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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael Borkat, M.D., President



It's been 78 years since one of the most pivotal days in World War II, the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. Several years ago, I went to Normandy on one of the anniversaries. The trip was more than just a historical journey. It was a cultural experience. The entire region proudly flies the Allied flags and celebrates liberation and freedom. There was a palpable air of Jubilee. The commune of Arromanches (part of the Gold Beach Landing area) has a ceremony paying tribute to the sacrifices of those that fought there followed by a variety of festivities. These include parades, fireworks, picnics and P-51 mustangs flying overhead. Of all the memorable experiences, there were two that stood out. First, I found a picture of my children's great grandfather at the Omaha beach museum. He was involved in one of the early waves on the morning D-Day. Second, it was sharing a beer at the local pub with a World War II D-Day veteran from England. I'm not sure anything can replace that. I hope to take the trip again with my children.

I hope everyone has a Happy Father's Day.

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PIEDMONT COLUMBUS REGIONAL NEWS

CEO of New Piedmont-Encompass Health Hospital Named
Kendra Sermarini, PT, DPT, will be CEO of the new Piedmont-Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Columbus when it opens in Spring 2023. Kendra brings 11+ years of clinical and leadership experience to her new role. She started her career with Piedmont in 2010. Kendra holds a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the Medical College of Georgia.



Piedmont Columbus Regional Earns Area’s Best Leapfrog Grades

The Northside Campus was once again the only area hospital awarded an ‘A’ in the Spring 2022 Leapfrog grades. This is their eighth-straight ‘A’ grade dating back to Fall 2018! This impressive feat recognizes staff efforts in protecting patients and Piedmont’s “Plan on a Page” promise of doing zero harm and providing safer healthcare.



The Midtown Campus has earned a ‘B’ grade. There are many challenges we face in being the area’s safety net hospital, but our hard work and commitment to outstanding patient care is paying off. To see Piedmont Columbus Regional’s full grade details and how other area hospitals stacked up, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving healthcare quality and safety. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D, or F grade to hospitals based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harms to patients. Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Grades are released each spring and fall – helping consumers/patients make informed decisions when choosing where to seek medical care.

Oncology Goes Live on Epic Beacon

Piedmont Oncology, including the John B. Amos Cancer Center, is now live on Epic Beacon.

Beacon is Epic’s Oncology module. It is fully integrated with Epic’s pharmacy and electronic MAR products so oncologists can track medications that have been dispensed and administered. Physicians can document cancer staging and manage chemotherapy by creating and personalizing treatment plans based on standard oncology protocols and National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines. This integration allows oncologists throughout the Piedmont system to be able to access patient records and treatment plans therefore facilitating the transition of patients and improving collaboration amongst caregivers.

At the John B. Amos Cancer Center, the transition to Epic Beacon allows Medical Oncology to move into one Electronic Medical Record. Beacon will provide many

benefits to include physician orders flowing directly into Pharmacy, Lab, Radiology, Scheduling and authorization systems preventing the need for order transcription therefore improving quality and safety. It will allow us to remove redundancy as well as improve and expedite workflows.

COVID Test Kits Given to Underserved Population

Georgia-Pacific and Koch Industries provided over 50,000 COVID antigen test kits to Piedmont. Those kits were divided up by each hospital for community distribution. Piedmont Columbus Regional is handing out those kits at Mobile Unit clinics throughout the city. Close to 900 test kits from the initial Columbus shipment have been distributed to area agencies, senior centers, pharmacies and doctor's offices where underserved, financially distressed, oncology and transplant patients receive treatment.

Foundation Wins CMN Awards

The Piedmont Columbus Foundation was recently recognized at the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals National Children's Hospital's Week Conference in the small markets category for having the highest per capita fundraising (5.5%) and the highest overall fundraising (\$2.9 million), for calendar year 2021— beating out 58 of the 170 total CMN hospitals.

The Piedmont Columbus Regional Foundation held the 2022 Piedmont Classic - Driven by Mercedes-Benz of Columbus. Held over three action-packed days, avid tennis, pickleball, and golf players had the opportunity to pair up with the championship Columbus State University tennis



team as well as pickleball and golf professionals for top-notch instruction and friendly competition. Golf and tennis benefitted the John B. Amos Cancer Center, and pickleball benefitted the CMN Children's Hospital.

