

WomenCare Quarterly

News, announcements, and vital information about Catholic Health WomenCare for WNY physicians.

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WomenCare Baby Café Celebrates Anniversary

Channel 7 stopped by Catholic Health on April 29 to help celebrate the “first birthday” of our Baby Cafés. Moms and babies gathered at the Piver Center location to mark the one year anniversary of the popular breastfeeding drop-in centers.

The Baby Cafés are a free service offered by Sisters Hospital and Mercy Hospital to help new moms and moms-to-be get the support they need to breastfeed their babies with confidence. Just like area coffeehouses provide a relaxed atmosphere to unwind and share the news of the day, Catholic Health’s Baby Cafés provide a comfortable place for moms to breastfeed, while getting advice from specially trained lactation consultants and peer support from other breastfeeding moms. The cafés also offer education programs on topics such as infant massage, pediatric dental care and post partum depression.

Introduced in 2013, Catholic Health’s two Baby Cafés have had over 200 visits from more than 100 moms who along with their babies are reaping the health benefits and bonding experience that come with breastfeeding. A third Café, opened on April 17 at the Marian Professional Building, expands the network of support to breastfeeding mothers in the Southtowns. Based on the internationally recognized Baby Café program, women are welcome to stop by the cafés to meet with certified lactation consultants to get all their breastfeeding questions answered.

OB/GYN Practice is pioneer in Minimal Invasive Surgery

Chouchani, Sayegh & Bagnarello MD, LLP, is a premier medical practice for women throughout Western New York, with three offices located in Williamsville, Kenmore and Alden. The practice was started by Dr. Gabriel Chouchani in 1975 and has grown to include **Dr. Adel Chouchani**, **Dr. Magdi Sayegh**, **Dr. Carola Bagnarello** and **Dr. Christian Chouchani**. The group is well known, trusted and respected in Western New York and beyond.

Chouchani, Sayegh & Bagnarello have been pioneers in minimal invasive surgery since 1992, replacing open procedures with laparoscopic and vaginal approaches. “We started Robotic surgeries in July 2010 and our patients are extremely satisfied with the results” said Dr. Sayegh. “In our Practice, the whole patient is our primary concern. We, the doctors, nurses, medical and office assistants; pride ourselves on providing personal and friendly care.” said Dr. Adel Chouchani.



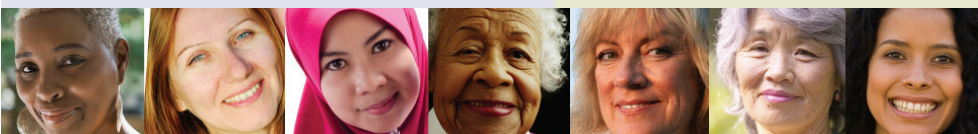
From Left to Right: Gabriel Chouchani, MD; Adel Chouchani, MD; Carola Bagnarello, MD; Christian Chouchani, DO; and Magdi Sayegh, MD.

This group serves over 10,000 patients, with most pregnant women delivering at Sisters of Charity Hospital. Multiple office locations enable the group to serve more patients at convenient locations.

When it comes to pregnancy, the physicians are very involved in the care of their patients and want the experience for every mom to be positive. They offer routing and High Risk prenatal care, Genetic and Birth Defect Testing, in-office Ultrasound, care through Amniocentesis, assistance with Infertility Management as well as the ability to try Labor after C-Section.

Chouchani, Sayegh & Bagnarello, MD’s annual and preventative exams and office visits are scheduled five days a week, including evenings. The practice also care for women throughout their lives in order to create a long term relationship that fosters a strong bond with patients for life. They want to be in sync with patients needs and the latest care options.

For more information on any of the services offered by the group, visit their website at www.wny-obgyn.com or call (716) 633-6363.



New Southtowns Baby Café

Catholic Health WomenCare is pleased to announce the opening of the newest Baby Café in Western New York! Our new Café will be located at Mercy OB/GYN Center at the Marian Professional Building, 515 Abbott Road, Suite 302 in Buffalo. The Café is open every Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm,.

Carmen Repicci, BSN, IBCLC, will be facilitating the weekly Café, with assistance from **Kayla Cooper, LPN, CLC**. Carmen and Kayla are on staff at Mercy OB/GYN. "Mercy OB/GYN is proud to take part in the proven Baby Café model and bring breastfeeding support to our patients, as well as other new and expecting moms in the Southtowns," says **Jeanne O'Hara**, Office Manager.

