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## HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER CELEBRATES DOCTOR'S DAY

On Friday, March 30, 2012, Harlem Hospital Center joined the rest of the nation to celebrate its doctors on National Doctor's Day, for the exceptional roles they play in advancing and continuing the tradition of excellence. More than 200 doctors came to the Doctor's Day Breakfast which was held in the MLK cafeteria.



Dr. Maurice Wright, Medical Director, Dr. Joan Culpepper-Morgan, President of Medical and Dental Board, Dr. Soji Oluwole, Director, Surgery, Dr. Albert Adu, Attending, Surgery



Dr. Joan Culpepper-Morgan joined by residents



Dr. Lisa Ross, Director, Director of Anesthesiology, Dr. Ronald Cobbs, Attending, Primary Care, Dr. Orlando Adamson, Director, Ambulatory Care Services, Dr. Joan Culpepper-Morgan, President, Medical/Dental Board, Dr. James King, Director of Dentistry, Dr. Sharon Mannheimer, Infectious Diseases



Senior VP Hernandez with Patricia Skolnik

#### PATIENT ADVOCACY TRAINNING

On Wednesday, March 28, 2012, Patricia Skolnik from Citizens for Patient Safety presented a Patient Advocacy training to members of the Harlem and Renaissance Community Advisory Boards, patients,

Patient Safety and Guest Relations. She presented a video "Tears to Transparency". This story was about her only son, Michael Skolnik, and the lessons learned from his death from medical errors. Ms. Skolnik encourages and trains patients to partner in their care, to become educated about patient safety issues, and to understand the importance of patient-provider communication.



Patricia Skolnik, Citizens for Patient Safety addresses participants at patients advocacy training



Participants received a certificate of completion

NETOWRK'S 2012 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



Honorees at the 2012 Network Women's History Month

The Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network Annual Women's History Month Awards Ceremony was held at Harlem Hospital Center's Herbert G. Cave Auditorium on Thursday, March 29, 2012. The event was well attended by Network staff who enthusiastically showed support for the honorees. The seventeen women honored have distinguished themselves with exemplary service and leadership to the Network and the patients they serve.

The ceremony began with an inspirational Invocation by Rev. Dr. Lillian Miles, Protestant Chaplain, Pastoral Care at Metropolitan Hospital, and Associate Minister of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ. The Keynote, Ms. Elinor R.



Speaker Elinor R. Tatum

Tatum, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the New York Amsterdam News, spoke directly to the national theme: "Women's Education, Women's Empowerment."

She discussed personal anecdotes, positive and negative, about her experiences as a child and young adult in the educational system, and how those experiences impacted her development and gave her the determination to succeed. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Dr. Christine Greenidge, R.N. followed through on the theme urging all to continue their commitment to provide the best health care to our patients.



Denise Soares, RN, BSN, MS,

Ms. Soares, Executive Director, had the audience on their feet when she called for all **phenomenal women** to stand. She also delivered a special message from Senior Vice President, Iris R. Jimenez-Hernandez, congratulating honorees and she applauded all of our female employees for their hard work and dedication.

The audience was serenaded by the beautiful saxophone playing of Mr. Pablo Clarke. His rendition of "You are The Wind Beneath My Wings" brought tears to the eyes of several of the honorees who are truly are Phenomenal Women.

#### **NETWORK HONOREE**

Cheryl Baker, Sr. Associate Director, is a successful and accomplished woman whose competence brought her from Personnel Representative in Human Resources, to her present position as Senior Associate Director in charge of Benefits and Wage and Salaries units at Generations Plus Network. This modern day Renaissance woman inspires and possesses that unique consummate style of mentorship that adds to the tapestry of woman leadership.

Congratulations to all Honorees from Harlem Hospital Center:

Alexandra Boddie, Associate Director started her career with the Health and Hospitals Corporation 19 years ago as a Clerical Associate. Her knowledge of her work and outstanding dedication has enabled her to move up through the ranks to an Associate Director. Working in the Department of Dentistry can be challenging with the large volume of patients and staff. Ms. Boddie performs her duties with professionalism and poise and keeps the department running at top notch efficiency.

Dianne Davis, Clinical Microbiologist 111 is an exceptional example of dedication to her current duties as interim Supervisor in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory. In addition to voluntarily becoming the Senior Technologist, carrying out the functions of complying with city & state agencies she is integrally involved in the internship program for students who need the hospital experience to qualify for the New York State license to practice in New York State.

Carmen Colon-Monge, Senior Dietary Aide has worked in this capacity since 1989 but has been an employee at Harlem Hospital since 1970. Ms. Colon is a strong asset in the department as it pertains to patients receiving their food requests. Over the past 5 years she has executed a passion to her position and this passion and concern for the patient has prevented some near misses in the department and increased our patient satisfaction scores.

Lucila Jimenez, embraces her responsibilities as the Senior Associate Director of the Language Assistance Program by making every effort to become more knowledgeable about the special nature of serving patients in various disease stages. She, along with her team has offered interpretation services for those with limited English skills. Ms. Jimenez has included compassion, encouragement, commitment and even empowerment to those patients who have needed to have a physical presence available to communicate with them in their Language of origin. Although being recognized specifically for her work with Hemodialysis this is true for every department Ms. Jimenez has provided service to.

Yvonne Reynolds, Deputy Director of Nursing for the department of Nursing and Patient Care Services has worked diligently over the past year to promote the education of the nursing staff in the care of geriatric patients and has been instrumental in making Harlem Hospital Center a NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Health System Elders) center. In addition to this special project Ms. Reynolds has coordinated the preceptor program which prepares experienced nurses to mentor new staff members and make their transition to the hospital easier. She pays special attention to details and is a champion for all of the educators in the department.

Margaretta Watkins-Traver, DDS, is a Pediatric dentistry attending in the Department of Dentistry. Her main focus is creating safe and trauma free

dental care for children. She has been instrumental in increasing the access of children in the operating room for ambulatory surgery and her efforts in developing the policy & procedure for Nitrous Oxide use in the dental clinic has increased their ability to give a smooth dental visit to the children.

### NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH



Miguel Triana (dietitian), Sharon Isaac (dietitian), Grace Nnoli (Pharmacist), Ethel DeAlday (dietitian), Hyacinth McKenzie (dietitian); back row - Regina Hughes (Clinical Nutrition Manager), Hina Farooqui (Pharmacist), Sandra Smith, Administrative Assistant, Sherrel Virgil (Diet Clerk), Phyllis (Dietary Aide)

National Nutrition Month is celebrated as a nutrition education campaign by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. At Harlem Hospital Center, dietitians manned tables at health fairs on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in the MLK lobby and Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in the Ron Brown lobby. Over 50 people participated in both events and about 8 people won the nutrition knowledge quiz; prizes were bilingual cook books. On March 14, 2012, dietitians celebrated National Registered Dietitian day with a luncheon; everyone had a great time.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Passover Ends

- Saturday, 4/14/12

Tax Day

- Tuesday, 4/17/12

Earth Day

- Sunday, 4/22/12

Administrative Professional's Day

- Wed, 4/25/12