South Nassau and Mount Sinai Health System Partner to Better Serve Long Island

Partnership gives patient Bill Regan second chance at life. He’s pictured with his wife, Rita, and daughter, Christie.  Story on page 6
Making History

It’s official. South Nassau Communities Hospital has become the Long Island flagship hospital of the Mount Sinai Health System. United, our two institutions are poised to elevate health care in our region to a higher level than ever before. Seamless clinical integration and administrative cohesion are among the powerful drivers that will enable us to meet our community’s ever-increasing need for complex, comprehensive medical services.

For an example of how patients will benefit from our partnership, one need look no further than the story of Bill Regan, featured on pages 6 to 7. Regan is a local resident who was unaware that he had dangerous cardiac blockages and needed open-heart surgery. The patient was able to remain in our community to receive many of the diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative services he required from our cadre of highly skilled clinicians and technologists. Coronary artery bypass grafting was performed at Mount Sinai with minimal disruption, smooth transitions between levels of care and excellent inter-facility communication.

Our continued pursuit of excellence is yielding results on multiple fronts. I’m pleased to note that we were recently recognized as an Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence by the Infectious Diseases Society of America. This designation attests to our commitment to antimicrobial stewardship led by infectious disease experts and meeting rigorous CDC standards. More on this may be found on page 10.

It goes without saying that our success is your success and vice versa. Your commitment and contributions in the realm of clinical excellence, compassion and dedication are essential ingredients in maintaining our hospital’s renowned reputation. I know that you will join with our entire administrative team in looking forward with pride and optimism as we begin our partnership with the Mount Sinai Health System.

Together, we are indeed making history.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard J. Murphy
PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Raul Mendoza, MD
PRESIDENT, MEDICAL STAFF
South Nassau First to Insert
Newest Generation of XIENCE Stent

New stent helps doctors treat more difficult-to-reach blockages in arteries

Jason Freeman, MD, of South Nassau Communities Hospital’s Center for Cardiovascular Health, is the first interventional cardiologist on Long Island to treat a patient suffering from coronary artery disease with the newest generation of the gold standard XIENCE coronary stent system.

The new stent, XIENCE Sierra™, includes features specifically designed for the treatment of complex blockages of the heart, which account for up to nearly 70 percent of cases treated at South Nassau and hospitals throughout the United States.

“The stent’s enhanced design and improved deliverability allows me to access and unblock difficult-to-treat lesions with more flexibility and precision than the prior generation stents,” said Dr. Freeman, director of the center.

The new stent and delivery system has been developed for the treatment of complex cases of coronary artery disease, including cases where a vessel is completely blocked or multiple vessels that are partially blocked. The stent, specially coated to reduce the risk for blood clots, is implanted using a catheter that is inserted through an artery in the groin or wrist.

Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2008, XIENCE stents have been among the world’s most used and studied stents and have achieved a safety record. More than 8 million people worldwide have received a XIENCE stent since its initial regulatory approval in Europe and the U.S.

SOUTH NASSAU’S CENTER FOR CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

The Center for Cardiovascular Health performs a full range of coronary and peripheral interventional procedures, including:

- Balloon angioplasty*
- Stenting
- Thrombolytic therapy
*When providing balloon angioplasty in an emergency, the center consistently completes the procedure in approximately 68 minutes — 22 minutes faster than the medically recommended benchmark of 90 minutes.

ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY:
Diagnosing and Treating Electrical Activities of the Heart
The center’s electrophysiologists use advanced technologies to provide timely, accurate diagnoses and therapies to treat a range of abnormal heart rhythms and defibrillator complications. The center’s arrhythmia therapies include:

- Diagnostic studies of heart rhythm
- Implantation and testing of pacemakers and cardioverter defibrillators
- Radiofrequency catheter ablation for the treatment of potentially fatal irregular heartbeats

NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY:
Generating Images of the Heart at Work

- Echocardiogram
- Stress echocardiogram
- Diagnostic peripheral vascular ultrasound
South Nassau Communities Hospital and the Mount Sinai Health System have finalized a partnership, making South Nassau Mount Sinai’s flagship hospital on Long Island in a move designed to bring advanced level health care to the South Shore of Nassau County and to Long Island. South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside becomes part of in the Mount Sinai Health System, one of the largest academic health systems in the nation.

