

UI Health Hospital & Clinics

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Our 2018 holiday gift drive collected a record number of gifts for less fortunate children and families!

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We greatly appreciate the generosity of our employees who helped make Miracle on Taylor Street come true for the less fortunate during the holidays. Many of the children, women, and families are in shelters or programs at seven of the organizations we support. Together, **UI Health employees donated 438 gifts to 379 children and 59 women!** This also included walk-in gifts from generous employees who wanted to provide extra gifts, in addition to sponsoring Miracle on Taylor Street children and families. A very special thanks to Perioperative Services and Robin Garrett for their generous gift of \$300 for the children in our hospital during the holidays. On behalf of UI Health, we thank you for contributing to our mission!



Dr. Terry Vanden Hoek Named Chicago Medical Society's Physician of the Year

The Chicago Medical Society presented UI Health's Dr. Terry Vanden Hoek with its Physician of the Year Award on Nov. 20.

The society presents the award each year to a local physician who has made notable contributions to the field of medicine and toward improving the lives of patients in local, national, and international initiatives.

"As a clinician, academic, and healthcare leader, Dr. Vanden Hoek continues to implement innovative ideas that are making a significant impact in our communities," said Mike Zenn, CEO of the University of Illinois Hospital & Clinics. "We are pleased that the society has recognized him with this honor for his ground-breaking research and programmatic initiatives that often have life-changing outcomes for our patients."

Vanden Hoek, the chief medical officer at UI Health and head of the Department of Emergency Medicine, was nominated and selected for the award for his involvement with UI Health's Better Health Through Housing initiative, which places chronically homeless emergency department patients into permanent housing, and his ongoing research to improve survival of cardiac arrest through Illinois Heart Rescue and the development of new medical treatments for CPR. In 2017, Vanden Hoek received a



four-year, \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate new biological agents that mimic the effects of lowering the body's core temperature, which can reduce the risk of long-term heart and neurological effects if provided during or immediately after the administration of CPR. Vanden Hoek also spearheaded the development of the UIC CHAMPIONS NETWork program designed to expose Chicago high school students at underserved high schools to healthcare as a potential career path. The program started in 2016.

Founded in 1850, the Chicago Medical Society cultivates the science and art of medicine, promotes the sharing of professional experience, and encourages enthusiasm for the profession among its members. Membership is composed of nearly 7,000 professionals who reside in or practice in Cook County.

5W Pediatrics Reaches 5-Year Milestone

Congratulations to the 5W Pediatrics physician and nursing staffs for achieving another major milestone for 5W Pediatric patients: Reaching five years without a Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)!

This is a monumental achievement and the result of hard work, commitment, and teamwork from our entire medical and nursing team. By preventing these infections in such a vulnerable patient population, staff continue to make a positive impact by improving patient outcomes.

This remarkable achievement is a direct result of the vigilant adherence of evidence-based interventions from our medical and nursing staff.

Congratulations!





Pediatrics Completes Evacuation Drill

The Department of Pediatrics (including the NICU and PICU), completed an evacuation drill Nov. 7. More than 25 multidisciplinary staff members participated in the drill, which simulated the loss of electrical and steam power, and included the full evacuation by stairwell of 10 neonatal and pediatric “patients,” represented by mannequins. The drill was conducted in collaboration with UI Health’s Emergency Management Committee, which meets monthly to ensure the hospital is prepared to respond in emergency situations.



Two Patient Identifiers: Moving the Needle

As of last month, UI Health has reached a 99.3% compliant rate for two patient identifiers!

From July 2017 to June 2018, noncompliant categories included incorrect labels/mislabeled; wrong test/wrong medication; missing or incorrect ID band; wrong patient; wrong papers given to the patient; no patient identifiers checked; and wrong transport.

To help us reach 100% compliance, please continue staff and physician education; increase rounds and observations on staff; standardize critical interactions; continue interventions and corrective actions when noncompliance is observed; and keep performance visible.

Be on the lookout for two patient identifier buttons from hospital leadership!



IN LOVING MEMORY



Dr. Tamara O'Neal

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Dr. Tamara O'Neal, who was a victim of the shooting that took place at Mercy Hospital on Nov. 19.

