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ACADEMIC UPDATES

School of Social Welfare Co-Sponsors Conference with Suffolk County Advisory Board

More than 300 attendees representing Long Island schools, nonprofits, healthcare, government officials, Department of Social Services, probation officials and emergency responders participated in a full-day conference, Creating Transformational Change for Families Involved with the Child Protective System, co-hosted by the School of Social Welfare, the Suffolk County Advisory Board on Child Protection, and the Office of the Suffolk County Executive. The conference included keynote speaker Katie Beers, who was kidnapped at nine years old and held for seventeen days by a family friend, then spent later years as part of the Child Protective Services system.

Center for Healthy Aging Holds Fall Symposium

The Center for Healthy Aging (CHA) held its annual Fall Symposium on November 6 at the Charles B. Wang Center on West Campus. The CHA, a collaboration among the five Health Sciences Schools that comprise Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook's Program in Public Health, and affiliated institutions such as the Northport VA and Long Island State Veterans Home, provided updates on pilot projects funded by the center, introduced attendees to the Renaissance School of Medicine's new Chair of Neurology, Dr. Joe Verghese, and featured several speakers, including Dr. George Kuchel, who spoke about the research being done at UConn's Center on Aging. The event also provided opportunities for registrants to join the NIH-funded SenNet Consortium, established to better understand the senescent cells that underlie aging and chronic disease development.

[Stony Brook Champions Inclusive Community-Based Opportunities at Annual Conference \(SB News\)](#)

The second annual Inclusion Done Right! (IDR!) Conference brought together a diverse audience — from faculty and staff to community advocates, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities —

who shared a common goal: advancing practices that promote inclusion, enhance participation, and ensure accessibility.

The conference was held October 18 in Stony Brook University's Charles B. Wang Center Theater, hosted by Stony Brook's School of Health Professions and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Intercultural Initiatives (DI3), with support from the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and sponsorship from Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Launched by Agnes McConlogue Ferro, director of the School of Health Professions' Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and clinical associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, the conference aims to create a collaborative bridge between Stony Brook and its community partners to champion inclusive, community-based opportunities that best serve individuals with disabilities.

[Dean Patrick Lloyd Appointed to Commission on Dental Accreditation](#)

Patrick Lloyd, dean of Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, was elected by the American Dental Education Association's House of Delegates to serve on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), at its annual session in March. As one of a 32-person commission, Dean Lloyd will work to develop and approve accreditation procedures and standards by which dental and dental-related education programs are accredited. He began serving in this role upon the approval of his appointment and will hold the position for four years.

[Sritha Rajupet Named Fellow by the American Medical Informatics Association](#)

Sritha Rajupet, Chair of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine at the RSOM, will be awarded the designation of Fellow by the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), dedicated to using informatics to improve health, boost organizational performance, and empower individuals in healthcare. Fellows demonstrate informatics expertise, professional achievement, and leadership in contributing to AMIA's advancement.

[Lisa Benz Scott and Kelli Fox Named National Academies of Practice Distinguished Fellows](#)

Lisa Benz Scott, Executive Director and Professor in the Program in Public Health, and Kelli Fox, Director of the Center for Interprofessional Innovation, will be inducted as Distinguished Fellows by the National Academies of Practice (NAP) Social Work Academy and Public Health Academy, respectively. NAP is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to advise governmental bodies on our healthcare system and support affordable, accessible, coordinated quality healthcare for all.



As Distinguished Fellows, Dr. Benz Scott and Dr. Fox will be recognized for their years of professional service and enduring contributions to their professions.

Carly Gomes Selected as SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute 2025 Fellow

Carly Gomes, neonatologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Renaissance School of Medicine, has been selected as a 2025 Fellow for the SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute (HLI), a rigorous six-month hybrid experience designed to identify, foster and support the development and retention of current and emerging Hispanic/Latinx leaders and their allies at the University President and President's Cabinet level (Provosts, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Business Officers, etc.). The curriculum for Dr. Gomes and her HLI peers is expected to begin in January.