Mount Sinai and South Nassau are positioned to expand access to innovative approaches in patient care, treatment and research to the communities of Long Island. The comprehensive agreement has been given enthusiastic support of the boards of directors of both institutions and signifies a commitment to transform care delivery by providing the highest quality of care and health management for all populations.

“Our collective goal is to provide the highest quality of care to patients on Long Island,” said Kenneth L. Davis, MD, president and CEO of Mount Sinai Health System. “By extending tertiary-level hospital services to South Nassau, we are able to complement our existing network of talented clinicians and facilities in order to better serve the community.”

“Mount Sinai is a world-class institution with a leading medical school and this partnership will allow our patients to have access to some of the top physicians and most-advanced treatments available,” said Richard J. Murphy, South Nassau’s president and CEO. “It also will help South Nassau reach the next level in our role as a growing regional medical center.”

As part of the relationship, Mount Sinai will provide $120 million to help expand South Nassau’s campus and services, including plans for a new four-story addition in Oceanside with an expanded Emergency Department, new intensive care beds and surgical suites.

“Our partnership with Mount Sinai provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to combine their comprehensive network of coordinated primary, acute and specialized health care services, along with an internationally renowned school of medicine, with the health care needs of the communities we serve,” said Joseph J. Fennessy, chairman of South Nassau’s Board of Directors. “Mount Sinai is about advancing the science of medicine while improving patient care delivery to better serve our communities.”
outcomes, which is why this is a good fit with South Nassau’s culture. Patients on Long Island should not have to travel to Manhattan for world-class care."

“Over the past 10 months, we have been working diligently to combine Mount Sinai’s academic, clinical and research expertise with South Nassau’s community-based care, particularly in the areas of heart and cancer,” said Arthur Klein, MD, president of the Mount Sinai Health Network. "Already, Mount Sinai specialists are collaborating with physicians at South Nassau to provide more advanced care, including for patients requiring open heart surgery and organ transplants at the Manhattan campus, to patients on the Oceanside campus. Our vision is to provide seamless, high quality integrated care to patients."

South Nassau’s Board of Directors announced their plans with Mount Sinai in January 2018 after having signed a nonbinding letter of intent in May 2017. During the past 10 months, Mount Sinai and South Nassau have worked together to combine Mount Sinai’s academic, clinical, and research expertise with South Nassau’s award winning community-based care, particularly in the areas of heart and cancer treatments.

South Nassau’s Board of Directors will be retained and direct the day-to-day operations of the Oceanside campus. The South Nassau and Mount Sinai boards will share representation on each other’s boards with South Nassau’s Chairman, Mr. Fennessy, serving on the Mount Sinai Executive Committee.

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THE MOUNT SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM

The Mount Sinai Health System is an integrated health system committed to providing distinguished care, conducting transformative research and advancing biomedical education. Structured around eight hospital campuses and a single medical school, the health system has an extensive ambulatory network and a range of inpatient and outpatient services—from community-based facilities to tertiary and quaternary care.

• The system includes approximately:
  - 6,500 primary and specialty care physicians
  - 12 joint-venture ambulatory surgery centers
  - More than 140 ambulatory practices throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, Long Island and Florida
  - 31 affiliated community health centers

• Physicians are affiliated with the renowned Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, which is ranked among the highest in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding per investigator

• The Mount Sinai Hospital is on the “Honor Roll” of best hospitals in America, ranked No. 18 nationally in the 2017-2018 “Best Hospitals” issue of U.S. News & World Report

• The Mount Sinai Hospital is also ranked in 11 adult specialties: cancer; cardiology and heart surgery; diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology and gastroenterology surgery; geriatrics; gynecology; nephrology; neurology/neurosurgery; orthopedics; urology; and ear, nose and throat

• Mount Sinai’s Kravis Children’s Hospital is ranked in six out of 10 pediatric specialties by U.S. News & World Report in "Best Children’s Hospitals"

• New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai is nationally ranked by U.S. News in two specialties — ear, nose, and throat and ophthalmology — while Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai West are ranked regionally

For more information, go to mountsinai.org, or find Mount Sinai on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
By all accounts, Bill Regan, 67, was a model patient. Every six months the retired financial services executive would schedule a physical with his primary care physician; and every year, he would have annual checkups with his cardiologist. He dutifully took his prescribed medications for hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Frustrated by the inefficiencies of his primary care physician’s office to renew his prescriptions, the Massapequa father decided to try a new primary care physician at South Nassau Primary Care at Bellmore.

