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According to the August 15th Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, www.ledger-enquirer.com “White House COVID-19 task force lists Columbus as one of Georgia’s worst ‘red zones’”. This most recent WHTF report (published August 9, 2020) from the White House coronavirus task force lists Columbus as one of Georgia’s top COVID-19 red zones, and officials recommend residents wear a mask “at all times outside the home” in an effort to stop the disease’s spread.

A red zone for cases is defined as more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population. Red zone for test positivity is defined as a positive test rate above 10%. Georgia had 213 new cases per 100,000 population (Aug 1-Aug 7) compared to the national average of 114 per 100,000.

This report examines coronavirus data from August 1-August 7th. Columbus (in Metro Area for core-based statistical areas CBSA) was number four, behind Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta, Augusta-Richmond County, and Savannah. Muscogee County was number five in red zone counties for new COVID-19 cases, behind Chatham, Richmond, Hall, and Clayton.

Statewide, new case numbers stabilized but a larger percentage of coronavirus tests came back positive. The task force continues to call for Georgia to enact more stringent COVID-19 restrictions.

In COVID-19 red zones, the task force recommendations for Columbus include the following safety measures:
- Always wear a mask when outside the home and maintain physical distance.
- Limit social gatherings to 10 people or fewer.
- Close bars, gyms, and create outdoor dining opportunities with pedestrian areas.
- Reduce your public interactions and activities to 25% of your normal activity.
- Ensure that all business retailers and personal services require masks and can safely socially distance.

Other recommendations from the task force include providing surge testing (HHS in partnership with local communities offering 5,000 tests per-city per-day, at no charge to those tested. The temporary surge testing sites are available anywhere from five to 12 days.) and contact tracing resources to neighborhoods and zip codes with the highest case rates.

The full White House task force report can be found at: www.GEORGIA.PDF.drive.google.com
As of August 19th Muscogee, County has 5,163 confirmed cases and 117 deaths from COVID-19.

We must continue to be diligent, as Muscogee County physicians, in helping our patients know how to stay safe and stop the spread of COVID-19.
Virtual Visiting Resources
Piedmont’s Patient Experience team has created a virtual visiting resources page to help friends and family communicate better with their loved ones who are in the hospital.

Piedmont hospitals, like many others across the nation, have limited in-person visitation, so providing a helpful list of digital resources will allow visitors to better connect with loved ones so they can assist them in their care. Visit Piedmont.org/Coronavirus and click on the “Resources” section to view the digital resources.

Veteran Surgeon Joins Piedmont Columbus Regional
Piedmont Columbus Regional proudly welcomes bariatric and general surgeon Wesley Turton, M.D. He will be joining Paul Cartwright, M.D. at the newly renamed Piedmont Physicians Surgical Specialists & Bariatrics practice on Warm Springs Road in Columbus.

Dr. Turton has over 30 years of clinical and surgical experience and has performed over 2,000 bariatric surgeries since 2007. His special interests are in advanced laparoscopic procedures as well as bariatric and robotic surgery.

Piedmont Physicians Surgical Specialists & Bariatrics is nationally accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program. They are the only providers who perform bariatric surgery within a 100-mile radius of Columbus. The office offers a comprehensive, concierge-style approach to the treatment of bariatric patients that extends well beyond the procedure and into follow up care.

Welcome to Piedmont Columbus Regional’s First OB/GYN in Alabama
Piedmont Columbus Regional also recently welcomed Adrienne Crow, M.D. to Piedmont Physicians at 21st Court in Phenix City.

Dr. Crow, who is from Columbus, completed her internship and residency at the Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon. Dr. Crow’s special interests include polycystic ovary syndrome, abnormal uterine bleeding, and adolescent gynecology. She focuses on patient education so her patients are empowered to make informed healthcare decisions.
Longtime Physician Passes Away
Piedmont Columbus Regional is mourning the loss of Dr. Norman Luton Jr., who passed away from COVID-19 on August 9 at the age of 74.

Dr. Luton was a native of Phenix City and after completing his medical training from the University of Alabama chose to return home to serve the people of his community. He worked tirelessly as a physician in this community for 36 years, and retired from the Piedmont Columbus Regional Medical Group in May 2016.

