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I went from running marathons to barely being able to walk. I was convinced that my active days were over.

In the fall of 2015, after completing her first Ironman triathlon and a 50K road race, Dawn Cobak, 45, of Topsfield, began to experience debilitating pain in her right calf muscle. Fearing that these endurance events had done permanent damage to her leg muscles, Cobak turned to North Shore Medical Center’s sports medicine and non-surgical orthopedic specialist Navid Mahooti, M.D., for help.

A busy mother of two and part-time financial advisor, Cobak started running six years ago as a way to reduce stress and carve out some personal time. “Once I started running, I never stopped,” laughs Cobak. “I used to challenge myself to run from telephone pole to telephone pole, then I upped it to a mile, then two. Before I knew it I was building up my mileage and signing up for marathons.” Running, although strenuous at times, invigorated Cobak. “I was lucky to have avoided serious injury thus far, so I found the calf pain very upsetting,” says Cobak. “I went from running marathons to barely being able to walk. I was convinced that my active days were over.”

After a thorough exam, Dr. Mahooti discovered that several trigger points had formed in Cobak’s right calf muscle. “Trigger points, or ‘knots’ as they are commonly called, are painful, tender areas of muscle that can form from overuse, repetitive motion or a variety of other reasons,” he explains. Given Cobak’s intense training schedule, the formation of trigger points came as no surprise. Dr. Mahooti was able to treat Cobak’s pain with one round of trigger point injections.

“Trigger point injections are an outpatient procedure designed to reduce or alleviate pain,” explains Dr. Mahooti. “During the procedure, a small needle is inserted directly into the trigger point, which stimulates the muscle to relax from its tightened, contracted state. The procedure is safe, causes minimal pain to the patient and is highly effective.” An anesthetic can also be injected into the trigger point to help ease pain. In Cobak’s case, the pressure from the syringe alone was enough to stop her pain almost immediately.

Trigger point injections helped endurance athlete Dawn Cobak get back to training after she experienced severe muscle pain in her right calf muscle.
Physician Q&A

Q | How much sugar in my diet is too much? Should I also limit sugars from fruit?

Sugars in your diet can be naturally occurring or added. Naturally occurring sugars are found in foods such as fruit and milk. Added sugars are those introduced during the preparation or processing of food. According to the American Heart Association, the maximum amount of added sugars an adult should consume per day is 150 calories (37.5 grams) for men and 100 calories (25 grams) for women. Consuming sugars in excess of these amounts can contribute to obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, impaired cognitive function and cancer. While fruits do contain natural sugar, they are also a source of nutrients and fiber that are important to your health. Eating fruit is always a better choice than processed foods.

To contact Dr. Snyder, please call 978-922-0357.

Q | If I develop osteoporosis, does it mean I’m lacking calcium in my diet?

Osteoporosis can be attributed to a number of different factors, one of which is not getting enough calcium. People who get enough calcium from foods or supplements, however, can still be at risk of bone loss due to other factors, such as a family history of osteoporosis, not exercising, smoking, drinking too much alcohol, not getting enough vitamin D and having certain medical conditions or taking certain medications that can cause bone loss. While getting the recommended amounts of calcium, vitamin D and exercise each day does not always prevent osteoporosis, healthy lifestyle behaviors can help everyone have healthier bones.

To contact Dr. Orendorff, please call 781-631-5126.

Q | I suffer from chronic migraine headaches. Can you recommend some natural treatment options?

A migraine is a type of headache that causes an intense throbbing sensation in one area of the head and is often accompanied by nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light or sound. While medications are available to help treat and prevent migraines, there are also a variety of alternative treatments that can help. Studies have shown that relaxation techniques such as acupuncture, massage, yoga and meditation can reduce the frequency and severity of migraines. Vitamin supplements such as riboflavin (B2) and CoQ10, a natural antioxidant, have also proven effective, as has the herb butterbur.

To watch a video about Dawn Cobak, please visit: youtube.com/NorthShoreMedCenter.

Q | I am a woman in my 20s who is feeling overwhelmed by my birth control options. How do I determine which one is best for me?

