

# PHYSICIAN NEWSBRIEFS

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## PLEASE WELCOME NEW PROVIDERS



**Alfred Bachiller, DO, family medicine**, joined Family Medicine at Warren Ave. Dr. Bachiller received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at Niagara Falls Memorial Center located in Niagara Falls, New York. Dr. Bachiller will see patients at 1705 Warren Ave., Suite 303, Williamsport. To contact Dr. Bachiller call, 570-326-8500.



**Jessica Osman, DO, pediatrician**, joined Susquehanna Pediatrics at South Williamsport. Dr. Osman received her medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is board certified in pediatrics and is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Osteopathic Association. Drs. Osman sees patients at 6 E. Mountain Ave., South Williamsport. To contact Dr. Osman call 570-321-1665.



**Mark Odorizzi, DO, pediatrician**, joined Susquehanna Pediatrics at South Williamsport. Dr. Odorizzi received his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his pediatric residency training through the Navy at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va. He is board certified in pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians. Dr. Odorizzi sees patients at 6 E. Mountain Ave., South Williamsport. To contact Dr. Odorizzi call 570-321-1665.

**Nathaniel Hare, MD, allergist**, joined Susquehanna Health Allergy at River Ave. in Williamsport. Dr. Hare earned his medical degree at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H. and his fellowship in allergy and immunology at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine as well as the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. Dr. Hare will see patients at 451 River Ave., Williamsport. To refer a patient call 570-320-7070.



**Howard Katz, MD, orthopaedic trauma surgeon**, joins the orthopaedic and trauma team. Dr. Katz earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Katz is a member of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, Fellow of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Fellow of American College of Surgeons. Dr. Katz will see patients at 1201 Grampian Blvd., Williamsport. To refer a patient call 570-321-2020.

## 2018 Review

### Quality Strides

Health care continues to change rapidly. Delivering high-quality care in a lower-cost setting gives UPMC Susquehanna the competitive edge we need to excel. In 2018, we earned accolades for the value — the high-quality, safe, convenient, and affordable experiences — we routinely create for our patients. Some of these recognitions include:

- UPMC Susquehanna was named one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems by IBM Watson Health. IBM Watson processed billions of publicly available clinical, operational, and patient satisfaction data points to spotlight the best performing health systems in the U.S. Of the nearly 3,000 organizations they examined we made the list of the nation's Top 15.
- The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, recognized and re-certified UPMC Susquehanna with The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers.
- UPMC Williamsport became the regions only hospital to earn The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Total Hip and Total Knee Joint Replacement certification.
- A multidisciplinary team of service partners at UPMC Williamsport were named winners in the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority's annual *I Am Patient Safety* contest.
- UPMC Susquehanna received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2018 for excellence in heart attack care. UPMC Susquehanna is one of only 37 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.

- The laboratory at UPMC Soldiers + Sailors received reaccreditation from the Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). In addition, the Point of Care Testing program and Blood Gas Laboratory also received accreditation.
- UPMC Lock Haven received reaccreditation from The Joint Commission as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital.
- The American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer (CoC) recognized UPMC Susquehanna Cancer Centers' accreditation with gold-level commendation. The commendation is valid through 2021, and UPMC Susquehanna's program received the highest level of accreditation in all categories possible.

### Progress Continues

Our strong quality and experience outcomes such as those mentioned above provide the foundation needed to grow and reinvest in the organization. Over the past year, we have:

- Opened a new state-of-the-art outpatient clinic in McElhattan.
- Renovated patient areas in all of our hospitals including Lock Haven and Sunbury.
- Renovated the Employee Health offices turning them into a MyHealth@Work Center at Williamsport and added virtual MyHealth@Work kiosks at all the other Susquehanna campuses.
- Recruited more than 150 new providers.

In 2019 the groundbreaking and construction work will begin for the new trauma and rehabilitation center at Williamsport and the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at Divine Providence.

These expansion and renovation projects are made possible in part through the support of the Susquehanna Health Foundation.

## Becoming Hillman Cancer Center — What's in a Name?

A lot, when it's UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, one of the largest integrated cancer networks in the country and the region's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, stands for unsurpassed excellence in cancer care. Starting, Friday, Feb. 1, the UPMC Susquehanna cancer centers located in Williamsport and Wellsboro are proud to be UPMC Hillman Cancer Center sites. The centers will now be known as UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport and UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Wellsboro.

"UPMC Hillman Cancer Center stands for unsurpassed excellence in cancer care and we're proud to now be UPMC Hillman Cancer Centers," said Michelle Gaida, executive director, Cancer Care Services, UPMC Susquehanna. "We're taking the battle against cancer to the next level, building on our mission of providing world-class care for patients close

to home. As Hillman Cancer Centers, we're giving patients increased access to renowned cancer specialists, cutting-edge research in immunotherapy, more than 500 leading-edge clinical trials, and the most advanced technology for cancer detection and treatment."

"We believe that cancer patients should receive their treatment as close to home as possible," said Stephanie Dutton, chief operating officer at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. "That's why we are proud to partner with UPMC Susquehanna, so that cancer patients in the community can receive the highest quality of cancer care in their own community."