Debra Giugliano Named to Inaugural Class of SUNY Nursing Simulation Fellowship

Dr. Debra Giugliano, Clinical Assistant Professor at Stony Brook School of Nursing, has been named one of 11 Fellows in the inaugural SUNY Nursing Simulation Fellowship for 2024-2025. Launched by SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr., this fellowship is part of a statewide initiative to enhance nursing education through simulation-based learning. A certified pediatric nurse practitioner and oncology nurse, Dr. Giugliano, founded the School Intervention and Reentry Program at Stony Brook Children's Hospital, helping young patients transition back to school. Through this fellowship, she will contribute to the SUNY-wide Simulation Shared Resource Library, advancing healthcare education in New York.

[George Romanos Receives Outstanding Educator Award from Academy of Laser Dentistry](#)

Georgios Romanos, professor in the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics at the School of Dental Medicine, was the recipient of this year's Glenda Payas Outstanding Educator Award, given annually by the Academy of Laser Dentistry. Established in 2021, the Payas Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in education and leadership throughout their careers, especially acknowledging original research, published articles, volunteer participation and years in education across numerous environments. Romanos' distinction was recognized by the ALD at its annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, last month.

Kenneth W. Gow Awarded the Knapp Swezey Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery

Kenneth W. Gow, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, was one of 11 Stony Brook faculty members honored at an investiture ceremony at the Charles B. Wang Center Theater. Dr. Gow was awarded the Knapp Swezey Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery, one of many endowed



positions created by the Knapp family and awarded a medal as recognition for his dedication and continued support of Stony Brook. Over the years, the Knapp family has also supported the Renaissance School of Medicine and Stony Brook Children's Hospital (including the pediatric emergency department expansion), and contributed to the Stony Brook Foundation Board, Medicine Advisory Board, and Children's Hospital Advancement Council.

Alan Turner Named Chair of the Department of Anatomical Sciences

Alan Turner has been named Chair of the Renaissance School of Medicine's Department of Anatomical Sciences. Since his appointment as Interim Chair in fall 2023, Dr. Turner's leadership and dedication have driven the department's success, including faculty recruitment, career development, and support for learner achievement. Under his governance, the department has been recognized for its significant role in a groundbreaking study on the hidden mechanics of avian flight, published in *Nature* last summer, and in the discovery of *Musankwa sanyatiensis*, a new sauropodomorph species identified in Zimbabwe.

School of Social Welfare Faculty Shed Light on Intimate Partner Violence

Kathleen Monahan, Associate Professor in the School of Social Welfare and Edie Zusman, neurosurgeon and Medical Director of Neuroscience Partners, were keynote speakers at the Volunteers of America, Greater New York, "Creating A Brighter Future" conference in October. The conference focused on children exposed to Intimate Partner Violence and brain injury. Dr. Monahan and Dr. Zusman also presented on the same topics for lawyers and judges at the Suffolk County Bar Association's Crime Victims Center annual virtual conference.

Renaissance School of Medicine Publishes Taxonomy of Professional Identity Formation

On October 26, members of the Renaissance School of Medicine's leadership published an article entitled "A tripartite taxonomy of character strengths & virtues: toward professional identity formation in medical students & physicians" in *BMC Medical Education*. The authors (Drs. Stephen G. Post, Marie Basile, Richard Iuli, Phyllis Migdal, Jeffrey S. Trilling, Andrew Wackett, and Lisa Strano-Paul) propose a "tripartite taxonomy" of virtues—Other-Regarding, Self-Regarding and Equal-Regarding—to guide and support the professional identity formation (PIF) of medical students and physicians. As a framework designed to foster a well-rounded character in medical practitioners, emphasizing moral excellence, the taxonomy can aid curriculum development, organize professionalism assessments, and serve as a guiding structure for both students and practicing physicians in enhancing their well-being and patient care. The published article represents a very positive follow-up to the RSOM's PIF curriculum earning the Alpha Omega Alpha Professionalism Award in 2019.



[Stony Brook's Women in Healthcare Panel Guides Future Professionals \(SB news\)](#)

On October 17, students from the Pathways to Healthcare program and those interested in medicine gathered in the Health Sciences Center for an engaging event — the Women in Healthcare Panel. Fifteen inspiring professionals from Stony Brook Medicine spoke with students interested in healthcare professions. Their respected positions ranged from roles in social work, clinical pharmacy, nursing, neurosurgery and beyond. Panelists spent close to two hours speaking with students about their work, challenges and joys experienced professionally.