There are a number of different methods available to help prevent pregnancy, including condoms and birth control pills among the most common. Determining which method is right for you can feel overwhelming because there are many issues to consider, including costs, side effects, your own medical history and long-term plans for having children. It is also important to consider your own lifestyle and find a method you feel comfortable using. Consult with your primary care physician or gynecologist to make an informed decision.

To contact Dr. Nathan, please call 978-789-6975.
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The last thing anyone on vacation wants is to get sick or hurt away from home. But on a trip to Bermuda last July, Steve Caruso, 27, of Peabody lost control of the moped he was driving while trying to avoid an oncoming car. When he crashed to the ground, the full weight of the moped landed on his left arm and snapped his humerus just above the elbow. Determined to enjoy the rest of his trip, Caruso opted for a plaster cast at the local hospital until he could return home for more advanced care. The next days were a far cry from the golf-and-beach getaway he had imagined.

Once home, he saw NSMC orthopedic surgeon Todd O’Brien, M.D., who explained that Caruso’s bone was badly broken and recommended surgery to implant a thin metal plate with screws to stabilize the break and knit the bone back together. While he didn’t cause more damage by waiting to see a surgeon, Caruso needed to act fast to avoid further decline.

“Steve’s injury was similar in severity and complexity to many of the trauma cases we see in our practice,” says Dr. O’Brien. “With these injuries, our goal is to realign the fractured bone, protect the range of motion and preserve the health of the joint—in this case, the elbow.”

For Caruso, the surgery and its outcome had higher-than-average stakes. Certified by the Professional Golf Association (PGA), he not only competed as a golfer but worked as an instructor and pro at the Thomas Country Club in North Reading.

“I understood the potential limitations I faced and felt confident that surgery was the best option for maintaining my abilities,” says Caruso. “From the beginning, Dr. O’Brien was clear about my situation,” says Caruso. “I understood the potential limitations I faced and felt confident that surgery was the best option for maintaining my abilities.”

In recent years, technology has advanced to improve outcomes in bone fracture repair, says Dr. O’Brien. These improvements include thinner, more anatomically contoured plates as well as locking and non-locking screws that enable greater mobility and individualized treatment.

“Especially for a patient like Steve, who is active and has a high level of physical ability, these features can make a significant difference,” says Dr. O’Brien. “Whether treating an injury due to an accident or a degenerative condition that requires joint reconstruction or replacement, our team offers highly specialized treatments and advanced technology right here in the community.”

Following surgery at NSMC Salem Hospital, Caruso spent six weeks with his arm immobilized, then underwent physical therapy to restore his strength and motion. After a season away, he’s ready to hit the links again. For added insurance, he is pursuing a backup career as a financial representative and looking forward to reserving his golf for clients and friends. As for Bermuda, Caruso will take a mulligan. “I’m ready for a do-over,” he laughs, “but this time without mopeds.”

Certified PGA professional Steve Caruso is back in the game thanks to surgery at NSMC.

The Long Game
Advanced Fracture Care Gets Peabody Man Back on Course

For more information on orthopedic services at North Shore Medical Center, please visit nsmpartners.org/orthopedics.
The sixth annual North Shore Cancer RUN set a new record on Sunday, November 8. Collectively, the 500-plus participants in the event raised close to $70,000 for oncology services at NSMC and the Mass General/North Shore Cancer Center.

“We are blown away by the passion and enthusiasm of our participants this year,” says Rose Fisher, NSMC Director of Development and race organizer. “Everyone stepped up their fundraising efforts and it really paid off. We couldn’t be more appreciative.”

Featuring 5K and 10K options, the North Shore Cancer RUN begins at the Cove Community Center in Beverly and follows a beautiful coastal route peppered with entertainment and supporters.

To learn more about the North Shore Cancer RUN, please visit http://nsmc.partners.org/giving.

North Shore Medical Center offers a wide range of health programs, classes, support groups and special events at our locations in Salem, Lynn and Danvers.

Most classes begin in January, April, June and September. Call or log on for more details.

