



TO: University Senate

FROM: William Wertheim, MD, MBA
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ACADEMIC UPDATES

Kathleen Monahan Receives Long Island Network for Clinical and Translational Science Award

Dr. Kathleen Monahan was awarded \$25,000 from the Long Island Network for Clinical and Translational Science (LINCATS) to continue her study “Brain Metabolism and Cognitive Impairment following Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) of Domestic Violence Shelter Residents: A PET/MRI study.” The proposed study will use advanced brain imaging technology (MRI/PET) in conjunction with detailed neuropsychological evaluation to better understand the sequelae of IPV-related TBI in women and explore whether IPV-related TBI leads to decreased rates of metabolism in specific brain regions that support higher brain function, which correlate with the type and severity of cognitive deficits. This pilot study will facilitate the acquisition of funding mechanisms to foster larger studies.

Jeanette Lukas Elected to Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Programs

Jeanette Lukas, Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Social Welfare, was elected to the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Programs (BPD) Board in the Non-Program Director Position. BPD focuses on excellence in undergraduate education and practice to help communities thrive.

RSOM Faculty to Facilitate Alda Healthcare Experience

Four Family & Community Medicine Division faculty—Drs. Lovedhi Aggarwal, Jeanine Morelli, Sritha Rajupet and Howard Sussman—are serving as clinical co-facilitators in the Alda Healthcare Experience, an interdepartmental (FPPM, Pediatrics, Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Pathology and Surgery), HRSA-funded program that cultivates provider resilience via communication, self-care and organizational training in collaboration with the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science.



Jeannie Guglielmo Joins American Society for Clinical Pathology Advisory Committee

Jeannie Guglielmo, clinical associate professor and chair for the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, has been invited to join the Program Directors Advisory Committee for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). The ASCP unites more than 100,000 anatomic and clinical pathologists, medical laboratory professionals, residents and students to accelerate the advancement of laboratory medicine to better improve patient care through knowledge, collaboration, and global community.

School of Social Welfare Faculty Participate in Interprofessional Healthy Libraries Program

SSW Professors Amy Hammock and Leah Topek-Walker, along with SBU colleagues from the Nursing, Physical Therapy, Library Science and Public Health, will provide access to in-person and virtual healthcare related resources through the Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP), an interprofessional training program where students spend time each week at Long Island libraries offering patrons support for various health issues using a team approach. The program also affords research opportunities writing literature reviews, conducting data analysis, etc.

[School of Health Professions and Renaissance School of Medicine Mourn the Passing of Brooke Ellison, Associate Professor and Medical Ethics Expert](#)

Brooke Ellison, associate professor in Stony Brook University's School of Health Professions, health policy and medical ethics expert, leader in stem cell research and passionate advocate for the disabled, died February 4 at the age of 45. Ellison's inspirational story was known to many at Stony Brook and beyond. Paralyzed from the neck down at age 11 after being hit by a car while trying to cross a busy road on her first day of junior high school, Ellison went on to graduate with honors from Ward Melville High School in Setauket, NY, and earn admission to Harvard University, where she graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in cognitive neuroscience. She later earned a master's in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and received her PhD in sociology from Stony Brook in 2012, joining the university faculty that same year.

Ellison was an associate professor in the Department of Health Sciences in the School of Health Professions as well as a research assistant professor in the Renaissance School of Medicine, and former director of the Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development, which fosters research partnerships between the university and community-based organizations and groups throughout Suffolk County.



Dean of the School of Health Professions Stacy Jaffee Gropack said, “Dr. Ellison was not just a remarkable individual but also a beacon of inspiration for countless people around the world. Her indomitable spirit, unwavering determination, and profound contributions to education, advocacy, and healthcare have left an enduring impact that will be felt for generations to come.”

Renaissance School of Medicine Mourns the Passing of Arthur Grollman, Founding Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences

The Renaissance School of Medicine is saddened by the passing of Arthur Grollman, founding Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences. Dr. Grollman, a Distinguished Professor of Pharmacological Sciences, Evelyn G. Glick Professor of Experimental Medicine, and Director of the Zickler Laboratory of Chemical Biology, founded the RSOM’s Department of Pharmacological Sciences in 1974. Under his leadership, the department consistently ranked among the top departments of Pharmacology in the United States. Though he stepped down as Chair in 2001, Dr. Grollman remained very active within the department, and was a driving force in the formation and growth of the Laufer Center.

