke survivors, family members and friends, the Stroke Support Group at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital is a way for you to meet other stroke survivors and caregivers who understand just what you’re going through. Meetings are held from 1 to 2 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Click [here](http://here) for more information.
Webinar: Accepting gifts and meals under Partners policies - December 7

Do you have questions about when it is ok to accept gifts, meals or food under Partners policies? Attend a 30-minute webinar presented by the Partners Office for Interactions in Industry on Monday, December 7, at 11:30 am. To register, click [here](https://example.com). After you register, you will receive instructions for joining the meeting. Questions? Contact COIAdmin@partners.org.

Save the Date! 2015 BWFH Holiday Meal - December 17

It’s that time of year again! The 2015 BWFH Holiday Meal will be served on Thursday, December 17, in the cafeteria. Tickets are required for admission and may be obtained through your manager. For those who work the night shift, you will receive a meal ticket to use in the cafeteria at your convenience and there will be light fare available in the cafeteria overnight on Wednesday, December 9, into Thursday, December 10.

Celebrating Thanksgiving 2015 - submit your photos today!

Awkward family photos. That amazing pie you baked. Your kids dressed as Pilgrims. Friendsgiving. The workplace pot luck. Cute photos of your pets. We want to see (and share) how you celebrated Thanksgiving this year! Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital staff are invited to submit their favorite photos from Thanksgiving 2015. We’ll share them with the entire BWFH community on our [Facebook page](https://facebook.com). If you have a photo you want to share, email it to Web and Multimedia Specialist Caitlyn Slowe.

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