The panel was coordinated by Dr. Robert Nocito, clinical assistant professor and attending physician from the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Dr. Jillian Leibowitz, PGY3 EM chief resident. Other event coordinators included the Pathways to Healthcare Program and the Stony Brook University Career Center, the former being a credit-bearing externship that is offered for underrepresented and underserved students who are interested in exploring healthcare as a profession. The year-long program includes two-hour weekly meetings and is co-led by two physicians from Stony Brook University Hospital, one being Dr. Nocito.

Melissa J. Earle Presents at Multidisciplinary Professional Conference on Substance Abuse

School of Social Welfare Clinical Associate Professor Melissa J. Earle, along with James Hollywood, Vice President of Residential and Recovery Services at Samaritan Daytop Village, presented at the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports / University at Buffalo Clinical and Research Institute on Addictions Partnership Conference. The conference, aimed at disseminating cutting-edge research findings to researchers, treatment specialists and policymakers, brings together experts from across New York and the country, providing state-of-the-art knowledge to develop innovative research projects and inform treatment and public policy. Samaritan Daytop Village and the SSW have been partners in verbal intervention training using the Institute's evidence-based curriculum for crisis prevention, which incorporates trauma-informed, de-escalation techniques to reduce incidents and prevent crisis behavior.

Physician Assistant Program Represents at NYSSPA 2024 Conference

Faculty, students, and alumni from the School of Health Professions Physician Assistant program had a big showing at the New York State Society of Physician Assistants 2024 CME Conference, catching up with colleagues and staying up to date on medical and professional topics in the PA profession. Faculty members Gerald Simons and Kelly Warren won first place in the category of original research for their poster, *Reduced Aerobic Capacity in Patients with Lyme Disease Associated Fatigue*, the second consecutive year in which Stony Brook has taken first prize.



CLINICAL UPDATES

Awards and Accolades

- Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital (SBSH) have both earned an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade for fall 2024 from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit watchdog focused on patient safety. Leapfrog assigns letter grades to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent them.

To add to this significant achievement, SBSH received an 'A' grade for the second year in a row. This makes it one of only seventeen hospitals in New York State to achieve two consecutive in Spring and Fall, 2024.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade stands as the only hospital ratings program focused solely on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than five hundred patients a day in the United States. This program is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

- [Stony Brook University Hospital](#)'s Neurocritical Care Unit (NCCU) has received the Silver Beacon Award of Excellence (2024-2027) from the [American Association of Critical-Care Nurses \(AACN\)](#). This three-year award recognizes unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and align practices with AACN's six Healthy Work Environment Standards. Stony Brook is one of only five NCCUs in New York State to receive a Beacon Award of Excellence.

Established in 2003, AACN's Beacon Award for Excellence recognizes top hospital units that meet standards of excellence in recruitment and retention; education, training and mentoring; research and evidence-based practice; patient outcomes; leadership and organizational ethics; and creation of a healthy work environment. Units that achieve this three-year award meet national criteria consistent with the ANCC Magnet Recognition Program®, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the National Quality Healthcare Award.

In 2024, the nursing team was also recognized for its excellence in emergency patient care. SBUH's [Emergency Department](#) was selected as a recipient of the [Emergency Nurses Association's \(ENA\) 2024 Lantern Award](#) for demonstrating excellence in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research performance.

- [Stony Brook University Hospital \(SBUH\)](#) has again been named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Stroke Care by [Healthgrades](#)®, making it the only hospital in New York State to be recognized for Stroke Care for 10 years in a row (2016-2025).



By focusing on clinical outcomes, including risk-adjusted mortality and complications, the Healthgrades ratings provide critical feedback for patients and hospitals alike. These newest rankings come on the heels of Stony Brook University Hospital achieving the highest level of national recognition as [one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2024](#), the only hospital on Long Island to receive this recognition. As part of this ranking, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital also shares in this recognition. These ratings from Healthgrades, a leading resource that evaluates approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide solely on patient outcomes, place Stony Brook in the upper echelon of hospitals for specialty care nationwide.

