

# ROUNDUP

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2023 Miracle on Taylor Street  
Updated Adult ID Bands  
Annual Training Deadline  
Revitalize Webinar

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UI Health held a ribbon cutting for its new Emergency Department (ED) computed tomography (CT) system Dec. 6.

**The addition of a CT machine in the ED allows for more immediate diagnostics and treatment for critical brain injuries like stroke — especially for patients arriving via ambulance or hospital transfer.** These capabilities also help us improve throughput for patients arriving to the ED — an important Hospital initiative.

As a certified Comprehensive Stroke Center, UI Health is recognized for meeting the highest standards of stroke treatment. Being able to provide advanced diagnostics where emergent stroke cases arrive helps ensure patients are receiving the highest level of care and that we are prepared to meet future, more rigorous care standards.

The new scanner went live in the ED on Sept. 5 (first shift only) and began 24/7 service Oct. 1. ■



## QUALITY & SAFETY TRANSFORMATION

# Take Our QST Knowledge Survey

Through the Quality & Safety Transformation (QST), we are continuously improving care and processes to deliver excellent outcomes and experiences to our patients. Your commitment to upholding the highest standards of quality and safety are pivotal in this work.



QUALITY & SAFETY TRANSFORMATION

As we continue to develop quality and performance improvement processes, we kindly request a few minutes of your time to help us shape our decision-making processes and driving our improvement efforts.

[Take Our QST Knowledge Survey.](#)

Feedback from this survey will be used to identify areas for enhancement and inform strategic improvements regarding QST initiatives and how we communicate them to staff.

Thank you for your time, commitment, and contributions to the success of the Quality & Safety Transformation. ■



SCAN THE CODE.  
TAKE THE SURVEY.

## OPERATIONS

# Don't Forget: Complete Your Annual Mandatory Training through EMPOWERS by Jan. 31

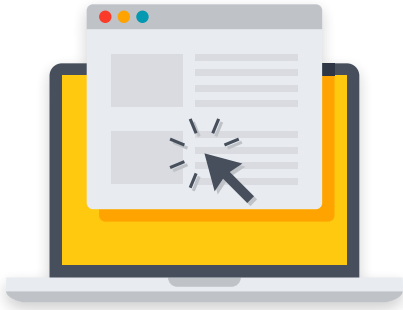
Access your training through EMPOWERS on the intranet. ■

The image displays a collage of screenshots from the UI Health intranet. On the left, a 'Quick Links' menu is visible, with 'EMPOWERS' circled in red. Below it, a login form for 'UI Health' is shown, with the 'Username' and 'Password' fields circled in red. On the right, the 'UI HEALTH EMPOWERS' dashboard is displayed, featuring a 'Your Pending Tasks' section circled in red. This section lists several training modules with their respective dates:

Task Name	Due Date
Launch: Bioscience Pathogen Prevention (CS)	1/31/2024
Launch: Code of Conduct - FY24 Education	1/31/2024
Launch: Combating Fraud, Waste, and Abuse FY24 Education	1/31/2024
Launch: Annual Insider Training (CS)	1/31/2024
Launch: Employee Assistance Program - FY24 Education	1/31/2024
Launch: Emergency Management, Utility Management, and Security Management (CS)	1/31/2024
Launch: Fire and General Safety (CS)	1/31/2024
Launch: General Infection Control, Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions (CS)	1/31/2024

## OPERATIONS

### Take the Internal Communications Survey by Jan. 14



Tell us what works, what doesn't, and what we can do better to communicate leadership priorities and organizational initiatives — and the actions you need to take to support them. The [Communications Survey](#) is open through Sunday, Jan. 14. Thank you for your engagement and commitment to improving communications at UI Health.



#### COMMUNICATION BUILDS TRUST.

Your responses will help improve how we communicate with you, so you always know what's happening at UI Health. ■



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## OPERATIONS

### Updates to Adult Patient Identification Bands

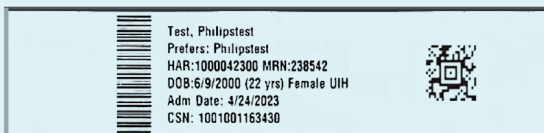
A new Adult Identification Band that enhances patient-identification practices was introduced Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12 am. The new band features a larger font size for the patient's name and date of birth. This will create increased visibility and readability to help staff verify two patient identifiers at every patient encounter. This is an important step to improve patient safety, care, and experience. Additionally, the contact serial number (CSN) has an updated orientation on the new band.