### Locations and Contact Information

- **Davners | Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care**
  102 Endicott Street, Davners
- **NSMC Outpatient Services**
  One Hutchinson Drive, Danvers
- **Lynn | NSMC Union Hospital**
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- **Salem | NSMC Salem Hospital**
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- **Heal and Neck Support Group**
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- **Healing with Hope**
  781-477-3505

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Weight-Loss Surgery Is a Game Changer for Danvers Woman

Joyce Davidson of Danvers is a woman who knows her own mind. A straight shooter who works as a traffic control manager for U-Haul, she’s used to being in charge. So when she was confronted with a serious health crisis that she couldn’t manage on her own, she faced a difficult choice.

Last winter, Davidson was diagnosed with intracranial hypertension, a condition brought on by increased pressure on the brain that can lead to severe headaches and vision loss. As is often true in such cases, Davidson’s weight was an exacerbating factor. To address her condition, Davidson was presented with two options: surgery to insert a shunt into her brain to relieve the pressure or significant weight loss. Because intense physical activity can aggravate the symptoms of intracranial hypertension, she couldn’t rely on exercise to lose weight as she had done in the past.

“I was 32 years old and didn’t want brain surgery,” Davidson recalls. “I had thought about weight-loss surgery in the past, and now it seemed like the right choice at the right time.”

Davidson was referred to the NSMC Surgical Weight Loss Program, the largest and most successful program of its kind on the North Shore. She began as all potential patients do with an information session that outlined the pros and cons of weight-loss surgery and provided an overview of various procedures. Patients who opt for surgery also participate in an extensive evaluation process and post-operative program, including nutrition, wellness and exercise counseling, ongoing education and support-group sessions.

“There is no single solution for weight-loss patients,” says Jaime Rivera, M.D., co-director of the NSMC Surgical Weight Loss Program. “Our program educates patients so that they can make informed decisions that suit their individual situations and goals.”

In consultation with Dr. Rivera, Davidson opted for gastric-sleeve surgery, during which 75 to 80 percent of the stomach is removed and the remaining portion is turned into a skinny tube. The smaller size and shape of the stomach help limit portion size and calorie intake. Gastric-sleeve surgery is also reported to affect the hormones that control appetite, which can further contribute to weight loss.

Within a week of her surgery last April, Davidson was up and walking. Two weeks later, she was exercising. Three months later, she and her wife, Ember, completed a 12-mile hike in the White Mountains. Today, Davidson has lost more than 100 pounds, works out and plays basketball regularly and feels better than she has in years. Along with her own self-motivation, she credits much of her success to the support she has received at home and through the Surgical Weight Loss Program.

“I can’t say enough about Dr. Rivera and his team,” she says. “They are forthcoming and honest, and I can always count on them whenever I have a question. I couldn’t imagine doing this without them.”

“Support is the cornerstone of our program,” says Dr. Rivera. “It starts on day one and continues for at least five years.”

A little over a year after surgery, Davidson is happy with her decision. She was promoted at work, is working toward her bachelor’s degree and says her marriage is stronger than ever. “The change in my life is real,” she says. “The circumstances may not have been ideal when this journey began, but it’s been a win in every way since.”

To watch a video about Joyce Davidson, please visit: youtube.com/NorthShoreMedCenter.
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**NORTH SHORE CANCER WALK/RUN**

The 25th anniversary of the North Shore Cancer WALK/RUN marked one of the most Successful years in history, raising $1.1 million for oncology services on the North Shore.

We could not have had such a successful event without the outpouring of support of dedicated walkers, runners, donors, team captains, volunteers and sponsors. The WALK/RUN has raised more than $21 million over the last 25 years, providing vital funds for cancer treatment and programs at North Shore Medical Center and the Mass General / North Shore Cancer Center.

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The garden sits directly outside the infusion bays in the cancer center, which is on the south side of the building facing the wetlands. The healing garden contains a paved path, benches, a water fountain, a trellis with climbing flowers and willow trees. It also includes several varieties of perennial plants and flowers.

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Sunday, June 26

The 26th annual North Shore Cancer WALK will take place on Sunday, June 26! Starting at Salem Willows Park, and winding through historic downtown Salem, the scenic 10K (6.2 mile) Cancer WALK brings together thousands of participants for an unforgettable celebration of life, courage and community.

Proceeds from the 2016 Cancer WALK will support oncology services at North Shore Medical Center and the Massachusetts General/North Shore Cancer Center.

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