SBUH is also the recipient of numerous Excellence Awards and Five-Star Ratings across medical specialties including:

- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Attack (2022-25)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure (2014-25)
- Five-Star Recipient for Cranial Neurosurgery (2020-2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke (2015-2025)
- Neurosciences Excellence Award™ (2016-2025)
- Cranial Neurosurgery Excellence Award™ (2020-2025)
- Stroke Care Excellence Award™ (2016-2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of GI Bleed (2024-2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Sepsis (2015-2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Respiratory Failure (2021-2025)
- Outpatient Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award™ (2025)
- Five-Star Recipient for Outpatient Prostate Care Excellence (2025)
- Outpatient Prostate Care Excellence Award (2025)

A Healthgrades 2025 analysis revealed that if all hospitals as a group performed similarly to five-star hospitals during the 2021-23 study period, on average, 224,958 lives could potentially have been saved and 141,692 complications could potentially have been avoided.

- The critical need for more Black physicians has increasingly become a topic of national concern. Only about 5.7% of physicians in the United States identify as Black or African American, according to data from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Black Americans have historically had a lower life expectancy than white Americans, and the gap has been attributed to discriminatory practices. Significantly increasing the number of Black physicians could serve as one way to help improve health outcomes within the Black community. Seeking to play a prominent role in addressing this issue, the Renaissance School of Medicine (RSOM) at Stony Brook University established Long Island's first chapter of Black Men in White Coats™ — aiming to increase the number of Black men in the field of medicine through exposure, inspiration, mentoring and serving as prominent role models for young Black men.



According to AAMC data, during the 2023-2024 academic year, the national percentage of Black or African American males applying to medical school was 2.7% while only 2.9% matriculated – a number that has remained relatively stagnant since 1978 despite an overall increase in the number of Black male college graduates.

On November 14, more than five hundred students from across Long Island came together for the 2nd Annual Black Men in White Coats Youth Summit. Educators, clinicians, and community leaders will gather to inspire our youth to consider careers in healthcare while laying the foundation for success via mentorship and networking. Panelists at the event will offer insight into the Black male experience in medicine and learn about Stony Brook Medicine programs offered to help attract Black men to the field of medicine. Student will get to participate in hands-on, interactive activities about:

- X-Ray (SHP)
- Dental procedures
- CPR
- Laparoscopic procedures
- Ultrasound

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- Jonathan Buscaglia, MD, FASGE, AGAF, has been appointed as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education (GME) at the Renaissance School of Medicine and Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for Stony Brook Medicine, effective immediately. He will report to Dr. Peter Igarashi and Carol Gomes, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Stony Brook University Hospital, respectively.

In his new role, Dr. Buscaglia will oversee all GME programs at Stony Brook Medicine and its training sites, ensuring not only the highest standards of training and education for our residents and fellows, but also their accreditation, administration, and ongoing compliance with ACGME institutional, common, and specialty/subspecialty program requirements. He will also collaborate with SBM leadership over new and expanded programs that align with our institution's educational and strategic needs, and he will advocate for resource, budget, and program needs while integrating GME into the clinical environment through management in hospital or health system quality and safety initiatives.

In addition to his new position and responsibilities, Dr. Buscaglia will continue as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at Stony Brook University Hospital, promoting alignment of the hospital and medical staff's missions with the residency and fellowship training programs. Along with his experience as CMO, Dr. Buscaglia brings his expertise as the former Division Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Director of the SBUH Endoscopy Unit. He initiated the SBUH Interventional Endoscopy Fellowship Program and served as the inaugural program director for nearly a decade. Altogether, his 16 years of expertise



dedicated to postgraduate medical education make him uniquely suited for this vital role within the RSOM and SBUH.

Board certified in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine, Dr. Buscaglia earned his MD degree from the Jacobs School of Medicine at the University of Buffalo, then completed his residency at Montefiore Medical Center, followed by his gastroenterology fellowship and the interventional endoscopy fellowship program at the Johns Hopkins Hospital & School of Medicine. He joined the RSOM's Department of Medicine faculty in 2008, where he is now a Professor of Medicine with tenure, specializing in pancreatic-biliary diseases and the management of GI tract neoplasia, such as Barrett's esophagus and advanced colon adenomas. He has also conducted pioneering research in natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery (NOTES), therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), and pancreatic cancer, for which he has received external grant funding.