University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute was founded in 1985, primarily as a research institution. In 2002, UPMC opened the first Hillman Cancer Center, adjacent to UPMC Shadyside, to bring cancer specialists from 12 UPMC hospitals together to provide services in one convenient location. From those beginnings, the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center network has expanded to include 33 medical oncology centers, 21 radiation oncology centers, six dual medical and radiation oncology centers, and four international centers and partnerships. UPMC Hillman Cancer Center treats over 110,000 patients each year in the U.S., which includes over 37,000 new patients annually.

## First Same-Day Hip Replacement Surgery at UPMC Susquehanna

John Bailey, MD, orthopedic surgeon, recently became the first provider in the area to successfully complete a same-day anterior hip replacement with a 53-year old patient from Cogan Station.

Unlike traditional hip surgery, a same-day hip replacement is an outpatient procedure that replaces the anterior hip by accessing the femur through a small incision in the front of the hip joint, eliminating the need to cut muscles and tendons to access the hip. This allows for a faster recovery, less pain, and a shorter hospital stay—sometimes only a few hours.

"Patients often feel more comfortable recovering at home," explains Dr. Bailey. "The patient is in familiar surroundings, loved ones can visit more easily, and a shorter hospital stay means less risk for infection."

Three hours after the successful hip replacement, the patient was up and exercising with the rehabilitation team; and that same evening, he was discharged home. With a regimen of gentle stretches, elevation, and building up his movements, the patient was back to his normal daily routine in just a few short weeks.

For more information on UPMC Susquehanna's same-day hip program, visit [UPMCSusquehanna.org/Barry](http://UPMCSusquehanna.org/Barry).

## In the Professions

**Jasneet Bhullar, MD, MS**, colorectal surgeon, recently participated in the National Institutes of Health's Pelvic Floor Consortium. At the consortium, he was part of a panel of experts working to formulate national guidelines for fecal incontinence. UPMC Susquehanna is making great strides in pelvic floor disorders and is now recognized by peer groups as a regional center for pelvic floor disorders.

Congratulations to **John Bailey, MD**, for being recognized as a recipient of UPMC's 2018 Richard L. Simmons, MD, Speak Up for Patient Safety Award. The award honors those who embody Dr. Simmons' values of passion for patient safety in caring for patients.

## Surgical Oncology Available at UPMC Susquehanna



**David L. Bartlett, MD** is the Bernard Fisher Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, vice chairman for surgical oncology and gastrointestinal services at UPMC, and vice chairman of the David C. Koch Regional Perfusion Cancer Therapy Center at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. Dr. Bartlett is board certified in general surgery specializing in gastrointestinal cancers, with particular emphasis on peritoneal surface malignancies, advanced, complex abdominal malignancies, gastric cancer, liver tumors, pancreatic tumors, and abdominal sarcomas. He has more than 15 years of experience performing hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemoperfusion (HIPEC), having helped pioneer the procedure. HIPEC is a technique that precisely targets an organ or region of the body with high-temperature chemotherapy agents, and is currently offered at UPMC in Pittsburgh.



**Heather Jones, MPA-C** received her undergraduate degree in physician assistant studies at the University of Pittsburgh and earned her master's degree in physician assistant studies at Duquesne University. Ms. Jones is an expert physician assistant in the division of surgical oncology at UPMC having worked directly with Dr. Bartlett for 14 years.

Together, Dr. Bartlett and Ms. Jones focus on complicated abdominal cancers and surgeries for both curative and palliative intent. They specialize in regional therapies for stage IV cancers and have an interest in peritoneal and liver metastases. Dr. Bartlett and Ms. Jones will provide comprehensive and compassionate care in collaboration with UPMC Susquehanna medical and radiation oncologists and primary care physicians for patients needing an oncologic operation, both in pre- and post-operative care.

Dr. Bartlett and Ms. Jones are located in the General Surgery office at UPMC Williamsport Regional Medical Center. For more information or referrals call 570-321-3160.

## CMS Price Transparency Rule Now in Effect

In its 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) final rule, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated federal guidelines to comply with the statutory requirement that "each hospital operating within the United States" make its standard charges available on the Internet beginning Jan. 1, 2019. In alignment with UPMC corporate strategy, UPMC Susquehanna now lists three data elements when publishing machine-readable Charge Description Master (CDM) files to [UPMCSusquehanna.org](http://UPMCSusquehanna.org): hospital name, charge description, and standard CDM charge. Each hospital's CDM file is posted separately on its individual website, as opposed to aggregating the CDM files and making them available as a group on a single system-wide webpage. Additional disclaimer language and frequently asked questions are included on the webpages where the CDM file is published. To access the CDM files, please visit [UPMCSusquehanna.org](http://UPMCSusquehanna.org).

## Dermatology Relocates

As part of the expansion at UPMC Williamsport Regional Medical Center, dermatology relocated from 699 Rural Ave., to 1205 Grampian Blvd., Suite 1A. The phone number has changed to 570-326-8060.

## Specialty Access

Our providers in neurology, pain management, orthopaedics, and general surgery help us continue our proactive approach to improved access to care. Call today for the earliest available appointments for your patients.

**Orthopaedics** - 570-321-2020

**Neurology** - 570-321-2820

**Pain Management**

Williamsport - 570-326-8457

Lock Haven - 570-893-5437

**General Surgery**

Williamsport- 570-321-3760

Lock Haven - 570-769-1300

Muncy - 570-546-4185

Wellsboro - 570-723-0716

Sunbury - 570-286-3584

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