

# On Call

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## Perioperative Nurse Residency Program Tackles Nursing Shortage

Greenwich Hospital graduated the first cohort of its Perioperative Nurse Residency Program, an in-house initiative created to address a national shortage of operating room nurses.

“The 12-month program provides education and clinical skills to help nurses launch a successful career in the perioperative arena,” said Rey De La Cruz, RN, CNOR, the program’s instructor.

The cohort included five nurses with one to two years of experience. The training includes classroom lectures, laboratory and skills validation, and clinical rotation with a preceptor of all surgical specialties – general surgery, gynecology, urology, orthopedics, and ear, nose and throat.

Despite active recruitment efforts, finding experienced operating room nurses to fill staffing gaps has been challenging.

“What better way to solve our staffing needs than to recruit and train our own operating room nurses,” said De La Cruz. “The program also provides our nurses with opportunities to advance their careers.”

Greenwich Hospital is now accepting applications for a second cohort.



Perioperative Nurse Residency Program graduates (center) Roann Paligutan, RN, Leigh Shainwald, RN, Liz Vitale, RN and Lee Toterhi, RN flanked by (l-r) Anna Cerra, RN, DNP; Marie Pham, RN, CNOR; Rey De La Cruz, RN, CNOR; Sue Brown, RN, MSN; and Melissa Turner. Missing from graduation was Tanja McCullough, RN.

## In the News

Alice Rusk, MD, neurologist, spoke with *Greenwich Time* about the opening of Yale Medicine Neurology at Greenwich at 55 Holly Hill Lane. James Sabetta, MD, Infectious Diseases, discussed this year’s harsh flu season with the *Greenwich Sentinel*.

## Heart Health and Stroke Fair on Feb. 8

Celebrate American Heart Month at the Heart Health and Stroke Fair on **Thursday, Feb. 8** in the Noble from 8 - 10:30 am. Talk with medical professionals one-on-one in a casual setting about preventing and reducing the risk of heart-related health conditions. Community health nurses will be on hand to check your blood pressure. For more information, call 203-863-4444.

### Celebrate National Wear Red Day® – Friday, Feb. 2

Show your support for women’s heart health by wearing red\* on **Friday, Feb. 2. Social media photo at noon in the lobby with employees and volunteers!** Plus, check out the information table and giveaways in the cafeteria atrium from 11:30 am - 2 pm.

\*Dress code applies.

## “Office Hour” by Julia Cho

Yale New Haven Health, in collaboration with Long Wharf Theatre, is sponsoring a production of “Office Hour” by Julia Cho on **Sunday, Feb. 4**. After the matinee, Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital (YNHPH) will host a panel discussion featuring mental health experts from YNHPH and Yale University. YNHHS employees can get a 20% discount on tickets to this psychological thriller for any performance during **Jan. 17 - Feb. 11**. To receive the employee discount, use the code LWTHEALTH when ordering tickets online, over the phone or in person at the box office.

## Newsmakers



**Terrie Estes** has been named VP, Corporate Compliance, and chief compliance officer, Yale New Haven Health. She became YNHHS privacy compliance officer in 2015, after serving as compliance and privacy officer for Yale New Haven and Bridgeport hospitals. Before that, she worked for the Saint Raphael Health System.



**Alyssa Gillego, MD**, a fellowship-trained breast surgeon who specializes in breast cancer treatment, has joined the Breast Center. Before joining the Breast Center, Dr. Gillego practiced at Mt. Sinai Beth Israel in New York and was an associate professor of surgery at Mt. Sinai’s Icahn School of Medicine. She can be reached at ext. 4250.



**Margaret Hansley, MA, APRN-BC** is the new program director for Greenwich Hospital Home Hospice. Before taking the full-time position, Hansley provided adjunct support on a per diem basis for patient consultations as needed. She can be reached at ext. 3882.



**Melissa Hollar, RT**, is the new Breast Center manager. Hollar worked at GH from 1997-2005 as a staff technologist. After a brief leave, she returned to GH as a mammographer and later became the lead technologist. Hollar, who is credentialed by ARRT as a registered radiologic technologist in radiography and mammography, can be reached at ext. 3048.

## Know when to use your MDLIVE virtual care benefit

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- Sore throat
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## Yale Medicine Neurology at Greenwich

Yale Medicine Neurology at Greenwich has opened at 55 Holly Hill Lane to bring a broader range of neurological subspecialties to surrounding communities at a time of growing demand from an aging population. The practice is led by Alice Rusk, MD, medical director, who specializes in movement disorders, and includes Kunal Desai, MD, a neurologist with a subspecialty in neuro muscular disorders.

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