Dr. Luton practiced surgery with the same intense perfectionism that he applied to all parts of his life. His love for animals-including people-was his trademark. In all things in his life; work, hobbies, family and faith he applied the same intense love. His humor and compassion were characteristics that endeared him to patients and medical personnel alike. He believed in his God, his family, his country and in telling the truth in every situation.

Mayor, Safe Kids Columbus Remind Public about Hot Car, Heatstroke Dangers
Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson and Safe Kids Columbus Director Pam Fair recently hosted a press conference and safety demonstration to remind parents and caregivers about the dangers of vehicular heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars.

One child dies from heatstroke nearly every 10 days in the U.S. from being left in a car or crawling into an unlocked vehicle. On an 80-degree day, a car can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes, and in Georgia, air and feels-like temperatures soar to 100 degrees or higher during the summer months.

Knowing the warning signs of heatstroke can be lifesaving. For more tips on how to protect your children at home, at play and on the way, visit www.safekids.org.

PEDS Patient Reunites with Staff, First Responders
Staff members saw a living, walking miracle in 2-year-old Marriah Terrell of Columbus, who suffered an accidental thoracic through-and-through gunshot wound, come back to the hospital to reunite with the care team and first responders who helped save a life.

The first responders on-scene did tremendous work to help stop the bleed. Marriah was rushed to our Pediatric Emergency Department where staff were able to stabilize her before she was transferred to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta for a higher level of care.
Marriah’s care team included PEDS ED nurses, the trauma team, Drs. Darwin Koller, Malcolm Goodchild, and Daniel Gwan-Nulla, several residents, the surgery/anesthesia and recovery room staff, as well as police and fire/EMS personnel who were on the scene of the accident.

At the reunion, Dr. Gwan-Nulla presented Marriah’s mother with a generous donation so a college savings fund could be established for her daughter.

**CME opportunities offered for physicians**
The following Continuing Medical Education (CME) opportunities for physicians have been approved for one hour of CME credit each:

- **Cancer Conference:** Every Monday, 12:30 p.m., June Wright Community Conference Center at the John B. Amos Cancer Center. The 3rd Cancer Conference each month is Thoracic specific. For more information, call Sandra Farley at 706.571.1881.
- **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** Every Thursday, 8:15 a.m. (September through May), Conference Center at Piedmont Columbus Regional’s Midtown Campus. Open to any physician or other health professional providing care for children. For more information, call Lea Cunningham at 706.571.1217.
- **Hughston Grand Rounds:** Once a month, every first Wednesday, dinner at 6 p.m. and rounding begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hughston Foundation Building. Open to any physician, resident, medical student, nursing staff, PT, MA and local EMS. For more information, call Belinda Klein at 706.494.3326 or email at bklein@hughston.com.

Piedmont Columbus Regional’s Midtown Campus is accredited by the Medical Association of Georgia to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Midtown Campus designates this live activity for a maximum of one AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Atsushi Endo, MD

Atsushi Endo, MD, MPH, is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon through the Japanese Orthopaedic Association. He joined the Hughston Foundation as the 2020-2021 Hughston Trauma Fellow in August.

Dr. Endo received his Medical Doctorate from Yokohama City University School of Medicine in Yokohama, Japan, and completed his general medicine residency at Asahi General Hospital in Chiba, Japan. He completed a family medicine residency at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Michigan State University in Grand Blanc, MI, and his Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, Michigan State University in Kalamazoo, MI. He further pursued his career, finishing his orthopaedic surgery residency at Urasoe General Hospital in Okinawa, Japan. He returned to the United States to obtain a master of public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, followed by completing an Orthopaedic Surgery Sports Medicine Fellowship at Sports Orthopedic and Rehabilitation in Redwood City, CA. He also completed an Orthopaedic Surgery Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship at University of Florida.

