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From the Chief Medical Officer NEW CNE AND NEW WING!



Sam Amifar, MD, MS

On behalf of the medical staff, I am delighted to welcome Kimberly F. Volpe, DNP, MS, RN, NEA-BC, our new Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive.

Dr. Volpe has been an exceptional nurse leader with more than 20 years of hospital setting experience. She has extensive leadership skills, proven excellence in process reengineering, and a track record of fostering clinical excellence, comradery and high retention of talent.



She comes to us from Montefiore Medical Center-Wakefield, where she was Senior Director of Nursing, Medicine/Surgery/Maternal Child Health and Nursing Staff Office. She led nursing practices, operations and provided strategic direction of that 321-bed acute care hospital. Among her many accomplishments, she oversaw The Joint Commission triennial survey resulting in zero nursing recommendations for improvement.

She is also an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

Dr. Volpe graduated from Montclair State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and from University of Medicine and Dentistry/Ramapo College

of NJ, with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She completed her master's degree in nursing administration at New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing and her doctorate nursing degree at Villanova University.

She is an active member of New York Organization for Nurse Leadership and has sat on the board of the Greater New York Nassau Suffolk Organization for Nursing Leadership.

Dr. Volpe can be reached at kvolpe@tbh.org.

To better serve our patients who are being treated for cancer, TBHC recently opened a dedicated surgical oncology floor on 6W.

While any patient with cancer is welcome, there is a special continuum of care being offered to patients of The Brooklyn Cancer Center, a collaboration of TBHC and New York Cancer & Blood Specialists. For instance, a patient might receive a breast cancer diagnosis from her mammogram at TBHC, be referred to The Brooklyn Cancer Center (located at 86 Fleet Place, near corner of Prince and Myrtle) for chemotherapy, and then back to TBHC for surgery to remove the reduced tumor. During that surgery, a cancer patient will have the comfort of knowing they are being treated in an area specifically designated for such cases with staff who are specially trained to take the very best care of them, just a few blocks away from the Cancer Center.

For more information about The Brooklyn Cancer Center, please visit: brooklyncancer.com

Family & Women's Health Center Opens in Fulton Mall!

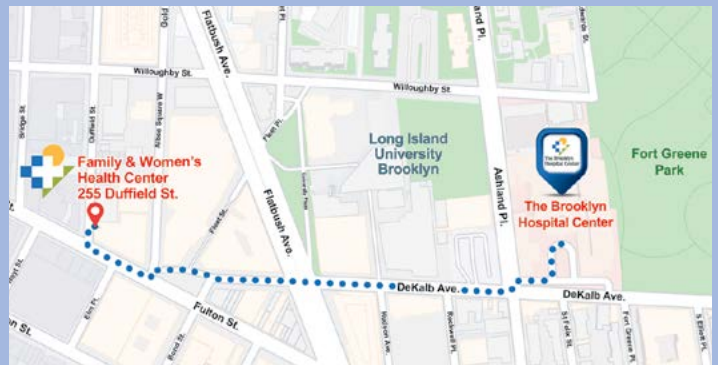
In March, we opened a brand-new Family & Women's Health Center, located at 523 Fulton Street in Downtown Brooklyn/Fulton Mall. The entrance is on 255 Duffield Street.

Three of the practices:

- Family Medicine Center
 - Women's Health Center
 - Perinatal Diagnostics Center (sonography)
- were relocated from the main hospital to a big, new and modern space on the Fulton Mall, just a few blocks from the hospital. The 255 Duffield Street entrance is just past the Hoyt Street subway station between Planet Fitness and Spectrum.

All providers and phone numbers have stayed the same.

For more information, visit tbh.org/FamilyMedicine or tbh.org/OBGYN.



New Surgical Leadership

TBHC is pleased to announce some important and recent leadership changes in our surgical department:



Nelson Menezes, MD, has been appointed **Interim Chair of Surgery**. Dr. Menezes, who has been with TBHC since 1998 and led our transition to advanced endovascular procedures, brings decades of experience and leadership to this role. His work as Chief of Vascular Surgery, Medical Director of the Vascular Lab and as mentor to countless residents has made a lasting impact.



Luca Milone, MD, has been named **Chief of General Surgery and Co-Director of Robotic Surgery**. Dr. Milone has led the way in robotic surgery and minimally invasive techniques, with over 100 publications and a U.S. patent for a robotic device. He serves as a mentor and teacher in robotic surgery to residents and attendings.



Peter Einersen, MD, has joined us as **Chief of Bariatric Surgery and Co-Director of Robotic Surgery**. Dr. Einersen's expertise in robotic and minimally invasive bariatric surgery, along with his extensive training, will further enhance our bariatric services.

Welcome!

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

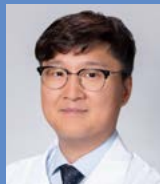


Mark Mikhly, MD
Director, Student Clerkship

FAMILY MEDICINE



Edward Bautista, MD
Attending



Don Don Seob Kim, MD
Attending (geriatrics)

FAMILY MEDICINE (CONT.)



Prabhjot Manes, MD
Vice Chair;
Director of Residency Program



Sagina Tulce, NP
Nurse Practitioner

HOSPITAL MEDICINE



Ruma Sanyal, MD
Attending

PEDIATRICS



**Rikizam Magada
Joya, MD**
Attending (neonatology)

The Founders Ball Returns May 19 at the Brooklyn Museum

The Brooklyn Hospital Foundation is proud to announce the return of its signature event, the Founders Ball, on May 19, once again at the renowned Brooklyn Museum.

This event celebrates “Care Close to Home.” TBHC is a full-service community hospital, which gives our neighbors a sense of security. They know they can save time during a life-threatening emergency or count on loved ones who live close by to support them during their care.

TBHC is making great strides toward bringing healthcare closer to home with two brand-new out-patient facilities located in Downtown Brooklyn and Greenpoint. Proceeds raised from the Founders Ball will help fund projects like these. Past events have funded a Cardiac Catheterization Lab and a cutting-edge DaVinci Surgical Robot. The event will also commemorate the hospital’s 180th anniversary year.

Actress Dascha Polanco, best known for her role as Dayanara “Daya” Diaz in the Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*, will be the hospital’s special guest. Ms. Polanco delivered her children at TBHC.

The event will be chaired by Bernie Drayton, retired music and entertainment executive and TBHC Trustee, and will honor:



- **Errol I. Byer, Jr., MD, FACOG**, (far left) Chair, Obstetrics & Gynecology, TBHC - Walter E. Reed Medalist
- **Joseph H. Davi**, (above, right) Founder & CEO, Med-Metrix - Founders Medalist

The Brooklyn Hospital Foundation extends its deepest appreciation to the event’s lead sponsors: New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (also the event’s exclusive underwriter for the cocktail reception), Med-Metrix, St. George’s University, Lizanne Fontaine & Robert Buckholz, and Alvarez & Marsal Capital.

Join TBHC in Keeping Brooklyn Healthy...and keeping Care Close to Home: Visit foundersball.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, or purchase tickets or table packages.



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