The 27th annual Piedmont Classic raised \$145,000; \$130,000 to help purchase a new CT scanner for the John B. Amos Cancer Center, and \$15,000 during "Pickle for Piedmont" to support new life-saving equipment plus patient and family programs for The Children's Hospital.



Guests got to hear from hospital leadership and Foundation Board Chair Rob Ward, a CMN Miracle Family, and more. A special presentation was made to the family of Mark Clayton, who lost his battle with cancer last year. The loss was incredibly impactful to the Mercedes-Benz family as Mark was the owner of Mercedes-Benz- our presenting sponsor.

The Foundation would like to thank presenting sponsor: Mercedes-Benz of Columbus; legend sponsors: Georgia Crown, Synovus, TSYS, and Grand Slam Sponsors: Batson-Cook Construction, Brasfield & Gorrie, and Pezold Family McDonalds.

Honored Society 2021-2022 Inductees

The following physicians are this year's inductees into the Honored Society. These exemplary physicians had patients make contributions to the Piedmont Columbus Regional Foundation in their honor. Thank you to these great doctors for the care and compassion they show daily!

Dr. Vibhuti A. Ansar
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Upcoming Events

2022 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon

Join the Piedmont Columbus Regional Foundation at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center on October 4 as we raise funds for the Elena Amos Breast Care Center. The Foundation is excited to bring back the virtual Breast Cancer Awareness Lunch-In October 10-28 for those unable to attend in-person. For more information, contact Zarina Cheves at 706-660-6204.

Teddy Bear Clinic

The inaugural clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to Noon on August 20 at the Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Campus Conference Center. Children are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal to this free community event where they can learn about medical treatments and healthy habits in a fun and friendly environment. There will be interactive activities, ambulance tours, and more. For more information, contact Jessie Brown at 706-660-6291 or email Jessie.Brown1@piedmont.org.

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 Werner 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.

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Scrubs Camp Hands-On Adventure in Healthcare

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2021-2022 Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital Chief Residents Graduate

Hughston celebrates our three Chief residents; **Devin W. Collins, DO**; **Julia V. Fink, DO**; and **A. Gianni Ricci, DO**; as the fifth graduating class of the Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital Residency Program.



Throughout their time at Hughston, these residents have provided athletic coverage during high school, college, and professional sporting events in the Chattahoochee Valley.

Specifically, they provided sport medicine coverage for assigned high schools, and they covered the River Dragons Professional Minor League Hockey and Columbus Lions Professional Indoor Football teams. They have assisted with athlete physicals at Auburn University, Columbus State University, and preparticipation exams for Muscogee County, high schools. Additionally, they have worked at the Saturday Morning Injury Clinics at Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital during the fall football and basketball seasons, treating student-athletes who experienced Friday night or Saturday morning sports injuries. The residents also mentored high school students by speaking at several high school programs for students who have an interest in pursuing medicine as a career.

Devin W. Collins, DO

Devin W. Collins, DO, serves on the Resident Education Committee and as the Journal Club Coordinator. Dr. Collins earned an undergraduate degree in Public Health Studies from John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. During his collegiate career, he was a 4-year starting defensive tackle and was captain his senior season. Prior to medical school, Dr. Collins was the youngest lead clinical research coordinator on a number of multi-institutional studies and a

performance coach, training collegiate and professional athletes. He went on to receive his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with Honors from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL. After residency, he will complete a hand and upper extremity fellowship at the Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Temple Terrace, FL.

Besides publishing several patient-education articles in the *Hughston Health Alert*, he also served on the editorial board as an associate editor for the publication. While at Hughston, he published several peer-reviewed surgical technique papers and produced videos that were presented at local national meetings, including “A Cadaveric Review of Trigger Finger and Trigger Thumb Anatomy” and “Single Antegrade Intramedullary Kirshner Wire Fixation for Transverse Metacarpal Shaft Fractures”. Furthermore, Dr. Collins has presented his research during conferences and training events for athletic trainers and he has presented at Hughston Ground Rounds and the Hughston Society’s continuing education events at the Hughston Foundation. His most recent research, “The Development of a Diagnostic Criteria to Predict Cubital Tunnel Syndrome” was accepted for presentation at the AAOS 2022 meeting in Chicago, IL, and at the 2022 International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) meeting in London, UK. Additionally, an article on the same topic has been submitted for peer review to the *Journal of Hand Surgery*. He has performed a cadaveric review of the “Flexor Pollicis Longus Insertional Anatomy” and this research is currently under peer review with the *Journal of Hand Surgery*.