Hughston Grand Rounds / September Online Event

To participate in Hughston’s Grand Rounds, sign up for email blasts about this event by contacting Belinda Klein at 706-494-3326 or bklein@hughston.com.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a diverse group of local healthcare professionals—which often includes physicians from Hughston, Columbus, and Fort Benning; Hughston Sports Medicine and Trauma Fellows; Hughston Certified Athletic Training Fellows; orthopaedic residents; and medical students—come together for grand rounds lectures on evolving trends in orthopaedics at the Hughston Foundation auditorium. Grand rounds constitute a ritual of medical education and provide an excellent supplement to medical school and residency. Moreover, grand rounds help doctors and other healthcare professionals stay current in their specialty or areas of core practice. The physician lectures offer expertise on specialized topics and cover the latest evidence-based research and treatments emerging in the field of medicine.

Extended Hours at Hughston’s Urgent Ortho

Hughston Clinic is excited to extend our practice hours to better fit the needs of our patients and the community. At Urgent Ortho, walk-in are always welcome and you use the main clinic entrance from 8am to 8pm, Monday through Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturday. A patient can call or text 706-325-8553 to get in line and for faster service, they are encouraged to go to www.hughston.com to complete pre-visit paperwork ahead of time. Urgent Ortho saves time and money by providing faster orthopaedic diagnoses and treatments for bone, muscle, and joint injuries. Sports and workers’ compensation injuries are welcome as well.
Hughston Foundation Meeting Rooms Available

The Hughston Foundation has the unique ability to support the medical community by hosting events in our facility. The Foundation offers an auditorium with large drop-down screens, tables and chairs, a 7’ x 45’ stage with podium, lighting, and sound system that is perfect for presentations and large groups. Our Surgical Education Center contains a 4-station surgical training lab for cadaveric demonstration and practice, and an additional 4-station workshop for training on plastic models. Both labs are equipped for audiovisual presentations and have the ability to broadcast lab activities to other meeting spaces. Our VIP boardrooms have large conference tables, executive chairs, and drop-down screens that are perfect for smaller private meetings. The Foundation also offers plenty of parking, accommodations for catered events, ice machine, commercial refrigerator, and free WiFi with password. Additionally, The Foundation has a spacious atrium lobby, library, and the Hughston gardens that are available for events. Go to https://www.hughston.com/foundation-facilities-and-services for more information about our rates or contact Belinda Klein at 706-494-3326; bklein@hughston.com for a tour of our facility.
In Memoriam
Walter Lloyd Hudson, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Walter Lloyd Hudson, Jr., a member of this society, passed away July 2, 2020.

Dr. Hudson was a native of Rome, Georgia. His early memories of being treated for measles and pneumonia as a small child ignited his desire to become a doctor. He attended Emory University and graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina in Charleston in 1964. He served his internship at Grady Hospital and served as Chief Resident in Pediatrics at Henrietta Egleston Hospital in Decatur. Dr. Hudson joined the United States Army and served as a Major at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Upon completion of his military service, Dr. Hudson settled in Columbus and practiced pediatrics for forty-five years where he remained until his retirement.

He was an active member of the Board of Columbus Regional Medical Foundation and the Children’s Hospital Strategic Planning Committee. In 2015, Midtown Medical Center dedicated its Pediatric Inpatient Unit in the Children’s Hospital and named it for Dr. Hudson. He was instrumental in founding the Ronald McDonald House, where he served as Medical Director and on its board for many years.
Welcome Home Dr. Sean Blake
Welcome back, Dr. Sean Blake, DO, DPT back to St. Francis! Dr. Blake is returning to St. Francis Orthopaedic Institute, located in Woodruff Pavilion. He is board-certified and a fellowship-trained hand surgeon specializing in knuckle joint replacement, arthritis for hand and thumb, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, and a range of other conditions. Dr. Blake received his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. In 2007, he completed his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine training at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he also completed his residency. Following that, Dr. Blake completed a Fellowship in Hand Surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Please help us welcome him back to St. Francis and the Chattahoochee Valley!

Welcome Dr. Saundra Holseth
Welcome Dr. Saundra Holseth, DO to St. Francis! Bringing a unique combination of specialties, Dr. Holseth is joining St. Francis Columbus Clinic, which is a multi-specialty clinic offering a full spectrum of primary care services. Dr. Holseth graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, Georgia, and completed her residency at Larkin Community Hospital. Her sports medicine fellowship was completed from NOVA Southeastern University. She is board-certified in family medicine, neuromuscular medicine, and sports medicine. Please help us welcome her to the Columbus Clinic and the Chattahoochee Valley!

