Princeton Health commenced its third Penn Medicine Experience (PMX) Week on Monday, October 19, with Silly Sock Day, a few virtual yoga sessions, and Day 1 of a five-day fitness challenge. Tuesday and Wednesday featured “Donut What We Would Do Without You,” an effort to recognize and thank staff members across the organization with an apple or an apple cider donut. The goodies were made available at Princeton Medical Center (PMC) and delivered to various off-site locations.

Throughout PMX Week, and for the entire week after, Princeton Health collected personal care items to benefit families served by Arm in Arm, a nonprofit organization that supports families in Mercer County, N.J. who are experiencing homelessness. PMX Week was highlighted by a virtual awards ceremony to honor staff members who were nominated by their colleagues as the embodiment of the week’s theme, BE PRESENT.

This year’s awardees were:
- **Penn Medicine at Home Princeton Health**
  - Joanne Fernandez, RN
  - Stephanie Dave-Turks, RN
  - Christine Isaac, LCSW
- **Princeton House Behavioral Health-Inpatient**
  - Stephanie Dave-Turks, RN
  - Christine Isaac, LCSW
- **Princeton House Behavioral Health-Outpatient**
  - Kelly Yutz, MSW
- **PMC Patient Care Services**
  - Pauline Pateman
  - Phil Tran, RN
  - Boyle Liu
- **PMC Clinical Support Services**
  - Hubert Guthrie
- **PMC Medical Center Support**
  - Stephen Schienen

**Awardees**

- **Penn Medicine at Home Princeton Health**
  - Sarah Martin Vincent
  - Monique Macmanus, BC-DMT
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**Nominees**

- **Penn Medicine at Home Princeton Health**
  - Angela O’Donnell
  - Janet O’Donnell
  - Michelle Wilson

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**Congratulations**

**To the Awardees and All of Our Nominees:**

- **Penn Medicine at Home Princeton Health**
  - Sarah Martin Vincent
  - Monique Macmanus, BC-DMT
- **Princeton House-Inpatient**
  - D. Cathrina Sparacio, PMHRN-BC
- **Princeton House-Outpatient**
  - Susan Buchalter
- **PMC Patient Care Services**
  - Andrew Upperper
  - Drew Pepe
  - Mimi Nishiyama
  - Qi Xiang, RN
- **PMC Clinical Support Services**
  - Tabitha Nelson, LPN
  - Hinal Patel
- **Princeton Health Non-Clinical Support**
  - Teresa Bailey
  - Verna Davis
  - Frank Hernandez-Morales
  - Anna Hoffman
  - Geralyn Karpiscak, RN
  - Lisa McKinney
  - Bulbul Sethi
  - Lisa Baptis
  - Jessica Almodovar
- **Princeton Medicine Physicians**
  - E. Catrina Sparacio, PMHRN-BC
  - Kimmie Thomas, PA-C
  - Fatima DeLeon, CMA
  - Fatima DeLeon, CMA
  - Alex Goetz, RN
- **PMC Outpatient Services**
  - Lisa Baptis
  - Nathaniel Chang
  - Nomi Agaugh, RN
  - Andrew Pneup
  - Karen Walker
  - Christine Gentile
  - Craig Gronczewski, MD
  - Anatoliy Yanovskiy, MD

**Physician/Provider**

- Christine Gentile
- Craig Gronczewski, MD
- Anatoliy Yanovskiy, MD

**Medical Director, Princeton House-Inpatient**
**PennOpen Pass**

Streamlines Screening at Princeton Health

Daily use of PennOpen Pass — a symptom tracker designed to help streamline COVID-19 screening at our workplaces — is now mandatory at Penn Medicine Princeton Health for employees, medical staff members, volunteers, contractors, vendors and students who work on-site.

PennOpen Pass users fill out a daily survey online. Anyone who reports certain symptoms or potential exposure will receive a Red Pass and direction for follow-up. Those who report no symptoms or potential exposure to someone with COVID-19 will receive a Green Pass.

The system will text or email the Green Pass to your mobile phone. If you don’t have a mobile phone, you may print the Green Pass on a home computer and printer.

Upon arriving at work, find the express lane. Display the Green Pass on your mobile phone, or your printed copy from home, and you will be allowed to enter. Anyone who has not completed the symptom tracker must wait in a second line for verbal screening and will receive a paper Green Pass if you report no symptoms or exposure to COVID-19. Please carry the pass with you for entry and re-entry to your workplace.

If you have not already enrolled, visit https://tinyurl.com/y32w84z5 for a tutorial.

**PRINCETON MEDICAL CENTER RECOGNIZED**

**ACHIEVEMENTS IN STROKE CARE**

For the second year in a row, Princeton Medical Center (PMC) received the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, which is granted by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) to hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to high-quality stroke care based on the latest scientific evidence.

PMC earned its second consecutive Gold Plus Award by meeting or exceeding specific quality achievement measures for diagnosing and treating stroke patients for three consecutive years. The measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability.

Before discharge, patients should receive education on managing their health and schedule a follow-up visit as well as other care interventions — for instance, an assessment for rehabilitation services. “The Get With The Guidelines program supports excellent care every step of the way,” said Paul K. Kaiser, MD, Medical Director of PMC’s Stroke Program. “This is crucial when someone is having a stroke and every minute matters.”

Philip Tran, RN, Stroke Coordinator at PMC, commended the physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and senior managers on the hospital’s Stroke Committee for their leadership in pursuing excellence in stroke care. PMC also holds advanced certification from The Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center. According to the AHA/ASA, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 790,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

**Gold Seal of Approval for Joint Replacements**

Penn Medicine Princeton Health has received recognition in total hip and total knee replacement from The Joint Commission, the nation’s oldest and largest healthcare accrediting entity.

The Joint Commission’s “Gold Seal of Approval” was issued following a two-day survey completed September 25, Princeton Health, which first earned the advanced certification in 2018, is one of only four hospitals or health systems in New Jersey to hold the designation.

Congratulations to all staff and physicians at Princeton Medical Center (PMC) and other Princeton Health divisions who are involved in the comprehensive joint replacement program, Princeton Rehabilitation, and Penn Medicine Home Health Princeton Health (formerly Princeton HomeCare).

Joint replacement procedures are performed in the surgical suite at PMC and its ambulatory surgery centers by surgeons affiliated with the Jim Craigie Center for Joint Replacement.

Patients recovering from joint replacement receive in-home or outpatient physical and occupational therapy. The Craigie Center also provides a thorough preoperative education program to prepare patients for their recovery at home.

In the 2020–21 Best Hospitals ratings published by U.S. News & World Report, PMC was rated high performing in orthopedics, hip replacement, and knee replacement.

**NEWS & NOTES**

**MANDATORY FLU SHOT VACCINATION**

November 24th is the deadline to receive a flu shot. Forms to document a medical exemption, religious exemption or a flu shot received at another facility are available on Employee Self Service.

**MOBILE ORDERING AVAILABLE AT PMC RESTAURANT**

Select items can be ordered weekdays, 11:30 am to 2 pm, online at https://order.instaeat.com/3747 or through the InstaEat app, which can be found at the App Store or Google Play.

**REMINDER!**

**WEAR A MASK**

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