On March 15, during his first visit to Carolyne McHyman, DO, Regan provided the details of his medical history that included a carotid endarterectomy in 2016 and having smoked for 25 years. The former smoker told Dr. McHyman that he was “generally in good health” despite some daytime fatigue and left leg discomfort when he walked long distances.

Dr. McHyman performed a physical exam and ordered several diagnostic tests, including a chest CT scan, as part of Mount Sinai Hospital’s Early Detection Lung Cancer Screening program; an ultrasound of the abdominal aorta to check circulation and to rule out an aortic aneurysm; a consultation to rule out a sleep disorder; and a recommendation to see his cardiologist Pilar Stevens-Haynes, MD, for an evaluation.

Relieved that the CT scan of the lungs was negative for lung cancer, Regan became concerned when he learned that the test showed calcification in his aorta.

The ultrasound of the aorta also showed narrowing of his left iliac artery. He was referred to Xenophon Xenophontos, MD, a vascular surgeon on staff at South Nassau. A magnetic resonance angiography revealed a 90 percent blockage of that artery. “Honestly, I didn’t worry about my health, but these test results blindsided me,” said Regan, who was then scheduled for an angioplasty to open the iliac artery on June 1.

Meanwhile, Dr. Stevens-Haynes recommended Regan undergo a cardiac catheterization to check for any blockages of his coronary arteries. “Bill didn’t have previous symptoms of chest pain, but coronary artery calcification can be associated with major adverse cardiovascular events and we needed to get to the bottom of it,” said Dr. Stevens-Haynes.
On April 24, Jason Freeman, MD, director of Interventional Cardiology at South Nassau, performed the cardiac catheterization and discovered that Regan’s left main and circumflex coronary arteries were significantly blocked and could not be treated with stents. Now, Regan needed open heart surgery.

“When I went in to meet the heart surgeon, Dr. Robin Varghese, associate professor of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, I was very anxious, but I came out feeling this is going to be okay,” Regan recalled. “He walked me through what the procedure entailed. He had a diagram of the heart and the arteries and he was positive, calming and reassuring. He made me feel like we got this and this is what we do every day.”

On April 30, Dr. Varghese and his team performed surgery to restore blood flow to his heart. “After surgery, we took Bill to our Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit,” said Dr. Varghese, who is also director of cardiovascular critical care at Mount Sinai Hospital. “He was sitting up in the chair in no time and looking great. He surprised us all.” Within four days, Regan was released from the hospital and was back home on the South Shore under the supervision of South Nassau’s Homecare program. Within two days of his hospital discharge, he was in church at Sunday services in Massapequa.

“My entire experience was coordinated and supported by the most wonderful people from South Nassau and Mount Sinai,” Regan said. “I feel blessed, thankful and overwhelmed with gratitude to everyone, and I mean everyone, involved in my treatment and recovery at South Nassau and Mount Sinai.”

Regan is well on his way to recovery. After he was released from South Nassau’s Homecare program, he has since undergone successful angioplasty of the left iliac artery and is participating in South Nassau’s Cardiac Rehabilitation program at South Nassau’s Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy Center in Oceanside. He has become more physically active, shed weight and is eating healthier.

“Continuity of care is a key component of quality of care, especially when treating patients with multiple conditions,” said Adhi Sharma, MD, executive vice president for clinical and professional affairs and chief medical officer. “The care was not only lifesaving for Bill, but a seamless journey and patient experience.”

As for Regan, South Nassau Communities Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital are “A-1” in his mind. “They saved me,” he said. “They gave me a new lease on life, and I’m taking full advantage of it.”