Welcome Dr. Geoffrey Vester
Welcome Dr. Geoffrey Vester to The Bradley Center! Adding to our team of psychiatrists, Dr. Geoffrey Vester is joining The Bradley Center’s psychiatry practice, St. Francis Psychiatry. Dr. Vester attended medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, and completed his residency at Louisiana State University – Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He specializes in adult psychiatry, depressive disorders, bipolar disorder, anxiety, and OCD. Please help us welcome him to The Bradley Center and to the Chattahoochee Valley!

Welcome Robert "Bob" Kay as Executive Director of Ethics and Compliance
St. Francis welcomes Robert "Bob" Kay as our Executive Director of Ethics and Compliance. Bob started on Monday, August 10. He has over 15 years of experience doing compliance in systems such as Tenet Health and American
Academic Health System in Philadelphia, Medstar's Good Samaritan and Union Memorial Hospitals in Baltimore, Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ, and most recently as a consultant with Halter Health Care Consulting in Narberth, PA.

Kay holds a Masters of Jurisprudence from Delaware Law School/Widener University (Health Law Concentration), an MBA (Health Administration Concentration) from St. Joseph's University, a BA (Organized Management) from Eastern University and an AS (Respiratory Therapy) from Hahnemann University.

Kay and his wife, Mary (yes, her name is Mary Kay!), have two children. Leigh Ann lives in Washington, DC, doing digital marketing for a real estate firm, and Gillian is a rising senior at Penn State and will be entering an accelerated MPH program in the Fall. He enjoys golf, biking, music (especially guitar), and traveling.

St. Francis Begins to Use New Minimally Invasive Valve Replacement Technology

St. Francis Structural Heart and Valve Center now accepting patients for heart valve evaluation

St. Francis is proud to announce that the St. Francis Structural Heart and Valve Center is now open and offering various procedures treating heart valves. Procedures include mitral valve repair, mitral valve replacement (MVR), tricuspid valve repair and replacement (TVR), surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR), and in the near future transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). The Structural Heart and Valve Center is being led by a team of cardiothoracic surgeons and interventional cardiologists.

The team consists of cardiologist, Vik Chhokar, MD, cardiothoracic surgeon, Jacob Davtyan, MD, cardiologist, Akram Ibrahim, MD, and cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon, Sorin Pusca, MD. The team's multidisciplinary approach allows providers to develop individualized care to provide patients with high quality, comprehensive cardiovascular care. The program was developed to help meet the growing demand of our community and to ensure patients can stay in Columbus rather than travel elsewhere for these procedures.

DAISY Award

The DAISY Foundation established the DAISY Award in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died of an immune disease. The DAISY Award recognizes nurses who provide extraordinary care and compassion to patients and their families. We want to congratulate our most recent DAISY Award winner, Anna Collazo, RN.

Here is what Anna’s nominator had to say about her:

“On 7-28-2020, the Cath Lab was called and told we needed to come get a patient from CVICU ASAP, she was status post code blue. Once the patient was in the Cath Lab, we had three Cardiologists from two different groups, and seven Cath Lab team members working to try to save this patient for over two hours. In the end,
the outcome was not what they worked so hard for, as the patient passed. However, as proud as I was to witness this teams work, it was what I witnessed afterwards that truly touched me and even made me tear up. Anna Collazo was very diligent and respectful in the care and compassion she showed this patient postmortem. Anna insured the patient was clean, with every IV site covered, blood cleaned from her face, and her hair brushed... all in order to let her family see her for the last time, while insuring the patient was well respected in the process. When I say Anna did a phenomenal job, I mean she took her time with every detail. She showed this patient the respect she would want given to her own grandmother and it showed. Anna is an amazing asset to the Cath Lab team and on this day, I could not have been more proud!”
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Both hold faculty positions at regional medical schools and enjoy teaching medical students and residents.

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