Dr. Buscaglia is a past President of the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy (NYSGE) and has been acclaimed in *New York Magazine* and by Castle Connolly as one of the region's Top Doctors. He is a nationally recognized expert in interventional endoscopy and has served as a senior associate editor for the American Gastroenterological Association's (AGA) official clinical journal, *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. He remains heavily involved in several national committees within the AGA and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).

- This month, Anne Felicia Ambrose, MBBS, MD, MS, FAAPMR, joined Stony Brook Medicine as the Chief of the new Division of Neurorehabilitation within the Department of Neurology. Dr. Ambrose is a distinguished physician researcher whose clinical focus is on brain injury medicine, specializing in the care of patients with traumatic brain injury, early dementia, strokes and brain cancers.

Dr. Ambrose comes to Stony Brook after eight years at Montefiore Einstein, where she served as an attending physician, Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Vice Chair of Research and Faculty Development for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, as well as a Professor of Neurology in the Department of Neurological Sciences. Previously, she spent more than a decade as part of the Mount Sinai Health System, where she was an Assistant Professor and Medical Director of the Brain Injury Program for its Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

After earning her Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at St. John's Medical College in India, Dr. Ambrose traveled to New York and completed her surgery internship and residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 2003. She received her MS in Clinical Research in 2008.

- Effective immediately, Dr. Huseyin Isildak will become the Chief of the Division of Otolaryngology (ENT). Dr. Isildak holds a faculty appointment as a Professor of Surgery and is the Director of the Otology/Neurotology and Cochlear Implant Program at Stony Brook



Medicine. Since joining the Division of Otolaryngology at Stony Brook in August 2021 as an Associate Professor of Surgery, Dr. Isildak has continued to elevate the standards of care for ENT patients, residents, and medical students. He was recently inducted into the prestigious American Otological Society (AOS) for his significant contributions to the field. Dr. Isildak is the creator and director of the Advanced Otology Fellowship at Stony Brook Medicine. His former fellows have gone on to secure prestigious positions in the field.

Prior to joining the Stony Brook Medicine, Dr. Isildak served eight years as Director of Otolaryngology/Neurotology at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (Hershey Medical Center) in Hershey, PA. There he made significant contributions in clinical practice and research. Dr. Isildak has received numerous honors, including multiple teaching, patient care, and Dean's list awards during his practice at Hershey Medical Center. He trained under the legendary otologist Dr. Michael Paparella at the Paparella Ear, Head and Neck Institute in Minneapolis, MN, and completed an Otology Fellowship at Delaware Otologic Medicine and Surgery, Christiana Health Care System. He completed his otolaryngology residency at Cerrahpasa Medical School, one of the top medical schools in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dr. Isildak has published more than eighty peer-reviewed manuscripts and authored multiple book chapters. His research has been widely recognized at national meetings through numerous abstracts presented in both poster and oral formats. Dr. Isildak has served as an editor, section editor, and reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed journals.

- Michael Davison, MS, RN, has been appointed as Assistant Vice President of Nursing for Surgical Services and joined the executive nursing leadership team this fall.

A seasoned nurse executive with 25 years of progressive experience in nursing, Mr. Davison has served as a Nurse Clinician and progressed through management roles as Nursing Director, Assistant Director, and Nurse Manager. He is also an Adjunct Faculty member for the Stony Brook School of Nursing and Suffolk Community College.

Mr. Davison holds professional memberships in the American Nurses Association, both nationally and at the state level, and is certified as a Nurse Executive Advanced (NEA-BC) through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Mr. Davison will be taking on oversight of a large portfolio of nursing responsibility, including inpatient surgical units: 14S Orthopedics, 9N Surgical Acute and Bariatrics, 8N Burn, 8W3 Surgical Step Down, 9W2 Trauma ICR, and 9W1 SICU, as well as the Surgical/Procedural areas: Main Operating Rooms, Ambulatory Surgery, Endoscopy/Peri-Operational Care/Motility, Radiology Special Procedures, PACU, Presurgical Admissions, Preoperative Services and the Acute Pain Service.

Working closely with Alyson Silver, the Operational AVP for Surgical Services, and the Surgical Chiefs and Chairs, Mr. Davison will bring best practices and ensure high reliability relating to issues of quality on the services to which he is responsible.



