

Presby Bulletin

Penn Presbyterian Medical Center

VOLUME 4 • ISSUE 16 • JULY 31, 2009



All PPMC employees, including Michele Volpe and Bob Russell, will begin using the e-STAR system in August. Photo by Ted Pettinicchi.

e-STAR Here at Last!

e-STAR (electronic scheduling time and attendance record) is going live at PPMC in early September. It will be the official time collection system for all Penn Presbyterian employees. HUP, Pennsylvania Hospital and CPUP have implemented e-STAR over the past year. All employees, including Michele Volpe and the Administrative team, will use e-STAR.

Over the past few weeks, many of our managers have been trained and are enrolling their employees in the e-STAR system. As employees are enrolled and trained, they are “badging” into the new e-STAR system, as well as continuing to clock in using the current time clocks, to help us identify any issues ahead of time.

All employees must be enrolled by Sunday, August 9th – when our first comparison time period begins – and they must clock in using both e-STAR and the current system until the new system has been validated. We anticipate our first “live” paycheck from e-STAR will be for the pay period starting September 6 for the pay check dated September 25.

e-STAR offers many advantages:

- Employees may view their sick, personal, vacation and holiday time balances at any time.
- Paychecks will be on time and accurate – policies will be consistently applied across the organization and there will be no more estimated time for holiday weeks.
- Time off requests can be sent directly to their manager via e-STAR and the manager can communicate back directly to the employee.
- From the safety standpoint, during an emergency we will be able to determine who is on site immediately.

This new system will improve PPMC’s payroll efficiency and ensure employees are paid accurately for their work performed. As you and your colleagues go through e-STAR training and start using the system, please contact your manager with any questions, or visit the e-STAR website at <http://uphsxnet.uphs.upenn.edu/estar/>.

Fast Moves

- The Penn Wound Care Center moved to PPMC’s Medical Office Building (MOB), Suite 220 on July 23. Formerly at Penn Medicine at Rittenhouse, the Penn Wound Care Center provides comprehensive care for patients with chronic wounds caused by diabetes, constricted blood vessels, pressure, leg swelling, vascular disease and other chronic conditions. Their phone number is 215.662.8515.
- OR 15 will open at the beginning of August and is set up primarily for orthopaedic surgeries. Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of the *Presby Bulletin*.

New Fox Learning Center Helps Teach the Art of Physical Exams

The Penn Presbyterian Medical Center has a new addition in the medical library—the Fox

Learning Center, an interactive center dedicated to rejuvenating the art of the physical exam.

Jack Ende, MD, Chief of PPMC's

Department of Medicine, initiated the new center, which was planned with involvement from the PPMC Library

Committee, and supported by the Fox Family and PPMC's

Medicine staff. The new Center

opened in June and has already started making an impact at PPMC.

All medical residents, doctors, advanced professionals, nurses and medical students have access to the education materials in the Center. The new resources include

- “Harvey” the cardiology patient simulator, a life-size mannequin capable of simulating the bedside findings of a wide variety of cardiovascular conditions,
- artificial models of different anatomic parts including pelvic, rectal, breast, shoulder, hip and knee trainers,
- an IV arm skeleton kit,
- multiple posters of the musculoskeletal system,
- a computer dedicated to physical exam websites, and
- procedure kits for spinal tap, paracentesis, and thoracentesis.

As other departments at PPMC suggest additional teaching resources, they hope to provide more materials in the Fox Learning Center. Please stop by the PPMC Health Sciences Library to see the new materials, or for more information, contact Jack Ende at jack.ende@uphs.upenn.edu or Anita Lee at anita.lee@uphs.upenn.edu.



PPMC Nurse Travels to Jamaica to Help Those in Need

For Natalie Clarke, RN, MBA, life as a nurse does not just consist of working in Cardiology at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. Clarke has taken her 10 years of nursing experience and knowledge across the world to Jamaica to help those in dire need.

The Jamaica Medical Mission, co-founded by Clarke's brother, is based out of Nova Southeastern University in Florida and is in its ninth year. The mission sets up a make shift clinic in rural Jamaica for 10 days a year which offers free medical, dental, heart and eye care, as well occupational medicine, public health and nutrition education and access to a pharmacy. For Natalie's second trip this past June, she was joined by a group of 115 volunteers.

Since many of the volunteers had no medical experience, Clarke's nursing experience and assessment skills were very helpful as she educated volunteers on general medical, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol care, along with diet and nutritional education. She also organized volunteers to triage patients.

“I also became a role model for the patients interested in taking care of their personal health.”

Clarke's life as a nurse will forever be changed by the experiences and knowledge gained from volunteering in Jamaica. “It was a wonderful experience. I am glad I could give back my knowledge and experience to help patients better their lives,” said Clarke. “I also became a role model for the patients interested in taking care of their personal health.”

As this year's 10-day trip came to an end, patients were already looking forward to the group's arrival next year. Natalie's experience with the mission has forever changed her life as nurse. She hopes to continue changing the lives of patients in the years to come.