

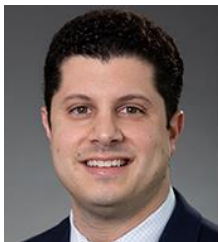
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## RADIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL IMAGING UPDATES



Cheryl Granucci, Director of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging at Yale New Haven Hospital will be retiring at the end of May after 42 years in radiology. We are grateful for her leadership and wish her the best as she begins an exciting

new chapter in her life, spending time with her grandchildren and enjoying some long awaited travel time with her husband.



Congratulations to David Facchini, who has been named director of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, Yale New Haven Hospital. He joined YNHH in 2008 as a radiologic technologist and has served as

operations quality supervisor and, most recently, Radiology quality, safety and operations manager. Facchini earned his BS in radiology and MBA in healthcare management from Quinnipiac University. We look forward to the future under his leadership.

### UPDATE on OpenNotes and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

Effective March 2, 2021, federal regulations require all radiology test results to be shared with patients through MyChart immediately upon finalization. This is in compliance with 21st Century Cures Act. Patients already have a right to their medical records, including physician notes, and were able to obtain them on demand either electronically or on paper through Medical Records.

Note sharing seeks to enhance transparency, engage patients and improve communication between patients, caregivers and clinicians.

The implementation of parts of the 21st Century Cures Act, which mandated widespread and rapid release of progress notes and test results, has resulted in challenges with effectively coordinated communication between clinicians and patients.

Diagnostic Imaging is continuing to attempt to reach the ordering clinician with any sensitive/critical positive results before finalizing the report, which is then released to the patient. Although positive feedback is received from the collaborative conversations between radiologists and ordering physicians, radiologists are occasionally having difficulties reaching the right person. Help is needed to insure clinician's contact information is up to date, or an alternative colleague is identified.

To assist with streamlining this process:

- Update clinician contact information in Epic/Smartweb

- Ensure practice/service has covering physician identified for critical result calls
- Provide anticipatory guidance to patients when ordering tests
- When ordering a test that may be especially sensitive, “delay” release to patient
- For community providers who submit a referral by fax, be sure to include detailed contact information for critical results; an updated requisition form includes an area for critical results contact information

If the ordering colleague cannot be readily contacted, the result will be finalized and released immediately to the patient per federal regulations.

As this process is enhanced, email/text notifications when new results or notes are released to patients are temporarily suspended.

Patients will continue to be notified via email and MyChart that they may receive results before their clinician and to allow 2-3 business days for review and communication. Anticipatory guidance from clinicians for patients to send a message if they have not heard about a result within 48 hours may also help.

### New Radiology Order Form

An updated YNHH radiology requisition form will soon be available to include contact information for critical results. It will be available from the physician liaison in your area and a link will be shared for online access.

### Expanded Hours for CT and Ultrasound in Hamden

Evening, Saturday and Sunday appointments for CT and ultrasound are now available at 2560 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden to accommodate more patients in need of imaging.

### Update on Self-Scheduling

Self-scheduling of radiology exams for returning patients is expanding for select exams through MyChart.

CT - all non-contrast studies

Mammograms - screening mammograms

MRI - select exams without contrast

Ultrasound – select exams

Patients should log into their MyChart account to schedule these appointments.

### Updated Nuclear Medicine CPT Guide

An updated CPT guide for Nuclear Medicine is now available and will be distributed to community practices.

### Modality Grid Available on Website

We are distributing the updated YNHH modality grid, which includes additional days and hours, to offices. For an electronic version, requests can be made to your local physician liaison.

### Additional Appointments Available for Screening Mammograms

Appointments for screening mammograms have been added, and the wait time has been significantly reduced. A patient, in a post-survey, recently commented she was very pleased that she was able to get an appointment within a week's time, as she had been told by her gynecologist she may have to wait months. Appointments are now available in the evenings until 8 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 8 am – 4 pm. If a patient also needs an ultrasound, timely appointments for ultrasound only are available at all of our locations.



Yale New Haven Health 3-D Mammography and Breast Ultrasound Van

Use of the new mammography coach has been instrumental in offering more appointments for mammography, visiting Yale New Haven Hospital ambulatory sites on a regular basis. Offering a safe modern environment, the coach is equipped with both 3D mammography and dedicated breast ultrasound rooms. To date, the mammography van has successfully completed 1,042 3D mammograms and 311 screening breast ultrasounds, for a total of 1,353 exams.

### Winchester Center for Lung Disease

Yale New Haven Hospital's Winchester Center for Lung Disease, located at 6 Devine Street in North Haven, opened on March 30. The state-of-the-art facility will serve as a comprehensive pulmonary center for lung health.