School of Nursing Students Join Board of Nursing Students’ Association of New York State

The Nursing Students’ Association of New York State (NSANYS) held the 72nd Annual Convention on February 10. NYSNA President and Stony Brook School of Nursing student, Matthew Zender, led the successful event while taking the time to inspire prospective Stony Brook Students. Stony Brook received four awards and two scholarships, and nine Nursing and Pre-Nursing students were elected to sit on the NSANYS board: Matthew Zender, President; Temidayo Taiwo, Treasurer; Krystal Robinson, Breakthrough to Nursing Director; Christopher Garcia, Nominations & Elections Chair/Genesee Valley Regional Director; Jillian Radesca, Long Island Regional Director; Erin Fechtig (Midhudson Regional Director); Dhiya Binu (Northeast Regional Director); Avary Kwai, Central Regional Director; and Rafia Tasnim (Western Regional Director).

Renaissance School of Medicine Students Represented at the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) 2024 Annual Meeting

Postgraduate Year 3 resident Melissa Schwartz, will give a podium presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) in Washington, D.C. in April. The presentation is entitled, “Cervical Cancer Screening 2023 QI Project,” and is a collaboration with the American Cancer Society.



The ACPM is well represented with a strong RSOM influence: Its current president, Mirza Rahman, completed his General Preventive Medicine & Public Health and Family Medicine residencies and earned his MD degree at the RSOM. The school's Associate Residency Program Director, Yuri Jadotte, is Vice Chair of the ACPM's 2024 Annual Meeting, and will deliver a concurrent session oral presentation entitled, "The Foci of Public Health and Preventive Medicine: Results of a 4-Year Delphi Study from the Journal AJPM Focus." He is also moderating a workshop entitled, "Brief Action Planning: An Innovative Behavior Change Model for Lifestyle and Preventive Medicine."

[SHP Student Featured in Governor Hochul's State of the State Address](#)

Health Science major, Kimberly Owusu '24, was recently featured in a video from Governor Hochul's State of the State Address this past January. Kimberly was chosen for her successes both inside and outside the classroom, and her pride and commitment to the Stony Brook community.

Ahmad's Attenuators Win 2024 New York Ultrasound Olympics for Medical Students

Renaissance School of Medicine team, "Ahmad's Attenuators," emerged as champions of the 2024 New York Ultrasound Olympics for Medical Students. Sixteen teams from various medical schools took part in the inaugural event, competing in a series of ultrasound challenges that tested both conceptual and hands-on skills, including image acquisition and interpretation skills, physics and artifacts knowledge, anatomy and pathophysiology, and more. Shabnam Parsa, Ben Krauss, Harry Kuperstein and Jon Aminov led "Ahmad's Attenuators"—coined for Dr. Sahar Ahmad, Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine—and the RSOM to a well-deserved victory.

Renaissance School of Medicine and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Intercultural Initiatives (DI3) sponsor "So, You Want to Attend Medical School?" Conference

On February 23, the Renaissance School of Medicine and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives (DI3) sponsored "[So, You Want to Attend Medical School?](#)" a free, all-day conference for pre-medical students. The annual event was attended by more than 100 registrants, faculty, and staff, who participated in panels and open discussions designed to educate pre-medical students about the processes of applying and preparing for medical school, understanding financing options, discovering research opportunities, handling stress and more.

School of Social Welfare Students, Alumni, and Faculty Participate in Homeless on Long Island Census Count

SSW students and alumni, along with Leah Topek-Walker, Clinical Assistant Professor, participated in the Point in Time (PIT) count with the LI Coalition for the Homeless. This national event counts the number of people that are unsheltered and living outside. The group of census counters covered approximately a 15 mile radius of wooded areas, provided supplies and resources, and visited with people living in tents. The PIT Count contributes to a greater understanding of the extent of homelessness in the area.

Speech-Language Pathology to Hold Annual Pinning Ceremony on March 7

The Speech-Language Pathology program will hold its annual Pinning Ceremony on Thursday March 7 at 4:00 PM in the Duke Lecture Hall at Stony Brook Southampton. This celebration symbolizes the importance of mentorship between the first and second-year students. The event is open to invited guests and enrolled students, faculty, and staff of the Speech-Language Pathology program. For more information please contact Margaret.Sheryll@stonybrook.edu.