#### Patient Identification Band Changes

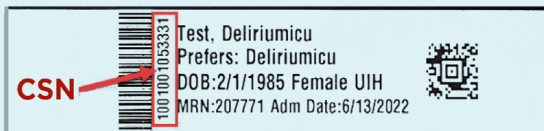
##### Key Changes

- Larger font size for name/DOB
- CSN location change

#### CURRENT BAND



#### NEW BAND



Properly and fully identifying patients ensures we deliver the right care, treatment, and service to every patient, every time. This ID-band enhancement will help all UI Health staff ensure the safety of our patients.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Bursua at [abursu1@uic.edu](mailto:abursu1@uic.edu) or Binni Hagstrom at [binni4@uic.edu](mailto:binni4@uic.edu). ■

**RECOGNITION**

## Stroke, Cardiology Programs Recognized at Get With The Guidelines® Ceremony

UI Health hosted representatives from the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association (AHA/ ASA) for the hospital's the 2023 Get With The Guidelines® Recognition Ceremony on Nov. 27.

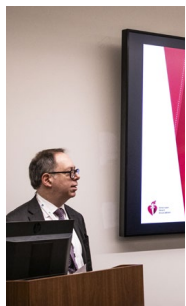
Since 2015, the AHA/ASA has recognized UI Health's continuous focus and improvement in delivering time-sensitive, evidence- and researched based care.

This year, we are proud to be recognized with two GWTG Awards and two Mission

Lifeline Awards for treating patients with STEMI heart attack and coronary blockage.

- **GWTG Stroke — Gold Plus**  
- Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll
- **GWTG Heart Failure — Gold Plus**  
Target: HF Honor Roll  
Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
- **Mission: Lifeline NSTEMI — Gold**
- **Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center — Gold Plus**

Congratulations to our Cardiology and Stroke programs for these recognitions. ■



## UI HEALTH REVITALIZE

### SAVE THE DATE: UI Health Revitalize Webinar on Jan. 16

Please join us for a 30-minute wellness webinar on Jan. 16 from 12-12:30 pm, presented by Marija Rizoska, of the Employee Assistance Program, on how you can break free from this pattern of negative thinking, and implement positive thinking instead. Ms. Rizoska is a licensed clinical professional counselor with extended experience in the behavioral and mental health field, and one of our EAP on-site clinicians helping our employees improve their lives daily.

Watch the intranet for more details or join the webinar [here](#). ■



## ENGAGEMENT

### NASCAR, BCBS Pit-stop Provides \$10,000 for Pediatrics

*Representatives from the NASCAR Chicago Street Race and Blue Cross Blue Shield presented the donation to Pediatrics during a visit to UI Health on Dec. 12.*



### Vitalant Blood Drive: Wednesday, Dec. 20

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, please consider giving the precious gift of life through blood donation on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 9 am - 2 pm in Hospital Conference Room 1020.

Presenting donors will receive a long sleeve Vitalant T-shirt (redeemable via email) and will receive enough bonus points in their donor account to redeem for a \$15 gift card of choice through Vitalant's donor-recognition program. Donors must first have an account and be opted-in to the recognition program to receive points.

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome. To schedule, please scan the QR code or visit [Vitalant.org](http://Vitalant.org) and use group code ORD0797B.



## ENGAGEMENT

### Gratitude for Your Giving: Miracle on Taylor Street Employee-Sponsored Gift Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 28th Annual Miracle on Taylor Street Employee Sponsored Gift Drive on Dec. 7.

**This year, 199 employees helped make holiday wishes come true for 450 individuals** supported by our partner organizations!

We greatly appreciate the generosity of our staff who helped make a Miracle on Taylor Street come true. ■



*Clockwise from top right: UI Health Leadership; Dr. Barish and UI Health volunteers; New Hope Apartments and UI Health Leadership; Missionaries of Charity with Dr. Barish and Senior Director of Community Affairs Pilar Carmona; Chinese American Service League and UI Health Leadership*