The center is equipped to treat a wide array of pulmonary conditions, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult cystic fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, pulmonary hypertension, bronchiectasis, tuberculosis and post-COVID-19 pulmonary disease.

As a part of the Yale New Haven Health North Haven Medical Center, the Winchester Center for Lung Disease will house interventional immunology services, as well as laboratory, endoscopy and radiology services. There will also be Smilow Cancer hospital physicians present at the North Haven center. The ability to have comprehensive pulmonary care under one roof will allow for increased communication and collaboration among sub-specialties, thus improving patient care.

The center houses 30 exam, consultation and procedure rooms, in addition to a Level 3 CPAP — a state-of-the-art cardio-pulmonary exercise test to assist doctors in determining the causes of shortness of breath.

The new center will also house a COVID-19 recovery program, which will address post-COVID-19 symptoms and complications, including changes in memory, cardiac abnormalities, blood clotting disorders and mood changes.



Yale New Haven Health, North Haven Medical Center, 6 Devine Street, North Haven

## PEDIATRIC UPDATES

### 5th Annual Fairfield County Pediatric Education Day Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Join us for a day of updates presented by Yale Medicine pediatric specialists from Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, and earn 5 CME credits.

8:30 am – 3 pm  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Virtual LIVE Interactive Webinar

Topics include:

- Infectious Disease
- Pediatric Surgery
- Gastroenterology and Behavioral Health
- Hot Topics in Neonatal Medicine

To register, please visit [www.ct-aap.org/event/fifth-annual-fairfield-county-pediatric-education-day/](http://www.ct-aap.org/event/fifth-annual-fairfield-county-pediatric-education-day/), or scan the QR code below.



### 2021 Pediatric Community Education Series

*Pediatric Heart Failure and Transplant*, May 20, 2021, 6 - 7 pm. Presented by Kevin Hall, MD, pediatric cardiologist and Director of the Pediatric Heart Transplant and Pediatric Heart Failure Programs at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. Moderated by Steven Schiz, MD.

*Obesity*, May 27, 2021, 7 - 8 am. Presented by Michelle Van Name, MD, pediatric endocrinologist at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. Moderated by Greg Germain, MD.

### Yale Urology 2021 CME Series: Pediatric Bowel and Bladder Dysfunction

*Voiding Dysfunctions from Children to Adult: A Continuum*, May 11, 2021, 6 pm. Presented by Israel Franco, MD, pediatric urologist and Director of Bladder and Continence Program at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, and *Pediatric Constipation: What Works When Miralax Doesn't*, Presented by Danya Rosen, MD, pediatric gastroenterologist at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

To register, visit:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6YEsxCuCQjCi94mCyx\\_5\\_w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6YEsxCuCQjCi94mCyx_5_w)

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds are held virtually every Wednesday at noon. For details and to be added to the mailing list for notifications, send your request to [sheryl.richetelli@yale.edu](mailto:sheryl.richetelli@yale.edu).

### COVID-19 Town Halls

Town Halls for our pediatric community providers regarding COVID-19 are held on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. Led by Thomas Murray, MD, PhD, associate medical director, infection prevention, YNHCH and Matthew Grossman, MD, interim section chief, hospital medicine, vice chair for quality and safety, YNHCH. You may submit questions in advance of the meeting. Upcoming sessions: May 3, 17 and 31. On May 3, guest speaker will be Rebecca Ciaburri, MSHA, BSN, RN, who will discuss the new Pediatric Comprehensive COVID Program.

### Self-Scheduling of Pediatric Patients on MyChart

Self-scheduling of appointments is now available for select imaging for returning pediatric patients. Parents/patients should log in to [mychart.ynhhs.org/](http://mychart.ynhhs.org/) to book appointments.

### Provider Schedules of Pediatric Specialty Centers

Provider Schedules are available for the following Pediatric Specialty Center sites:

#### **Greenwich**

Greenwich Hospital  
5 Perryridge Road

#### **Norwalk**

Belden Square  
747 Belden Avenue, 1st floor

#### **Old Saybrook**

Old Saybrook Medical Center  
633 Middlesex Turnpike

#### **Trumbull**

Park Avenue Medical Center  
5520 Park Avenue

Contact your physician liaison if you would like an updated copy.

### Pediatric Audiology

Pediatric Audiology services are now available at our Pediatric Specialty Centers in Old Saybrook and Trumbull. Other sites include the Pediatric Specialty Center in Norwalk, and at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital in New Haven.

### Outpatient Pediatric Surgery

Expanded pediatric surgical procedures are now available at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Park Avenue Medical Center in Trumbull, and Shoreline Medical Center in Guilford. Service lines include general surgery, gastroenterology, gynecology, orthopedics, ENT and urology.

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