Mather and Arif Ahmad, MD Achieve Designation as Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery™; First in New York State

Mather Hospital, along with Arif Ahmad, MD, have been designated a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery (COERS) by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), the first in New York State. The designation means that Mather and Ahmad are now part of an elite network of surgeons and hospitals worldwide.

“I am honored to be named, together with Mather Hospital, as the first Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery in New York State. This designation by the Surgical Review Corporation is a testament to the strict standards of patient safety and care quality at Mather Hospital,” said Ahmad, who also was designated as a Surgeon of Excellence in Robotic Surgery. “I am grateful to our surgical staff for their skill and dedication and to the hospital administration for providing us with the resources that made this designation possible.”

During Mather’s site survey on March 15, the site inspector was impressed with Mather’s facility, its well-trained staff, patient-centered care and surgical outcomes.

According to the SRC, a facility that receives the COERS designation “demonstrates a commitment to excellence in the care of robotic surgery patients at the highest levels of its medical staff and administration. This commitment includes specialty-specific credentialing and privileging guidelines.”

The COERS program was launched by the Clinical Robotic Surgery Association (CRSA) to support its mission of advancing robotic surgical techniques, and to recognize surgeons and facilities worldwide performing robotic procedures and achieving defined standards for patient safety and care quality. To prevent bias and protect participant confidentiality, the Society selected SRC to manage all operational aspects of the program.

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Longevity in Leadership Aids Mather Hospital’s Success

Kenneth Jacoppi, Esq., Chairman of Mather’s Board of Directors, has the distinction of being the Hospital’s longest serving board member. Jacoppi, who joined the board in May of 1977, has served for 39 years. He is joined by fellow board members Konrad Kuhn who has served for 38 years and Harold Tranchon who has served 37 years. In addition, Hospital President Kenneth Roberts will complete 30 years as President this June, and has been with the Hospital for 34 years, the first four as Senior Vice President.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would serve this long,” said Jacoppi, an attorney who lives and practices law in East Setauket. “It takes a while to learn what’s going on at a Hospital. It takes many years in this field to learn what you need to know about the delivery of healthcare and to become comfortable with a leadership position.”

Jacoppi said he always speaks fondly about the “Mather family,” and noted that there have been many changes at the Hospital since he joined the Board. “In the old days the volunteers held grand card parties under the huge old tree on the Mather lawn that helped raise money to provide exceptional healthcare for the community,” he said.

Under the leadership of the current Board and Administration, Mather has achieved a number of significant accomplishments, i.e. earning the Magnet designation for nursing excellence; achieving the highest patient experience scores in Suffolk County; being recognized as the only hospital in New York State to earn 9 consecutive As for patient safety and quality from the Leapfrog Group; and establishing a new Graduate Medical Education Program.

“This is the most challenging time for healthcare,” Jacoppi notes. “The changes in the healthcare industry sparked by the Accountable Care Act have recently led an increase in hospital affiliations – most recently Peconic Bay Medical Center joining Northwell Health and Southampton and Eastern Long Island Hospitals finalizing affiliations with Stony Brook Medicine.

Jacoppi said that these pressures have led Mather’s Board to consider different scenarios for the future of the Hospital. “We, too, are exploring the benefits of a relationship with a larger healthcare (continued on page 9)
President’s Column

Earlier this year the Mather Hospital Board of Directors announced that it was actively researching an affiliation by sending Requests For Interest (RFI) to several healthcare systems and hospitals in the New York region. To date, we have received six responses from which we are pursuing additional information. Members of the Administrative team have visited these six organizations: Catholic Health System of Long Island, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Northwell Health (formerly North Shore LIJ), Stony Brook University Hospital, NYU, and Winthrop University Hospital. Representatives from these organizations also will be invited to Mather to meet with members of our Board of Directors later this Spring. I will keep you informed of our progress through payroll memos, the Daily Line Up and Employee Communication Forums.

People: This summer we welcome more new residents to Mather Hospital with the addition of our graduate medical education programs in Psychiatry and Radiology. As of July 1, 2016, we will have 70 residents here at Mather. Please join me in welcoming them.