As an integral member of the Nursing leadership team, Mr. Davison will also use his expertise in clinical operations, administration, and nursing education in the role.

- Farzad Forohtar, MD, and his practice, North Shore Digestive Medicine, have joined Stony Brook Medicine Community Medical Group, Stony Brook Medicine's expanding network of community practices.

Dr. Forohtar is a highly respected, board-certified gastroenterologist with more than 25 years of experience. He has been a dedicated healthcare provider to the Smithtown and surrounding communities, offering compassionate and comprehensive care to his patients.

Dr. Forohtar received his medical degree from the University of Pécs Medical School in Pécs, Hungary. He then completed his internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Heart Institute:

- The Structural Heart team will perform its first TriClip procedure. The TriClip procedure is a minimally invasive heart procedure used to treat tricuspid regurgitation (TR), a condition in which the tricuspid valve in the heart does not close properly, allowing blood to flow backward.
- The Heart Failure/Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) physician clinic has moved from Stony Brook University Hospital to the new Advanced Specialty Clinic at Stony Brook (ASCSB). The clinical team will now see new and established patients jointly in the practice setting, allowing for additional capacity. The team has developed a transition clinic for follow-up patients discharged from the hospital for timely follow-ups, and to reduce the chances for heart failure readmissions.

Ancillary/Support Services:

- The Recycling Department has collected and recycled over 122,000 lbs. of recyclable materials in the month of October.
- During the Month of October, the Clinical Value Analysis department saved over \$70,000 by changing brand names and renegotiating current contracts in Interventional Radiology, Materials Management and Cerebral Vascular.
- Pharmacy has stocked influenza vaccine doses well ahead of flu season. The team has already vaccinated many inpatients and employees and were able to ensure another successful flu "POD" at which over 1500 employees, faculty and students were vaccinated.
- The Stony Brook Southampton Hospital mobile blood drive took place in October. Twenty-two units of blood products were delivered to SBUH. In addition, the Setauket Fire House

mobile blood drive took place October 23rd. Twelve units of blood products were transported to SBUH for patient use.

Human Resources:

Leadership Institute

- Department Heads from across the health system were invited to attend a Leadership Institute workshop on November 1. Over two hundred Department Heads attended.
- The Leadership Institute is designed to support and enrich leaders in broadening and deepening their understanding of best practices in one or more of the foundational five pillars of excellence – People, Service, Quality, Finance, and Growth.
- Based on feedback, the session focused on the book *Crucial Conversations* and provided practical strategies and key approaches to conduct these conversations with confidence, compassion, and clarity.

Recruiting and Retention

- Voluntary Turnover rates remain well below the industry average of 15%.
- Job vacancy rates remain well below the industry average of 19%.

Information Technology:

- The SBM Data network was implemented at the new East Hampton Emergency Department building and the Westhampton Primary Care/The Christiane and Richard Hiegel Healthcare Center in Westhampton Beach
- IT established the iPhone 14 as the standard mobile device that is distributed to healthcare providers. These devices allow connectivity to modern mobile data networks (5G) for faster connectivity with additional storage and faster processor – at zero device cost to Stony Brook Medicine.
- The Technology Service team utilizes a centralized asset management solution, CG4, to track the ownership, location, and life cycle of computer equipment (desktops, laptops, printers) throughout SBUH, HSC, CPMP and SBCM. The CG4 solution has now been expanded to include Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.
- The team completed the reconfiguration project for automatic transfer of adult/pediatric risk models from Vizient Clinical Database (CDB) to the Stony Brook University Hospital repository for use by Quality Measurement and Analytics (QMA) department. Vizient CDB is an electronic analytic platform in which academic medical centers/affiliated hospitals across the United States share data for learning and performance improvement purposes. Vizient CDB is an important information resource for Stony Brook Medicine and is utilized widely within the QMA Department for benchmarking against peer institutions in outcomes areas such as mortality, length of stay, complication rates, readmission rates, and hospital-acquired conditions.