Student National Medical Association Hosts African Diaspora Night for Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Student National Medical Association hosted African Diaspora Night at the HSC Galleria on February 23. The event, which featured food, music, games and entertainment, was a vibrant celebration of African culture and its global influence. In addition to hosting a joyful experience that fostered a sense of community and a shared commitment to positive change, as well as raising funds for Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

RSOM EVENT 3 WIM

The 18th annual Women in Medicine & Science Research Day takes place on Wednesday, March 6, inside the HSC's Lecture Hall 1 (on Level 2) and Galleria (on Level 3), from 8 am to 1 pm. Organized by the RSOM's Office of Faculty Affairs, the event honors female faculty and staff in medicine and science, and recognizes abstracts that celebrate their research, discoveries and achievements in these fields. In addition to hosting panel discussions and awarding abstracts finalists, this year's Women in Medicine & Science Research Day's invited speaker is [Dianna M. Milewicz](#), the President George H.W. Bush Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine, Director of the Division of Medical Genetics and Vice-Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) McGovern Medical School.

CLINICAL UPDATES

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- For the second year in a row, [Stony Brook University Hospital \(SBUH\)](#) has achieved the highest level of national recognition as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals from [Healthgrades](#), a leading resource that evaluates approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide. This achievement places SBUH among the top 1% of hospitals nationwide reflecting its commitment to exceptional patient care. SBUH is the only hospital on Long Island to be ranked among the 50 Best Hospitals. As part of this ranking, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital also shares in this recognition.

To determine the top hospitals for 2024, Healthgrades evaluated risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates for more than 30 conditions and procedures at approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide. The 2024 Healthgrades analysis revealed significant variation in hospital performance, making it increasingly important to seek care at top-rated programs. From 2020-2022, if all hospitals, as a group, performed similarly to America's 50 Best Hospitals, 176,124 lives could potentially have been saved. SBUH has also been recognized with national Healthgrades Excellence Awards, five-star (the highest level) national ratings and New York State top five rankings for several specialties.

- Cardiac Care Excellence Award™ (2015-24) and Five-Star Distinction for Heart Attack (2022-24) and Heart Failure (2014-24)
 - Neurosciences Excellence Award™ (2016-24) and ranked #2 in New York State for Neurosciences (2024)
 - Cranial Neurosurgery Excellence Award™ (2020-24) and Five-Star Distinction (2020-24) for Cranial Neurosurgery (2020-24)
 - Stroke Care Excellence Award™ (2016-24), Five-Star Distinction for Treatment of Stroke (2015-24) and ranked #2 in New York State for Stroke Care (2024)
 - Gastrointestinal Care Excellence Award™ (2024), Five-Star Distinction for Treatment of GI Bleed (2024) and ranked #4 in New York State for Gastrointestinal Medical (2024)
 - Critical Care Five-Star Distinctions for treatment of sepsis (2015-24), pulmonary embolism (2024) and Respiratory Failure (2021-24)
- SBUH is among the first eight hospitals in the United States to attain the Health Care Equity Certification from The Joint Commission and the only awarded organization on Long Island. This advanced certification from The Joint Commission is recognized



nationally as The Gold Seal of Approval® in healthcare equity. It identifies SBUH as a top hospital in meeting specific and targeted standards that support patient and staff belongingness and engagement.

The Joint Commission's Health Care Equity Certification was first announced in July 2023, after the COVID-19 pandemic drew attention to national healthcare disparities. In preparation for the process, SBM formed a Health Equity Steering Committee, co-chaired by Chief Patient Experience Officer Nicole Rossol and Dr. Judith Brown Clarke, SBU's Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer.

The organization then established four subcommittees focusing on key priorities, including:

- Data-Driven Care Delivery
- Training and the Culture of Learning
- Community Partnerships
- Diversity, Inclusion, Leadership and Governance

On February 1, The Joint Commission surveyor evaluated SBUH compliance with health equity standards

Praiseworthy recognition was given to SBUH for implementing exemplary practices, such as employing health equity screening and data collection tools, documenting social work effectively, making accommodations to meet the needs of patients with disabilities, ensuring the presence of in-person interpreters and providing video interpretations through the Patient Education Library.