We celebrate some of the achievements of our residents. Neha Naik, MD, and Alejandro Robles-Torres, MD were named Chief Residents of the Internal Medicine Residency Program here at Mather; please congratulate them. Urooj Qazi, MD, a resident in the third year of the Internal Medicine program, presented his poster for the Mayo Clinic Annual Poster GME presentation for rheumatology review for primary care May 5-7.

We also welcome to our Board of Directors Kenneth R. Bossert, EdD superintendent of the Port Jefferson School District, and Mohammad Bilal, MD, Director of Interventional Radiology at Mather. In May, Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi, Esq, will have served 39 years on the Board of Directors, the longest of any board member ever at Mather. Congratulations and thank you for all your work on behalf of Mather Hospital. Congratulations also to Marie O’Brien, RN and Maritza Groth, MD who received Brookhaven Women’s Recognition Awards.

Denise Driscoll, RNC, CARN, CS, NPP was promoted to AVP for Behavioral Health. (Yea Denise!) Michele Wylie, RN, BSN, CWS was named program director of the Mather Wound Treatment Centers. Joanne Hughes, RN of Telemetry and Jennifer Zeeman, RN of the Emergency Department won DAISY Awards for their outstanding dedication. Congrats Joanne and Jennifer!

Anita Heege, RN has joined the Nursing Quality Department as a patient advocate for Mather Hospital.

Service: Our Auxiliary presented the Hospital with a check for $220,000, the result of its fundraising activities over the past year. This donation will be used for the renovation of the 2 South oncology patient care unit. As always we are grateful for the outstanding efforts of our Auxiliary, which has raised about $6 million over the years to support the Hospital and its services. My thanks to them and to all the volunteers honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

The Behavioral Health social work staff was named the 2016 Social Work Agency of the Year for Suffolk County by the National Association of Social Workers.

Quality & Safety: Mather Hospital, along with Arif Ahmad, MD, are the first in New York State to be designated by the Surgical Review Corporation, into the elite network of surgeons and hospitals worldwide as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery®. Dr. Ahmad was also designated a Surgeon of Excellence in Robotic Surgery®. Congratulations to all involved with those prestigious achievements.

Mather received the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award®, which recognizes hospitals that provide an overall outstanding patient experience. Healthgrades evaluates patient experience performance by scoring 10 patient experience measures, using data collected from the 32-question survey of the hospital’s own patients. My thanks to the entire Mather Family for this achievement.

Mather recently was awarded our 9th “A” in the Fall 2016 Hospital Safety Score from Leapfrog. Mather Hospital is the only hospital in New York State to receive an “A” rating 9 consecutive times from Leapfrog. A huge congratulations to all of the caregivers at Mather.

Innovation and Growth: Mather Hospital and a group of 19 physicians submitted a Certificate of Need (CON) to the New York State Department of Health to build a free-standing ambulatory surgery center in our community. A CON is the application a provider must submit to the Department of Health to request approval of the building of a new or expanded healthcare service or program. The physicians in the group, all of whom are affiliated with Mather, invited the hospital to be a partner in the proposed center. The goal is to treat most of our same-day or ambulatory surgery patients at the proposed community-based center, thereby creating greater capacity for more complicated inpatient cases at Mather.

I wish to thank all the members of the Mather Family for our continued success and excellence.
Two Mather Board Members Appointed

Kenneth R. Bossert, EdD, Superintendent of the Port Jefferson School District, and Mohammad Bilal, MD, Director of Interventional Radiology at Mather, were named to the Board of Directors of Mather Hospital.

Bossert had been superintendent of the Port Jefferson School district since 2011 and has recently accepted a new post as superintendent of the Elwood School District. He previously was Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Three Village Central School District. He earned his Doctor of Educational Leadership and Technology degree from Dowling College in Brookhaven, his MA in Liberal Sciences from Stony Brook University and a BA in Elementary Education from St. Joseph’s College in Patchogue.

Bossert serves on the executive board of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association and is a member of the Port Jefferson Rotary Club and the Dowling College Education Advisory Council.

He and his wife, Melissa, and their two daughters reside in Port Jefferson.

Bilal has been Director of Vascular and Interventional Radiology since 2011 and has been on Mather’s Medical Staff since 2004. He is the senior Interventional Radiologist within the Imaging Services Department. Bilal is certified by the American Board of Diagnostic Radiology. He is a member of the American Board of Radiology, Radiologic Society of North America, Society of Interventional Radiology, and American Roentgen Ray Society.

