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**Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
August 7, 2009-----**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. José R. Sánchez, Senior Vice President of the Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network congratulated Harlem Hospital Center for being recognized by the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) for the quality improvement initiative, "Improving Patient Safety by Appropriate Use of Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccines."

"...HANYS' acknowledgement of Harlem's program as a best practice is exemplary, and helps to push Health and Hospitals Corporation further in becoming the safest healthcare system by 2010. Congratulations to the Patient Safety Office and to all those who played a role in this accomplishment."

EMERGENCY STAFF MEETING

On Thursday, July 30 at 9:00 AM, Dr. John M. Palmer called an emergency staff meeting to discuss and reiterate the importance of Patient Safety and reporting procedures. Dr. Palmer stressed that our first and most important responsibility is to provide appropriate and safe patient care. He reminded staff to remain diligent and

to ensure Patient Safety. To report an incident, call Risk Management at extension 4075 or the hotline at 1-866-728-7389.

AG COMMUNITY FORUM



Above, John M. Palmer, PhD with NYS Senator Bill Perkins, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and Assemblyman Keith Wright.

On Thursday, July 30, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and Assemblyman Keith Wright sponsored a Community Forum here at Harlem Hospital Center. The forum informed the Harlem Community how the Office of the Attorney General assists with issues related to Health Care, Consumer Fraud, Civil and Labor Rights. The event was well attended by the community and Harlem Hospital Center staff.

RESPONSE TO NON-PATIENT MEDICAL EMERGENCY

The Rapid Response Team (RRT) is designed to bring experienced clinicians with critical care expertise to anyone that might need urgent medical attention. Since its inception in 2007, there have been many stories in which a patient's sudden deteriorating condition was recognized and the timely RRT intervention allowed for that patient's recovery. While there is protocol in place for activating the RRT clinically, the RRT is available for ANYONE, including patient family members; they can call for the RRT if they are concerned that someone may be in need of immediate care.

To request an RRT, dial extension 1777 or "0" for an operator; once connected, give the location where the RRT should be dispatched, the reason for your call and a phone number.

The RRT is available in the Martin Luther King Pavilion 24 hours a day and in the Ronald H. Brown Pavilion during clinic hours.

GUEST RELATIONS DIRECTOR



Ms. **Oma Sunkara** is the newly appointed Director of Guest Relations. She has been with Harlem Hospital Center since May 2007 working within

Health Information Management. Congratulations on this new appointment.



Harlem Hospital Center Walk Team Leaders Left: Nancy Simmons, Orville Anderson, Valerie Wright, Sherri Holman, Vanessa Austin, Escot Solomon, Olubunmi Sonubi, RN, Tanique Barksdale, Dr. Lawrence Bailey, Dr. Benjamin Ortiz. Sitting: June Bobcombe RN, Cassia Saboia, RN, and Charlene Bailey-Ayers.

THANK YOU, WALK TEAM

On Monday, July 20 at 12:30 PM, Dr. John Palmer hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for Harlem Hospital Center Walk Team Leaders. The luncheon was to show appreciation for the ongoing commitment, efforts and leadership that the captains show in their work to bring awareness to chronic illnesses affecting our community, such as asthma, AIDS, cancer, and diabetes.

AUGUST/BREAST FEEDING MONTH

On Tuesday, August 4, Harlem Hospital Center hosted this year's Annual Breast Feeding Fair, "Breast Is Best" Event. Highlights were:

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Breastfeeding Fair
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Ronald H. Brown OBS Clinic

Wednesday, August 5, 2009
Breastfeeding Awareness
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MLK Pavilion Lobby

Thursday, August 6, 2009
"Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency
Response"
University of Albany Webcast
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
MLK Pavilion Room #6104

HIGHLIGHT

Harlem Hospital Center is pleased to announce that **Jacques Dole, MD** has been appointed Interim Director of Anesthesiology at Columbia University Medical Center, the Affiliation at Harlem Hospital Center. Dr. Dole assumed this role upon Dr. John T. Herbert's retirement from Columbia University, effective July 6th.