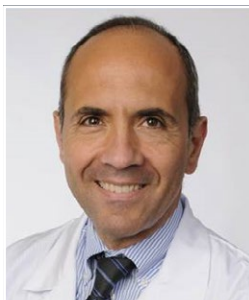
Dr. O'Neal was a 2014 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed the Emergency Medicine Residency program here in 2017. Upon

completing this training, Dr. O'Neal had been working in the emergency department at Mercy for two years, where she continued to teach some of our clinical residents in a volunteer capacity. Dr. O'Neal will be remembered for her infectious smile

and her commitment to social justice, as she often raised money for disadvantaged children and led her church choir.

As an alumna, colleague, and friend, she will be greatly missed.

If you are experiencing distress related to this event, please consider accessing the resources available to our campus community, including the UIC Counseling Center, the Employee Assistance Program, or the Campus Advocacy Network.



Thomas Dean Stamos, MD, MPH, FACC

Chief of Clinical Cardiology

Professor of Medicine

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our colleague and friend, Dr. Thomas Stamos, chief of Clinical Cardiology.

Dr. Stamos was revered for his exemplary leadership. In the Division of

Cardiology, he held positions as clinical chief, director of Heart Failure, director of the Echocardiography Lab, medical center director for the Heart Center Outpatient Clinic, and director for Cardiac Rehabilitation. He was the program director for the Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship Program for 10 years. In the Department of Medicine, he was an associate head, member of the Clinical Affairs Council, and was elected to the Advisory Committee. As a testament to his excellence, he was

the recipient of the Department of Medicine Faculty of the Year award in 2015 and the Medicine Residency Teaching Award in 2017.

Dr. Stamos embodied the standards we expect in a teacher and educator. He had a compassionate and gifted approach to teaching and a devotion to the obligation of educating the next generation of physicians that embody our core mission.

Tom tackled his illness with great bravery and continued his care of patients. He was a model of strength and resilience. It is a true honor to have known this spectacular clinician, educator, and leader.

He will be in our hearts forever, and we will miss him tremendously.



Gary J. Merlotti, MD, FACS

Professor of Clinical Surgery

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our colleague, mentor, and friend, Dr. Gary J. Merlotti, Professor of Clinical Surgery.

Dr. Merlotti obtained his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in

1974 and his Medical Degree in 1978, both from the University of Michigan. He completed General Surgery Residency at Cook County Hospital in 1983. Dr. Merlotti has been the ranking trauma surgeon in the city of Chicago for the last 35 years as the founder and Director of the Level I Trauma Units at Advocate Christ Medical Center (1986-2005) and St. James Hospital (2005-2008) and lately as the Director of the Sinai Health System Level I Trauma Unit (2011-2017).

Dr. Merlotti was a great surgical educator and has been a formidable asset for our Surgical Residency as our Program Director (2008-2011). He was appointed Chairman of Surgery at Sinai Health System in 2011 and greatly contributed to the success of the institution until his retirement in 2017.

He was recently appointed as our Director of Surgical Critical Care at the University of Illinois Hospital where, as always, he set an example in patient care, professional behavior, and resident education.

His premature passing has been a terrible tragedy for all who knew and admired him.

Gary will be forever in our hearts and we will miss him immensely.

GIFT DAYS 2018

Earlier this year you received a letter from University leadership announcing that all leave benefit eligible employees will be granted three paid gift days this year — Dec. 27, 28, and 31. In addition, Dec. 24 will be a combined half gift day from the President and Chancellor and half excused day.

These days are an expression of appreciation for your commitment and dedication to the institution. We thank all of you for your dedication to patient care.

Due to staffing required to maintain essential operations of the Hospital & Clinics, many of you will be required to work on these days. If you are one of them, we ask that you schedule alternate days off between Jan. 2 and June 30.

Our staff is the core of what keeps UI Health great and enables us to advance healthcare to improve the lives of our patients. We thank you for all you do for them.

Please direct all your questions regarding the annual gift day process to Hospital Payroll at mcpayrll@uic.edu.

2018 Holiday Gift Days

Dec. 24 — Half Gift Day/Half Excused

Dec. 27 — Gift Day

Dec. 28 — Gift Day

Dec. 31 — Gift Day



Epic Rollout

The New Year marks the next steps in our Epic Systems implementation. Leadership will continue to share updates on next steps and timelines. Stay tuned!



MLK Day

Martin Luther King Day is Monday, Jan. 21. This is an observed holiday for approved units.



LMS Modules

The mandatory training opened Nov. 5 in the LMS and must be complete by Jan. 31, 2019.