Julia V. Fink, DO

Julia V. Fink, DO, serves as the Resident Education Coordinator and represents the hospital as the organizer and founder of the Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital Resident Diversity Committee.

Dr. Fink graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Valdosta State University. She received her osteopathic medical degree from the Georgia campus of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, GA. After residency, she will complete a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta-Scottish Rite in Atlanta, GA.

As a resident member, Dr. Fink holds memberships in several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics (AOAO), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA), American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM), and the Orthopaedic Diversity Leadership Consortium (ODLC).

Besides publishing a patient-education article in the *Hughston Health Alert*, Dr. Fink co-authored textbook chapters on the surgical technique of endoscopic iliotibial band lengthening and ulnar collateral ligament repair. Dr. Fink presented her research during national orthopaedic conferences and she has presented at Hughston Ground Rounds and the Hughston Society’s continuing

education events. Her research and presentations on “Pitching Regimens and Prevalence of Injuries in Youth Fastpitch Softball Windmill Pitchers” garnered her two prestigious awards. Her research, recognized at the 2022 American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine meeting, earned the AOSSM STOP Sport Injuries Award, and she was presented the Hughston Society Resident Research Award at the 2022 Hughston Society Biennial Meeting.

A. Gianni Ricci, DO

A. Gianni Ricci, DO, serves on the Resident Assembly Career Development Committee for the AAOS and Head of the Resident Surgical Education Center at the Hughston Foundation.

Dr. Ricci received his undergraduate degree in Political Science with a premedical concentration at Davidson College, Davidson, NC. While at Davidson, Dr. Ricci was a 4-year letter winner in varsity football. He was also voted as team captain his senior year. He completed a post-baccalaureate program and received his osteopathic medical degree from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine at Blacksburg, VA before coming to Hughston for his residency.

In February 2020, peer-reviewed article, “The central-splitting approach for Achilles insertional tendinopathy and Haglund deformity” was published in *JBJS Essential Surgical Techniques* and his most recent publication, “Routine postoperative CT scans following posterior pelvic fixation of pelvic ring fractures: a survey of (OTA) orthopaedic traumatologist” was published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma*. While at Hughston, Dr. Ricci has also published 2 posters and presented them at the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics annual meetings and has 3 research articles to be presented at the annual American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society meeting in Quebec City, Canada this fall. Furthermore, Dr. Ricci has presented his research during conferences and training events for athletic trainers and he has presented at Hughston Ground Rounds and the Hughston Society’s continuing education events at the Hughston Foundation.

At the 2018 AO Trauma Course for Basic Principles of Fracture Management, Dr. Ricci placed first in Preoperative Planning, and in the fall of 2019, he placed first at the Enneking Seminar in Musculoskeletal Pathology in the Path Course Final Examination. After residency, Dr. Ricci will complete a fellowship in orthopedic foot and ankle surgery at Duke University Medical Center, which is considered amongst the top orthopedic foot and ankle fellowships in the country.

Free CME at Hughston Grand Rounds

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—that 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. Each Grand Rounds conference is approved for 1 unit CME.

Extended Hours at Hughston’s Urgent Ortho

Hughston Clinic is excited to extend our practice hours to 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.

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In Memoriam

Clement Reese Anthony, M.D.

Dr. Clem Anthony passed away March 24, 2022.

Dr. Anthony graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1984. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at The Medical Center and practiced for a short time in Cutbert, Georgia. Dr. Anthony moved to Emergency Medicine where he practiced for over 30 years at The Medical Center of Piedmont Regional, as well as hospitals in LaGrange, Dalton and Alabama.

In addition to the Muscogee County Medical Society, Dr. Anthony was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Association of Physician Specialist, and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

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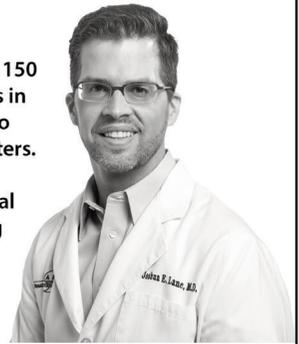


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