Additionally, Stony Brook's many innovative [community programs](#) were recognized, including the [Mobile Mammography Van](#) and [Mobile Dental Clinic](#), [Stony Brook HOME](#) (Health Outreach and Medical Education) — a free student-run and physician-supervised medical clinic that provides comprehensive primary care to uninsured adults on Long Island — and the [Stony Brook Heights Rooftop Farm](#) and Food Farmacy, which supply approximately 1,500 pounds of fresh produce for patients meal trays and local charities, playing a crucial role in addressing the social determinants of health-related food insecurity.

All SBM hospitals have also been named national leaders in [LGBTQ+ healthcare equality](#) by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and recently, the Renaissance School of Medicine established the first-ever Long Island chapter of [Black Men in White Coats™](#),



which seeks to raise the number of Black men in the field of medicine through exposure, inspiration and mentorship.

Eight hospitals have achieved The Joint Commission's new [health equity certification](#), which the accrediting organization [rolled out](#) in July. Key components of the certification require hospitals to make "health care equity a strategic priority and are collaborating with patients, families, caregivers and external organizations to identify and address needs that help translate equitable health care into better health outcomes," Jonathan Perlin, MD, PhD, president and CEO of The Joint Commission Enterprise, said in a June 27 news release just days before the program launched.

"We have long-standing accreditation requirements about the collection of patient race, ethnicity, and preferred language information, and the new certification requirements are an extension of those expectations," Christina Cordero, PhD, a project director who oversees healthcare quality evaluation at The Joint Commission, told Becker's in [July](#) "Hospitals can build upon their existing processes to ensure that these patient-level data elements are self-reported, incorporate more granular ethnicity categories to better reflect their patient population.

The first eight hospitals to receive the health equity certification are:

- Bergen New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, N.J.
 - Elmhurst Hospital Center in New York City
 - Hackensack Meridian Health (N.J.) University Medical Center
 - Hackensack Meridian Health's Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune Township, N.J.
 - Hackensack Meridian Health's Ocean University Medical Center in Brick, N.J.
 - Hackensack Meridian Health's Palisades Medical Center in North Bergen, N.J.
 - New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City
 - Stony Brook (N.Y.) University Hospital
- The [Stony Brook Heart Institute](#) at SBUH is expanding its advanced treatment options for those with high blood pressure. The Heart Institute is among the [first in the nation](#) to perform ultrasound renal denervation - a groundbreaking, minimally invasive technique to treat high blood pressure for those with resistant hypertension. Resistant hypertension is a form of elevated blood pressure that does not respond to lifestyle changes or medication.



The new technology that was used in the procedure is specifically designed to rein in the blood pressure of those with resistant hypertension. Called the Paradise® Ultrasound Renal Denervation (RDN) system and approved by the FDA on November 7, involves applying ultrasound energy in the renal artery to ablate the nerves that run just outside the artery. This ablation interrupts the nerves communicating between the kidneys and central nervous system, which brings the blood pressure under better control. SBUH is the first on Long Island to use this specific technology and was one of only a select number of centers nationwide to have participated in the RADIANCE CAP trial that demonstrated the safety and effectiveness prior to FDA approval.

Over 122 million Americans have high blood pressure (HBP), which is one of the most important risk factors for cardiovascular disease including heart attacks and stroke. Reducing blood pressure by 10mmHg can reduce the risk of stroke by 27%. Three quarters of Americans with HBP do not have their condition under control, and twenty percent of those Americans whose blood pressure is uncontrolled do not respond to lifestyle modification or medications, and up until now had no other treatment options.

- SBUH recently made Money's "Best Hospitals of 2024" list, with only four hospitals making the list in New York State. Money compiled the rankings, which were released Jan. 18, in partnership with healthcare data firm Dennison Data and research firm Rand Health Care

The methodology for Money's 2024 list of the 115 best hospitals in America leans heavily on the delivery of safe, high-quality care and a pleasing patient experience. More than 13,500 data points were reviewed to rank the hospitals by safety records, patient satisfaction, mortality rates, and hospital physician and practitioner experiences. The list also graded the hospitals on how cost of care matched with their publicly listed prices.