Bilal specializes in all aspects of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology with particular expertise in visceral vascular disease, oncologic interventions, women’s health, and spine interventions. He is a member of the Cancer Committee and the Back & Neck Pain Center at Mather Hospital. He has also been a Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology at Stony Brook University since 2011 and is core faculty for the new Radiology Residency program at Mather. Dr. Bilal and his family live in Dix Hills.

Anita Heege, RN, Named Patient Advocate

Anita Heege, RN, has joined the Nursing Quality Department as Patient Advocate. With 40 years of nursing experience at Mather, she says she has a good idea of what lies at the heart of many patient complaints.

“When I speak to a patient about a complaint it usually boils right down to communication,” she said, both a lack of communication and how something is communicated.

Heege began her Mather career as a nursing assistant in the Emergency Department, then, with the help of Mather’s Tuition Assistance Program, she became a Registered Nurse. She has worked on the Medical-Surgical units and in critical care areas.

As Patient Advocate, Heege rounds on all newly admitted patients and discusses their hospital stay. Her role is to also address concerns that patients or their family members may have.

To Report a Patient Concern or Complaint Call Ext. 5400 (M-F, 11a-7p) or contact the Evening Night Nursing Supervisor at x5244 and, for overnight hours, at x5349.

The complaint line in administration is no longer available.

Two New Residency Programs Approved

Mather Hospital's new residency programs in Diagnostic Radiology and Psychiatry were approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Both programs will begin on July 1, 2016.

The Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program is a four-year program that will have three residents per year for a total of 12. Jared Dunkin, MD, is the Program Director. He also serves as the Sub Specialty Education Coordinator of Neuroradiology at Mather and a clinical faculty member of Emergency Room Radiology at Stony Brook Medicine. He is an Assistant Professor of Radiology at Stony Brook.

The Psychiatry Residency Program is a four-year program that will have five residents per year for a total of 20 residents. Noam Fast, MD, is the Program Director. He also serves as a clinical faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry as well as the Medical Director of the Chemical Dependency Clinic. He is board certified in both Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry, and holds the title of Assistant Professor at Stony Brook Medicine.

The new programs join existing residency programs in Internal Medicine and Transitional Year. As of July 1, 2016, Mather will have 70 residents.

Mather’s Graduate Medical Education Program, under the leadership of Dr. Joan Faro, is evaluating an establishment of a General Surgery residency in 2018.

Residency Program Growth

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PJ Wound Treatment Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

For 25 years the team of dedicated wound care specialists at the Mather Wound Treatment Center in Port Jefferson and Melville have provided advanced and comprehensive treatment of chronic or slow healing wounds to more than 11,000 patients. The team includes physicians and RNs certified in wound care.

The Center was the first outpatient program of its kind in Suffolk County and remains a signature program at Mather Hospital. The clinical team, under the leadership of Michael Petersen, MD, Medical Director; Michele Wyllie, Director of Wound Treatment Centers and Deborah Lamendola, ANP-BC, CWCN, Clinical Manager, provides a thorough diagnostic evaluation, followed by an individually designed treatment plan which may include adjunctive therapies such as hyperbaric oxygen, cellular tissue-based products, negative pressure wound therapy and growth factors.

Patients with chronic non-healing wounds often have complex needs that require services from multiple members of the care team.

By offering an innovative and effective approach for treating chronic, non-healing wounds, the wound team continues to significantly improve the healing rate, prevent amputations and improve the quality of life for many individuals in our community.

Two from Mather Receive Brookhaven Town’s Women’s Recognition Award

Marie O’Brien, RN, MSN, ANP-C, CCRN and Maritza Groth, MD were recently honored by the Town of Brookhaven with its annual Women’s Recognition Awards. The awards, presented on March 24, recognize the achievements of women who work or live in the town.

O’Brien, who is the Pain Management Coordinator at Mather Hospital, is nationally recognized as an expert on pain management. She presents review courses for national nursing certification in pain management, critical care, progressive care, emergency nursing and medical-surgical nursing. She is a designated Master Faculty for the American Society of Pain Management Nursing, providing courses in advanced pharmacology as well as certification. She also is an instructor in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Basic Life Support (BLS).