- The automation project was completed to initiate automatic transfer of weekly severe sepsis adult/pediatric audit reports from Cerner to Stony Brook. Files are generated from Cerner for weekly reporting and auditing. The files are sent to Stony Brook's network share for data processing by the Quality Division.
- Centricity Cardio Workflow (CCW) and Mac-Lab Go live were successfully implemented at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook University Hospital. Cardiology IT replaced its end-of-life hemodynamic equipment with state-of-the-art, industry standard equipment used by the Cardiac Catheterization department in the Stony Brook Heart Center. This equipment compliments the EP lab equipment, allowing for standardization across the Invasive Cardiac areas, enabling staff to move from one lab to another with ease. The CCW was also implemented for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, which was formerly only used by EP. This was a major improvement to eliminate Sensis reporting, which was also being sunset. CCW provides robust and detailed reporting capabilities for our Cath Physicians.
- Phreesia, a patient self-check in application, continues to provide a positive return on investment. In September alone, approximately 6,000 hours of staff time were saved through the patients' use of Phreesia self-service functions.
- The Visitor Management System was updated with new licensing, providing a seamless Lights On experience for end users.
- Stony Brook's Huron engagement, to assist with converting to the Oracle Patient Accounting System, was initiated as we partner to build the roadmap to a clinically driven revenue cycle environment.
- Focused Charge Testing for the Southampton migration to PowerChart was completed successfully through a collaboration of IT and Patient Accounting Resources.
- The Technology Services team worked with Optimum to upgrade broadcast television service throughout Stony Brook University Hospital, the MART, HSC, and BST buildings. The upgrade included the deployment of a platform that allows the team to manage and troubleshoot all televisions in the patient rooms, public waiting rooms, staff lounges and work spaces.
- The Network Services team modernized the Wi-Fi infrastructure at Stony Brook University Hospital by upgrading to the most advanced technology available, Wi-Fi 6e to meet the connectivity needs of the organization. The upgrade increases capacity and speeds by 40%.
- EMR Expansion to Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.
 - Build is complete
 - Installation of new equipment continues
 - Testing and issue resolution are in progress
 - Training is being coordinated and executed
 - Conversion planning is in progress
- EMR expansion to Stony Brook Medicine Community Medical Group (SBCM) and to Meeting House Lane Practices (MHL) is in progress. Meeting House Lane will be prioritized over SBCM.
 - Planning for the move of practices that are not currently on the SBUH Network continues. This is a dependency for the eventual practice moves from their current EMRs to the Oracle Cerner Millennium.



- New Patient Accounting System (Oracle RevElate)
 - Initiated PMO Planning Meetings with Oracle Cerner and Huron Consulting
 - Completed overall Governance Structure for the Program

Patient Experience:

- The Stony Brook Medicine Patient and Family Advisory Council has a new member from Stony Brook Eastern Long Island, Lee Meyer. Lee and his family have lived in Greenport for many years and are active in the community.
- Nicole Rossol was a speaker at the State University of New York Human Resource Conference and presented: “Leveraging Compassionate Connected Care Strategies for De-escalation.”
- The Language Access Department, Nursing Informatics and The Information Technology Team collaborated to implement a new LEP (Limited English Proficiency) icon located on the banner bar in the electronic medical record. This icon, located in a prominent section of the record, will help alert staff when to use interpreters and help provide appropriate services to patients.
- The Patient Education Team and Nursing Education collaborated for October’s Health Literacy Month. Education was provided throughout the month on the patient care units and during Putting Safety First to reinforce the “Teach Back” method, an evidence-based method for staff to use when explaining medical conditions and medications to patients and caregivers.
- Patient Advocacy filled a vacated day/weekend position this month. Christine Bradley-Hart has joined the team and office weekend hours have resumed.
- Nicole Rossol, Chief Patient Experience Officer, participated in the Quarterly Long Island Health Collaborative Meeting to report on current Health Equity work at Stony Brook Medicine.

Quality:

- Stony Brook University Hospital holds a Diabetes Certification that uses best practices to care for our patients. One of the best practices is to have Powerplans built that standardizes the insulin dosing and parameters for administering it. This was accomplished for the adult population; however, it had not been completed for the pediatric population. As a result, a new powerplan was created for the pediatric population that allows for documentation of very specific insulin dosing parameters which feeds into the dosing calculation. Additionally, a task for the nurse gets created when the insulin is ordered. This ties in all the components for the dosing calculation and automatically performs the calculation. This automation allows for increased safety in the ordering process and will ensure that the hospital remains certified going forward.