- Stony Brook University Hospital earned two awards in the Clinical Training category of the Center to Advance Palliative Care's (CAPC) third national John A. Hartford Foundation Tipping Point Challenge. The Tipping Point Challenge is a national competition to catalyze the spread of skills, ideas and solutions that will improve healthcare delivery for all people living with a serious illness. Under the leadership of Grace La Torre, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of the Stony Brook Palliative Care Service and Section of Palliative Care in the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Stony Brook was one of only 15 winners and 47 honor roll recipients named



among more than 1,700 healthcare organizations across the country competing to achieve the greatest number of CAPC course completions.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency Services

- SBUH provides On-Line Medical Control for all the volunteer ambulance departments in Suffolk County through a contract with the Suffolk County Department of Health. This allows any of the 100 EMS agencies in Suffolk County the opportunity to speak with a medical control physician in real time when they are providing out of hospital care for a patient. There is a New York State regulation which requires every EMS agency in the State to implement this type of process. SBUH's contract with Suffolk County expired in December and a new contract, which will allow SBUH to provide Medical Control through 2029, was recently signed.
- In early January, EMS signed an agreement with the Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corp. to provide both ambulance service and first responder service in Riverhead. This agreement provides an advanced live support ambulance to provide response Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 10 pm as well as a paramedic first responder vehicle during this same time frame. These EMS resources supplement the response which is provided by the Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Service was initiated on January 8, 2024.

Neurosciences

- A \$152,000 Office of Mental Health (OMH) workforce grant was fully expended at the close of 2023. The funding was used over the past two years for a variety of planning activities, education, and workforce development. Most recently, in December, SBM hosted Dr. Jean Watson on site for two days, a world renown nursing leader, who shared approaches and philosophies toward the achievement of our goals, including Magnet status. Also, in December, we received approval from OMH to provide \$25,000 of the grant funds to the School of Nursing to support tuition stipends associated with masters and PhD level psychiatric nursing students towards retaining them as faculty.
- Our Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) volume has increased year over year since 2020, reflecting the ongoing demand for EMU adult and pediatric services. Data has been tracked as a part of our National Association of Epilepsy Center (NAEC) level 4 recertification process, which was completed in January. Our annual report was submitted to NAEC, and we await news of our ongoing accreditation. This has a direct relationship to our US News and World Report ranking.



- Stony Brook Southampton Hospital recently underwent a Joint Commission survey to maintain its status as a Primary Stroke Center. The team was successful in its effort to achieve recertification.
- SBM and SBU collaborated in supporting a Suicide Prevention Conference hosted in the Student Activities Center on December 13th. Approximately two hundred people attended, many from school districts, seeking education about how to address the ever-increasing need for youth mental health services.
- SBM has representatives who have continuously participated on a Suffolk County legislative committee focused on addressing addiction needs in our county. The 2023 report, which includes information about Stony Brook, was published at the end of December and is now on the [Suffolk County website](#).

Women's and Children's

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recognized SBM's Women's services as a birthing friendly hospital. The designation was adopted last year as part of the CMS Inpatient Quality Reporting Program and defines programs that participate in a statewide or national perinatal quality improvement collaborative program and implement evidence-based care to improve maternal health.
- Our Stony Brook Children's in-house acupuncturist, Mark Petruzzi, had an article accepted to the industry periodical North American Journal of Oriental Medicine highlighting his experience as a hospital-based acupuncturist for children in a piece entitled "Bringing Teishsin to Stony Brook Children's Hospital." In the article he highlights interdisciplinary rounds, collaborative care, patient and faculty/staff education and the wide variety of clinical applications of his type of care.
- The lactation program at SBUH and Stony Brook Children's has been accepted into CHAMPS (Communities and Hospitals Advancing Maternity Practices) National Hospital Cohort (1 of only 100 hospitals). CHAMPS National seeks to improve maternal and child health outcomes and decrease racial inequities in breastfeeding rates in the United States. The program activates a diverse team to increase safe equitable practices in line with the World Health Organization's Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere.