Groth, who is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine, sleep and neuro-critical care, has played a central role in the developing Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs at Mather. She is the Associate Program Director for the Transitional Year program and the Critical Care Education Coordinator and core faculty member for the Internal Medicine program.

Groth has actively participated in teaching physician trainees for many years. She has served on the faculty at Stony Brook Medicine since 1989 and at Winthrop University Hospital from 1997-2009. In addition to her responsibilities with GME, Groth has served as a prominent faculty member for the critical care ultrasound course for both the American College of Chest Physicians and for the Society of Critical Care Medicine each year. She has lectured widely on sleep medicine and on various topics in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

(L-R) Marie O’Brien, RN, MSN, ANP-C, CCRN and Maritza Groth, MD
Certified Nurses Luncheon

Celebrating our nurses who are certified, signifying that they possess expert knowledge in a clinical specialty.

NURSING matters

DAISY AWARDS

Joann Hughes, RN, BSN, (center) a staff nurse on Mather’s Telemetry Unit, was honored with the DAISY Award in December, 2015 for her outstanding dedication. Offering congratulations are (from left) President Kenneth Roberts (left), Annemarie Doodian, RN, Nurse Recruitment and Retention; Vice President for Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer Marie Mulligan, RN, MSN; and Telemetry Nurse Manager Liz Picozzi, BSN, RN.

Jennifer Zeeman, RN, an Emergency Department nurse, was honored with the DAISY Award in May, 2016 for going above and beyond in helping a patient. Pictured are Annemarie Doodian, RN, Nurse Recruitment and Retention; ED Nurse Manager Julie Tegay, RN; Director of Nursing Emergency Services Phil Messina, RN; Chief Nursing Officer/VP for Nursing, Marie Mulligan, RN; Senior VP for Administration Kevin Murray; Jennifer Zeeman, RN; Director of Surgical Services Karen Tuzzolo, RN; and Director of Service Excellence and Magnet and Maureen Altieri, RN.

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Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Pakistan
Residency: Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, NY
Practice: CareMed Primary and Urgent Care PC

Ayse Avcioglu, MD
Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Residency: Detroit Medical Center
Practice: Mather Hospital Emergency Department

Bruce Todd Burks, MD
Specialty: Pathology
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Practice: Pathology & Laboratory Consultants of Long Island, West Islip

Joseph G. Chandrankunnel, MD
Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: New York Medical College, Valhalla
Residency: St. Vincent’s Medical Center, New York (Closed)
Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

George Devito, DPM
Specialty: Podiatry
Medical School: New York College of Podiatric Medicine, Old Westbury
Residency: St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers of Brooklyn and Queens
Practice: Comprehensive Podiatry Associates, East Setauket

Cristina Dracea, MD
Specialty: Plastic Surgery
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Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Pakistan
Residency: Flushing Hospital Medical Center
Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

Ting-Kin Leung, DO
Specialty: Surgery
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury
Residency: St. John’s Episcopal Hospital, Far Rockaway
Practice: Long Island Laparoscopic Doctors, East Setauket

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Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Universal College of Medical Sciences, Nepal
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Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

Sanin Syed, MD
Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Saba University School of Medicine, Bonaire
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Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

Jaime Yun, MD
Specialty: Thoracic Surgery
Medical School: New York University School of Medicine
Residency: New York University Medical Center
Practice: Interboro Surgical Associates, PC, Port Jefferson
assistance.

Emergency Department: Julie Tegay was named Nurse
Manager. Pat Alban was named Clinical Instructor. New hires:
Christine McKeon, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager and Krista
Kalan, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager.

Materials Management: Ann Lee was named Director of
Materials Management. New Storeroom employees Nicholas
Calamia, Chris Nugent and Nicholas Sannito.

Wound Treatment Center, Port Jefferson: Michele Wyllie
was named Program Director.

Retirements:
2 South: Debbie Burke.
Administration: Nancy Grella, President Kenneth Roberts’
assistant.

Environmental Services: Marty Callahan, Jan Paskoski,
Vidalicia Garcia and Gulsum Uncu.

Milestones Management: Ron Bredow.

Volunteers: Mildred Gladys, front reception desk volunteer,
and Marge Ortiz, Thrift Shop volunteer.