ABOUT THE DOCTORS

Carolyne McHyman, DO, South Nassau Primary Care at Bellmore
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Pilar Stevens-Haynes, MD, Chief of Echocardiography, Center for Cardiovascular Health at South Nassau
The director of Noninvasive Cardiac Imaging at South Nassau, Dr. Stevens-Haynes is a clinical cardiologist and board-certified in cardiology, internal medicine, nuclear cardiology and echocardiography. She earned a medical degree from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where she completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiology.

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South Nassau Upgrades to New $2.5 Million da Vinci® Xi Surgical Robot to Benefit Patients

South Nassau Communities Hospital has acquired the new da Vinci Xi Surgical Robot system, recognized as one of the world’s most advanced robotic surgical technologies. The latest da Vinci Xi model results in less blood loss, reduced risk of infection, post-operative pain and scarring.

“The new da Vinci system helps surgeons perform complex surgeries with refined dexterity, precision and control, through small incisions,” said Rajiv Datta, MD, chairman of the Department of Surgery and medical director of the Gertrude and Louis Feil Cancer Center. “ Patients will recover more quickly and have a shorter hospital stay and experience the best possible recovery that will allow them to resume their daily living activities sooner.”

The original model of the da Vinci system was installed in South Nassau’s operating room in September 2010. Since then, South Nassau surgeons have used the system to perform minimally invasive gynecologic, chest, urologic, colon and head and neck surgeries. The upgraded da Vinci system was installed at a cost of $2.5 million as part of South Nassau’s ongoing commitment to invest in advanced surgical technologies.

“We are excited to be able to offer our patients greater access to the latest generation of da Vinci surgical system technology,” said Dr. Datta. “The da Vinci system has been very successful from a safety and patient outcome perspective and we expect the new equipment, combined with the expertise of our surgical teams, will improve patient outcomes even further.”

“This investment is another sign of our ongoing commitment to the South Shore to make the latest tools available to our surgeons to improve patient safety and outcomes,” said Richard J. Murphy, South Nassau’s President and CEO.

The da Vinci Xi features an immersive 3-D, high-definition vision system that provides surgeons greater access to a highly magnified view of the surgical field. The system also has the ability to allow other surgeons to observe and track robotic surgical procedures as they are being performed by surgeons controlling the system.

The da Vinci Xi is an assistant to the surgeon, so it can’t be programmed to perform surgery. Surgeons control the system and use its specialized instruments, including a miniaturized surgical camera and wristed instruments (scissors, scalpels and forceps), to perform surgical procedures with enhanced precision, minimizing impact to tissue and organs located next to the surgical field.

Photo: Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
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The partnership has been approved by the New York State Department of Health, New York State Attorney General and the New York State Department of Education. It has also won the support of local community leaders and elected officials who welcome Mount Sinai to Long Island.

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— Joseph J. Fennessy, chairman of South Nassau’s Board of Directors

The Mount Sinai Hospital is ranked No. 18 nationally in the 2017-2018 “Best Hospitals” issue of U.S. News & World Report, and is ranked nationally in 10 adult medical specialties. South Nassau operates the only Trauma Center on the South Shore of Nassau County, along with Long Island’s only free-standing Emergency Department in Long Beach. The hospital also is nationally-recognized for its nursing care and has received honors for orthopedic treatment and women’s care from Healthgrades, a national independent rating agency.

South Nassau is in the midst of a strategic growth initiative that has transformed it to a provider of regional, acute care hospital-based services as well as a comprehensive network of specialty health care centers. The cornerstones of South Nassau’s growth strategy are planned expansion projects to build a four-story Southwest Addition, three-story parking structure, and new central utility plant and electrical emergency facility on the hospital’s main campus in Oceanside and a Medical Arts Pavilion at its Long Beach campus.

APPOINTMENTS

South Nassau Names New Chief of Geriatric Medicine

South Nassau Communities Hospital has appointed Clifford Feiner, DO, chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Feiner is assistant professor in the departments of Geriatrics/Palliative Care and Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He served as founding chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine at Queens Hospital Center.

A Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Feiner earned a medical degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology, completed an internal medicine residency at Long Island College Hospital and was fellowship-trained in geriatrics.