Ancillary/Support Services

- Microbiology started offering Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex and Rifampin resistance PCR (Mtb-RIF PCR) test. This is a molecular test for primary diagnosis of infection with M. tuberculosis and determination of resistance to rifampin, a first-line therapeutic for treatment. This PCR is more sensitive (~90%) for conventional smear and



culture for *M. tuberculosis* (~50-60%) and allows for diagnosis within days instead of upwards of 2-3 weeks for conventional microbiologic culture. Due to the slow turn-around time, introduction of this molecular assay enables faster diagnosis and determination of drug resistance to antimicrobials used commonly in *M. tuberculosis* (RIPE therapy). This test is approved for analysis of raw or processed sputum specimens (induced or expectorated) and will aid in timely determination of infection status for respiratory isolation and patient treatment. This test supplements, but does not replace, conventional AFB (Mycobacterial) smear and culture and should be ordered in conjunction with them through the Rule out pulmonary tuberculosis (AFB) power plan.

- The Pharmacy department has completed an upgrade to its automated dispensing cabinets. Stony Brook Southampton Hospital is now on the Pyxis ES platform, which will allow SBUH and SBSH to share the same medication distribution platform.
- The Recycling department has collected and recycled 59,335 pounds of e-waste in 2023. This constitutes a 107% increase over last year's total.
- The Hospital Gift Shop started a multi-month remodeling and expansion plan on February 12th. When completed, SBUH will have a larger store with a wider range of products to increase patient, visitor and staff satisfaction.

Human Resources

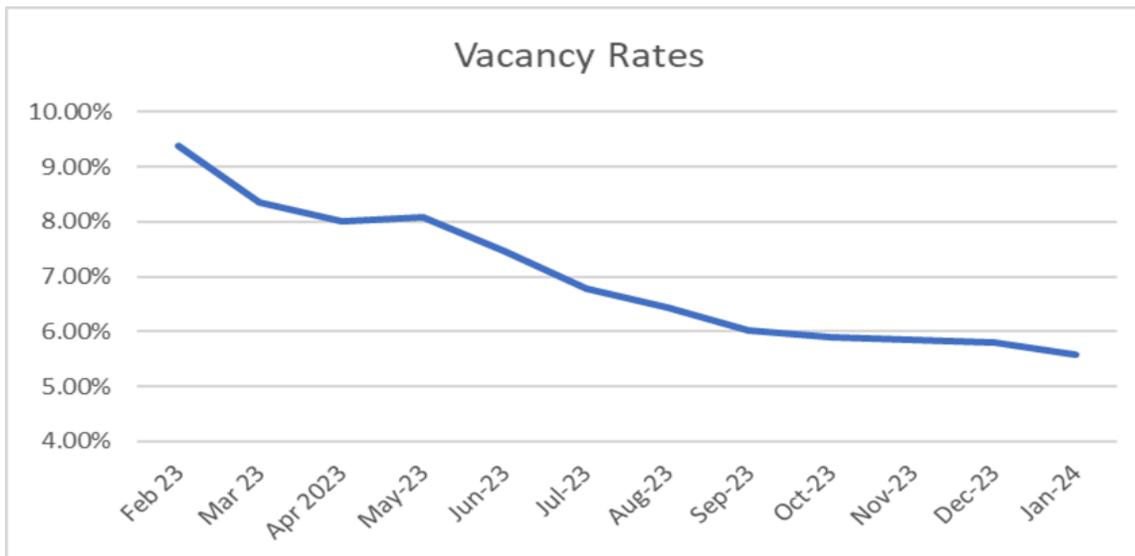
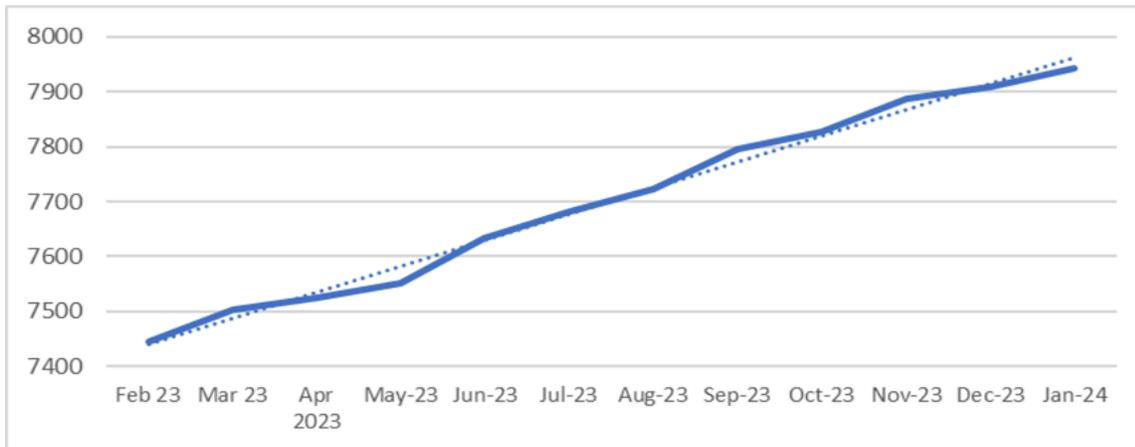
Employee/Physician Engagement & Culture of Safety Survey 2023