Milestone Life Events:
3 North: Lisa Powell, Unit Secretary, gave birth to a son, Leo
Balduzzi, on March 8. Congratulations to Valarie LaSala and
Donna Hardwicke on their new homes.

Longevity in Leadership Aids Mather Hospital’s
Success (continued from page 1)

system, one in which Mather would continue to provide the
excellent patient care and safety for which we are known,” he said.

Jacoppi has been Chairman of Mather Hospital since 2006,
following the death of Vincent Bove, who had served on the
Board for more than 30 years. Jacoppi also serves as the Hospital’s
designated representative to Long Island Health Network (LIHN),
a collaboration of 10 Long Island Hospitals which came together
in 1998 to improve and standardize their clinical quality, enhance
their operational efficiency, and expand access to care for all Long
Islanders.

A native of Miller Place who recalls attending primary school in
a two-room schoolhouse in that community, he graduated from
Port Jefferson High School. He received an NROTC scholarship to
the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a BS in Economics
from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. After
graduating college, he served in the U.S. Navy as a disbursing
officer for the 6th Fleet Flagship and was stationed for two years
at Villefranche-Sur-Mer on the French Riviera. He secured his law
degree from the Emory University Law School in Atlanta, and
has been practicing law in East Setauket since the mid-1960s,
specializing in wills, estate law, real estate law and corporate
and commercial transactions. He was a founding director of
Continental Bank in Garden City and served on its Board for more
than 12 years.

In 2003, Jacoppi received the Theodore Roosevelt Award for
volunteer service to the Hospital and community. Jacoppi resides
in East Setauket with his partner, June Lang. He has three children
and five grandchildren.
Voyage Standards Fair

Mather held its first Standards Fair on March 31, designed to familiarize employees with the Standards of Performance and with the work of each Voyage Team in a fun atmosphere that featured games, food and prizes.

David BenEliyahu, DC, Recognized for Patient Centered Care Program

David BenEliyahu, DC, Administrative Director of Mather’s Back & Neck Pain Center and Director of the Chiropractic Collaboration Program at Mather, was granted “Recognition Status” for the Patient Centered Connected Care Program by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Dr. BenEliyahu’s chiropractic practice, Coram-Selden Chiropractic, is the first Chiropractic practice in New York State, and the second in the nation, to receive the prestigious NCQA Seal for Patient Centered Connected Care (PCCC). The PCCC Program supports clinical integration and communication between providers in ambulatory settings, and the patient’s primary care provider.
March Madness Bowling!

Congratulations to all of the department bowling teams on a fabulous March Madness competition! The winners were:

1. Lab – The Bowling Stones – First Place Bowling Score – 1,952
2. Food Service – Sparegus – Second Place – 1,946
3. OP Psych Staff – Pin Kongs – Third Place – 1,929

Best Dressed Team: Bowling Stones from Social Work

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Educational and/or Professional:
2 South: Carrie Grattan obtained her oncology certification (OCN).
3 East Telemetry: Michael Lospinuso, RN, obtained his Medical Surgical Certification.
Karen Middle Jones became a Certified Nurse Practitioner.
3 North: Valarie LaSala, Melissa Pearson, Lauren St. Armand were accepted into the Nurse Program at Stony Brook University. Jessica Brett was accepted into the new graduate nurse program at Mather. Frank Donlon and Jacquelyn Taylor were accepted into the Drexel University Nursing Program.
3 South: Jean Nesbitt achieved her BSN. Emily Emma, Anne Lasota, Nancy Gorgone and Kurt Muller received their Orthopedic Nursing Certification (ONC).
Behavioral Health: Behavioral Health Social Work Dept. was nominated for the Social Work Agency of the Year by the Suffolk Division Director of the National Association of Social Workers. Ed Weckerle received his RN license. Chris Viterella, RNC, Jennifer Colucci, RNC, and Mike Marlette, RNC, earned their psychiatric certifications.
Revenue Cycle: Kerry Baker will be completing an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Policy & Management in June.
Wound Treatment Center, Port Jefferson: Ketlie Chrispin, receptionist, graduated from St. Joseph’s College earning a BS degree with a major in Health Care Administration. Colleen Pohmer, RN obtained her wound care certification (WCC).
Promotions:
3 South: Marsha Deckman was named Orthopedic Educator for 3 South and TCU.
Administration: Christine Christiano was named President Kenneth Roberts’