A graduate of the medical school of the State University of Haiti, Dr. Dole was trained as an Urologist in Haiti and served the community of Cap-Haitien for six years. He completed two years of residency in surgery at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn and at Harlem Hospital Center before training in anesthesia at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. In 1986, he joined the staff of Columbia University at Harlem Hospital Center as an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. Dr. Dole is Board Certified and has been the Associate Director of Anesthesiology at Harlem Hospital since 2001. In 2006, the Consumer's Research Council of America placed Dr. Dole on its list of

America's Top Anesthesiologists, and he continues to carry that designation.

JOHN T. HERBERT, MD

We deeply thank Dr. Herbert for over 16 years of service to the hospital and to its community. As Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology and Director of Anesthesiology, his contributions as both a physician and an administrator have been a mainstay of our work here. His leadership, dedication, and good humor will be greatly missed. We wish him the very best in his new position as Department Chairman and Professor of Anesthesiology at Howard University Medical School and Hospital.



Attendees of the Marjorie Matthews Award: Sitting: Carrie Thomas and Billie J. Ali'Seck. Standing from Left: Catherine Bridgman, David Weaver, Dorothy Payne-Morehead, Juan Baez, Emma Clayborne, Daphne Fough-Horsford, Elsie Trotman, Bettijean Miller, Eleanor Kennedy, Joella Nipper, Zella C. Jackson, Kathryn Brown, Frances Blackwell, Bette White, Stephanie Howze, Melvin Christian, Gloria Jackson, and Ed Davila.

MARJORIE MATTHEWS AWARD

The HHC Marjorie Matthews Award took place on Tuesday, July 28, at the Coler Campus on Roosevelt Island.

The prestigious Award is given to Auxilians who have engaged in notable

resource development or advocacy efforts on behalf of patients, or programs provided at their facilities; and Community Advisory Board members that provided stellar leadership among their colleagues in CAB-related activities.

Recipients of this year's awards were Ms. Stephanie Howze of the Harlem CAB, Mr. Leroy Singeltary of the Harlem Auxiliary, Ms. Joan Reid of the Renaissance Auxiliary, and Ms. Dorothy Gordon of the Renaissance CAB. Congratulations and thank you to all winners.



WIC DEPARTMENT

The Harlem Hospital Center Department of Women Infants and Children were honored on Friday, July 24 at the Grand View in Poughkeepsie, New York for the excellent services they provide to the Women and Children of the Harlem Community.

In photo above, left to right: Brigida Segarra, CA; Belinda Izevbizua, Dietitian III, Carmen Trinidad, Assist. Dir., Andrea Samuels, Dietitian I, Andres Morillo, CA, Mary Lou Johnson, CA, Serena Mapson, WIC Director, Frances Herman, Dietitian III, Rita John, Dietitian III, Tanya Patrick, CA, Dominique Williams, CA, Patricia Okonji, BF Coordinator, Elbarely Cepeda, CA, Valerie Johnson, CA, H. Koita, BF Peer, Counselor, Cynthia Tunkara, Coord. Mgr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF THE 2009 EMPLOYEE BBQ



Jacquell Chisholm
Student Intern
Basketball Contest



Andrea Sanders, RN
Karaoke Contest



Monique Laroche, Community Liaison Worker
and Carlos Enriquez, Electrician, the Salsa Contest



Gary Clemmons
Coordinating Manager
Basketball Contest



Patricia Pennix
Clerical Associate
Freestyle Dance Contest

SMOKING BANNED AROUND ALL HOSPITALS

The New York City Council unanimously approved a bill last Wednesday to prohibit smoking within 15 feet of the entrance or exit to any hospital and within 15 feet of the entrance to or exit from a hospital's outdoor grounds. Lawmakers said the measure was a logical extension of an existing ban on smoking in hospitals, in place since 1988, and the ban on workplace smoking which took effect in 2003.

When visiting a hospital, the last thing patients should have to worry about is avoiding second hand smoke. The legislation was introduced by Council woman Inez E. Dickens, Harlem Democrat.

The 1988 Smoke-Free Air Act already bans smoking inside hospitals, clinics, psychiatric facilities, residential health care facilities, physical therapy facilities, convalescent homes and homes for the aged.