Transplant Hepatobiliary Surgeon Joins South Nassau Staff

Ganesh Gunasekaran, MD, has served on the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital since 2014. Prior to his Mount Sinai appointment, he was on the faculty at Westchester Medical Center as a multi-organ transplant/hepatobiliary surgeon.

After earning a medical degree from Madras Medical College in India, he completed a residency in general surgery at Montefiore Medical Center and a fellowship in multi-organ transplant and hepatobiliary surgery under the tutelage of the renowned Dr. Charles Miller at the Cleveland Clinic.

An integral member of Mount Sinai Hospital’s liver cancer program, Dr. Gunasekaran has published numerous papers in peer-reviewed journals and is highly regarded in the international community for his expertise in hepatobiliary resection and transplantation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.
South Nassau Named an Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence

South Nassau’s Antimicrobial Stewardship program—one of only 25 in the nation—has been designated a Center of Excellence by the International Infectious Diseases Society of America. The designation recognizes institutions that achieve high standards established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for antimicrobial stewardship programs led by infectious diseases physicians and infectious diseases-trained pharmacists.

“Antimicrobial stewardship enhances tremendously the quality of care and is critical in the fight against drug-resistant microbes,” said Aaron E. Glatt, MD, chairman of the Department of Medicine and hospital epidemiologist. “The success of the program is due to the excellent collaboration between our physicians, pharmacists and other clinicians who are focused on delivering high-quality patient care.”

News Notes:

Paul Moglia, PhD, associate residency director, director of Behavioral and Faculty Education, Department of Family Medicine, and director of Faculty Development, co-edited the 8th edition of “Salem Health: Magill’s Medical Guide,” jointly published by Salem Press (for the online version) and Grey House Publishing (for the print version). The five-volume reference featured 3,000 pages with 1,289 articles that included 120 new topics. Dr. Moglia worked with more than 400 experts in the field and received contributions from South Nassau’s faculty and residents in Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, General Surgery and Podiatry.

South Nassau First Hospital in NY State to Acquire Rapid Test for Bloodstream Infection

South Nassau is the only hospital in New York State to acquire a new diagnostic tool that rapidly identifies common bloodstream bacteria and determines which antibiotics will kill the germs that cause sepsis. The FDA-approved Accelerate PhenoTest™ BC Kit, a first-of-its-kind diagnostic system, returns results in about seven hours, allowing physicians to begin treatment sooner. Without timely treatment, sepsis can rapidly lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death. Current methodologies can take several days to identify a bacteria and determine which antibiotics will destroy the germs.

SOUTH NASSAU’S DOCTORS ARE RAISING THE STANDARD OF MEDICINE EVEN HIGHER

Thirty-nine members of South Nassau’s medical staff across 25 specialties, including three clinical department leaders, have been selected to Castle Connolly’s “Top Doctors” annual list. To compile the “Top Doctors” lists, Castle Connolly contacts more than 50,000 physicians and hospital and health care executives each year and asks them to name the nation’s best physicians in various specialties. Honorees are selected by a physician-led research team based on criteria, including medical education; training; hospital appointments; board-certification; experience; and disciplinary history. To view the complete list of Castle Connolly’s “Top Doctors,” go to southnassau.org/topdoctors.
IN MEMORIAM

Cheryl Carrao, DO, Associate Designated Institutional Officer, Director, Osteopathic Medical Education, Director of Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency, 51

Dr. Cheryl Carrao, associate designated institutional officer, director of the Osteopathic Medical Education, director of the Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency and principal physician of the hospital’s Family Medicine practice in Long Beach, died suddenly on Sept. 29 at her Scarsdale home. The cause is unknown. She was 51.

Dr. Carrao joined the South Nassau staff in 2012 after superstorm Sandy devastated Long Beach Medical Center, where she served as the vice president of Medical Education and chairwoman of the Department of Family Medicine for more than 15 years. After arriving at South Nassau, she successfully restructured its Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency to incorporate the more than 35 residents from the Long Beach Medical Center’s residency program. Colleagues called Dr. Carrao a model physician, leader and unique person and friend. “The most unique quality about Dr. Carrao was her eternal positivity,” said Scott Ippolito, MD, chairman of the Department of Family Medicine. “No matter what the issue or the situation, she would always have a smile and a solution, seeing every day as an opportunity for happiness and success. No words can explain how much she will be missed.”