Catholic Health's Baby Cafés are free drop-in centers where moms can get their breastfeeding questions answered, meet other moms, and receive free support from a Certified Lactation Consultant. No reservations are needed, and dads are welcome. To learn more, call (716) 828-3520 or visit www.WomenCareWNY.org.

SANE Kickoff

On April 15, 2014, Catholic Health and Crisis Services launched their collaboration to provide 24-hour care to victims of sexual assault. Specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners - SANEs - will be on call 24/7 to care for patients who present at any Catholic Health emergency site: Kenmore Mercy, Mercy Hospital, the Mercy Ambulatory Care Center, as well as Sisters of Charity and its St. Joseph Campus.



Dr. Mark Weissman speaks at a recent press conference held at Kenmore Mercy announcing the SANE program. Also pictured: Aimee Gomlak, VP of WomenCare; Jim Millard, President and CEO of Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

WomenCare is Moving!

Catholic Health WomenCare is moving! The WomenCare office is excited to be joining other Catholic Health administrative departments this summer at the brand new building under construction in downtown Buffalo. As of August 25, our new mailing address will be:

Catholic Health WomenCare
144 Genesee Street, 5th Floor
Buffalo NY 14203

The phone, fax and Website will remain the same.

SAVE THE DATE: The American Cancer Society's annual **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Niagara Square in downtown Buffalo. Visit www.makingstridesbuffalo.org to sign up with the Catholic Health team and show your support!

To learn more about our programs and services, or for a referral to a Catholic Health women's health specialist, visit WomenCareWNY.org or call (716) 447-6205.

New and Noteworthy...



Patricia Thompson, RN, with Mary D'Angelo, Director of Maternal Child, Sisters Hospital; and David DeLorenzo, Senior Director Human Resources, Sisters Hospital.

Patricia Thompson, RN, recently received the Sisters Hospital "LOVE" award for her dedication and positive attitude toward her patients and coworkers alike. The "Living Our Values Effectively" award is given quarterly to associates who embody Reverence, Compassion, Justice and Excellence in their work.

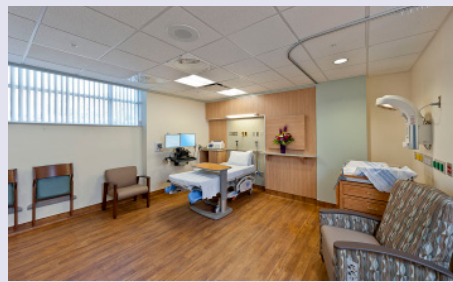
A night charge nurse at Sisters Hospital, Patti is characterized by her coworkers as someone who "always puts other first and spends many hours on the annual American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event. She is a giving and caring nurse to her patients and their families." Thank you for your service, Patti, and congratulations!

Buffalo Medical Group has opened a new office in the Seton Professional Building (adjacent to Sisters Hospital) in Buffalo, NY. In addition to offices in Williamsville and Orchard Park, **Drs. Dilara Samadi, Julia Melanson, Susan Lajuenesse, and Magda Osman** are now seeing patients at 2121 Main Street, Suite 305. Contact Buffalo Medical Group at 630-1135 for more information.

Dr. Susan Littler joined the OB/GYN Associates of Western New York and is practicing at both their Lancaster and Orchard Park offices. A native of Orchard Park, NY, Dr. Littler recently moved back home from Hawaii where she practiced for many years as an OB/GYN.

Mercy Hospital was recently awarded \$100,000 in grants for two important initiatives: to develop midwifery care for low-income mothers; and to enhance the hospital's focus on Family Centered Maternity Care. The two grants of \$50,000 each are being funded by the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, a non-profit committed to improving health of people in 16 counties around Buffalo and Syracuse. Mercy is also expanding and updating their Maternity Waiting Room in 2014 to better accommodate patient and family needs.

Sisters Hospital has added two new Labor and Delivery suites to meet its growing patient demand for a home-like birthing



Twins arrived! Sisters Hospital opened two new labor & delivery suites this summer.

atmosphere. With over 3,200 deliveries in 2013, Sisters delivers more babies than any other hospital in Western New York or Rochester. The new rooms were dedicated on June 3 with a blessing ceremony and the press in attendance.

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