- Survey results were shared with our Leadership Teams and with the Governing Body in January. Results were shared with all employees at the January 25th Town Hall Meeting.
- Congratulatory emails were sent to the leaders who had top-tier leadership scores in the survey. These leaders also received a small honorary plaque. Top-tier leaders are also asked to serve as mentors to those who have low leader scores.

Recruitment and Retention

- Recruitment and retention remain top priorities and staffing levels continue to increase while vacancy rates continue to decrease.

SBUH Employees



Patient Experience

- Five Clinical Pastoral Education students graduated this month and participated in a graduation ceremony. Six new students were accepted into the Spring Clinical Pastoral Education Program.
- The patient education team finalized the discharge document folder in Spanish and is now available for all units.
- Roseanna Ryan presented as a guest speaker at The Greater New York Hospital Language Coordinators Meeting.
- Nicole Rossol, Chief Patient Experience Officer, presented at the Human Experience National Press Ganey conference on achieving operational outcomes using Compassionate Connected Care.



- The Emergency Department and The Quality Patient Experience team continues to implement and sustain patient experience improvements.

Quality Management

Falls Committee

- For 2023, SBUH recorded its lowest annual total for falls with Injury since 2020.
- The Bedside Mobility Assessment Tool (BMAT) was rolled out to all medical, surgical, and step-down units throughout SBUH. The tool promotes early mobility and safe patient handling by assigning a color-coded numerical value, which allows for staff to quickly identify the patient's mobility capabilities. Additionally, promoting early mobility has been shown to reduce the occurrence of pressure injuries.
- SBUH purchased 78 new patient beds to replace beds which were either broken or not compatible with the Hill-Rom nurse call system. The integration with the Hill-Rom nurse call system allows for bed information and settings, some of which are appropriate to fall prevention to be recorded and displayed remotely. This will allow for quick identification and correction of any identified risks associated with bed metrics.
- SBUH purchased 24 stretcher footboards for the emergency department to prevent patients from exiting the stretcher from the foot of the bed, which had been attributed to previous falls.
- A Putting Safety-First fact sheet was created and distributed to all SBUH units. The fact sheet contains fall prevention information, implemented interventions and a post fall algorithm. The intent of the fact sheet is to provide quick reference as well as to be used during nursing huddles. Additionally, a falls resource page was created on SBUH's The Pulse, which also contains information pertaining to fall prevention, interventions, as well as links to fall policies, education, and other fall specific material.

Leadership Update

- Emily Mastaler, MA, MBA, is joining Stony Brook Medicine as the Chief Administrative Officer for Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, effective May 20. Emily will lead administrative operations and play a pivotal role in ensuring our mission of expanding high-quality healthcare throughout the South Fork and East End.

SBM Town Hall

- The quarterly all-staff Town Hall meeting was held on January 25 in the MART with 1,020 remote attendees and approximately 163 in-person attendees. Topics covered include employee engagement survey results, strategic plan updates, an update on Lake Grove,



and an overview of the Healthy Library Program as an example of a successful interprofessional education and community partnership program.

Social Media Engagement

- We are seeing the continued growth of Stony Brook Medicine and leadership social media accounts, and we continue to encourage new followers and boost engagement across social media platforms.
- Engagement and followers increased across all platforms currently supported.
- The prior quarter saw a 28 percent increase on Instagram, 114 percent on Threads, 24 percent on X (formerly Twitter) and a 32 percent increase on LinkedIn.