She is survived by her husband, Vincent Carrao, DDS, chief of the Division of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital; a daughter, Sarah; and son, Thomas.

NEW MEDICAL STAFF

Marygrace Colucci, NP
Gastroenterology/Medicine

Marcos Cruz, MD
Neuropysiology/Medicine

Elaine Ebberch, CNIM
Neurophysiology/Medicine

Steven Factor, MD
Neuropysiology/Medicine

Adhalian Lalchandani, CNIM
Neurophysiology/Medicine

Viji Meledath, NP
Psychiatry

Thomas Rio, DO
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation/Medicine

George Vavilis, MD
Endocrinology/Medicine

Janet Abrams, MD
Gynecology/Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kenneth Angelino, MD
Hematology, Oncology/Medicine

Carly Erin Barth, MD
Gastroenterology/Medicine

Christopher Anthony Bifulco, PA
Emergency Medicine

William Cabos, CNIM
Neurophysiology/Medicine

Jane Chacko, NP
Hematology, Oncology/Medicine

Daniel Cohen, MD
Rheumatology/Medicine

Emily Haight, CNIM
Neurophysiology/Medicine

Roger L. Kilfoil Jr., DPM
Podiatry/Surgery

Joanne Lai, MD
Pediatric Gastroenterology/Medicine

Christine Lang-Camillery, PA-C
Orthopedic Surgery/Surgery

Rochel Lieberman, Certified Midwife
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Lena Q. Mullaney, DO
Anesthesiology/Anesthesiology

Dylan O’Rourke, PA
Orthopedic Surgery/Surgery

Joonho Park, MD
Nephrology/Medicine

Hari G. Rajagopal, MD
Pediatric Cardiology/Pediatrics

Renee Reinersen, PA
Emergency Medicine

Aron Rovner, MD
Orthopedic Surgery/Surgery

William Runcie, MD
Anesthesia/Anesthesiology

Natan P. Davoudzadeh, MD
Urology/Surgery

Christopher J. DiBlasio, MD
Urology/Surgery

Sabrina Dukach, MD
Pediatrics/Pediatric Hospitalist

Eric Lawrence Freeman, MD
Orthopedic Surgery/Surgery

Arindam Ghatak, MD
Internal Medicine/Medicine

Semyon Gurgov, MD
Urology/Surgery

Ira M. Jaffe, DO
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Cynthia Lamour, DO
Family Practice

Maureen Malone, NP
Pain Management/Anesthesia

Honoring Physicians’ Years of Service

At the June 5 quarterly medical staff meeting, nearly 145 physicians marked years of service, from five to 53 years. South Nassau recognized Elliott Eisenberger, MD, Department of Radiology, left, and Matthew Rifkin, MD, chairman, Department of Radiology, center, for their five years of service, as Adhi Sharma, MD, executive vice president and chief medical officer, looks on. To see photos from the Years of Service awards ceremony, go to https://flic.kr/s/aHsmxng1U5.
Over the past three decades, members of the President’s Club have been at the forefront of leadership and philanthropy at South Nassau Communities Hospital. With your pledge, you can help provide the gold standard of care to the residents of Nassau County’s South Shore.

Please consider supporting South Nassau by joining the President’s Club at one of the pledge levels below. (Pledges can be paid over 10 years.)

- Chairman: $100,000+
- Trustee: $50,000
- Cabinet: $25,000
- Member: $10,000

To become a member, call Nelvie Howard at (516) 377-5366.

Mark your calendar and plan to donate at South Nassau’s second blood drive of 2019.

- When: Thursday, April 4, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Where: South Nassau’s Albert Conference Room

For more information or to register, call South Nassau’s Department of Human Resources at 516–632–4080.

Providing Language Assistance to Limited English-Proficient Patients
Office-based Medicaid providers can now be reimbursed for language interpretation services to limited English proficient patients in their offices. This includes language services provided over the phone through companies such as CyraCom, which offers interpretation services in more than 170 languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, refer to the “New York State Medicaid Update,” October 2012, V. 28, No. 11.

Read Physicians’ Forum online! go to www.southnassau.org and click on the “Medical Staff” link.