

# CHECK LIST

Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network  
April 29, 2011-----



At left, Denie Soares, Deputy executive Director, Jacobi, John Palmer, PhD, Executive Director and Senior Vice President, Iris R. Jimenez-Hernandez

## TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

"Happy People" more than summarizes the feeling of Harlem Hospital Center staff as we have done it again... We passed Joint Commission! We proved that we are "Simply The Best" and that we are in compliance with the rules and regulations for the State of New York. Preparation proved tedious as staff worked around the clock to ensure the Hospital was prepared for the survey and it was worth the effort. During the week of Joint Commission, we took deep breaths, showing the Surveyors, "This Is How We Do It!"

Special thanks to Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director, and the Executive Staff of Harlem Hospital Center for

their diligence in preparing the staff for one of the most successful surveys. Let's continue to maintain the high level of quality care.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Harlem Hospital Center's **Community Advisory Board** will host their Annual Public Meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9a.m. - 12 noon, in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. The theme for this event will be "Improving the Health of Harlem: Let's Talk Diabetes". Dr. Maurice Wright, Medical Director, and Senior Associate Dean at Harlem Hospital Center will serve as the Keynote Speaker. To RSVP, please call (212) 939-1369.

The Department of Nursing will celebrate **Nursing Week May 6 - 13**. The main event will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium of the Martin Luther King Pavilion beginning at 8:30 a.m. Take this opportunity to salute a nurse for the hard work it takes to ensure patient safety here at Harlem Hospital Center.

**MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...**

The Department of Volunteer Services invites you to celebrate with them in their **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony** on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. Guest speaker for this year's event will be Ms. Michelle Paige Paterson, wife of former New York State Governor, Honorable David Paterson. Please join us in celebrating the work of our volunteers who give of their time to work with Harlem Hospital Center.

**UPCOMING WALKS**

May 2011

- March of Dimes Sunday, May 1, 2011
- NAMI Saturday, May 7,
- AIDS Saturday, May 15,
- Asthma Saturday, May 21,
- Lupus Saturday, May 21,

For information about these, contact:  
Valerie Wright (212) 939-4072  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- National Teachers Day** -  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011
- Cinco de Mayo**  
Thursday, May 5, 2011
- Mother's Day**  
Sunday, May 8, 2011
- Nurses Day** -  
Thursday, May 12, 2011
- Peace Officers Memorial Day** -  
Sunday, May 15, 2011
- National Transportation Week** -  
Sunday, May 15-20, 2011
- Armed Forces Day** -  
Saturday, May 21, 2011

**National Maritime Day** -  
Sunday, May 22, 2011

**Memorial Day** -  
Monday, May 30, 2011

Harlem Hospital Center's next **General Staff Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium.

**SUPPORT JAPAN**

**PAYROLL DEDUCTION**

While it is not possible for HHC to respond to all natural disasters, it has on occasion, facilitated employees' outpouring of support to render aid in the face of calamity here or abroad. HHC employees have responded with compassion and generosity to the relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti. Now, in the same spirit and in coordination with other city government agencies, HHC is making two options available to employees for voluntary donations.

You may make a restricted donation for this purpose online by credit card at the HHC Foundation website ([www.thehhcfoundation.org](http://www.thehhcfoundation.org)).

Or you may participate in a time-limited payroll deduction program. All HHC donations will be combined with others in the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City. The Fund will ensure that 100 percent of the contributions through the program are directed to reputable organizations that are providing relief in Japan.

The payroll deduction program will begin with your May 13 pay period. If you wish

to participate you must fill out the [authorization form](#) (included with your paycheck) and submit it to your facility Payroll department no later than April 29th. The authorization form will also be available for printing on the [Employee Gateway](#) on the HHC intranet site.

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

Defensive Driving Courses are scheduled for Saturday, June 25, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 21<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (a two-day class). The classes are held at 108 Leonard Street, 12<sup>th</sup> floor in lower Manhattan.

To register please call Gladys Vidal @ 212-442-4157 between 10:00am - 2:00pm, Monday thru Friday. (First come, first served.) The fee is \$20 money order, payable to D.S.T.C. - Driver Safety Training Center. Be sure to include your name and address.

### COMING SOON

Harlem Hospital Center is pleased to announce that the Employee Gymnasium will open soon. Listen out for the date of its opening and the guidelines which we all should follow.

### ARTICLES IN THE CHECKLIST

Do you have something you believe is news worthy? Please feel free to contact Ms. Harris in the Office of Public Affairs with your articles via email at [christina.harris@nychhc.org](mailto:christina.harris@nychhc.org).

### 2011 JOINT COMMISSION SURVEY SUCCESS



Executive Office Staff (l) Yuvania Espino, Shaana Trusty and Rita Lopez with Dr. Palmer



Surveyors Session Front Row" (L) Sylvia White, Chief of Staff, Stephen N. Lawrence, Ph.D., Deputy Exec Dir, Deborah Thornhill, Assoc Exec Director, Strategic Planning, Marsha Style-Appiah, Sr. Assoc Director, Human Resources, Yvette Villanueva, Sr. Assoc Exec Director, Network Human Resources and Wanda Santaella, Social Services



Dr. John M. Palmer addresses the staff.