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A Place to Grow

Special Care Nursery Delivers Expertise and Compassion to High-Risk Babies



Kate Meehan of Salem enjoying some play time with her twins, Liam and Maggie. Both children were born prematurely and began their lives in the NSMC Special Care Nursery.

When Kate Meehan went in for her regularly scheduled ultrasound at 34 weeks of pregnancy, she did not expect a reason to be concerned. Her pregnancy had been progressing without incident and her twins, Liam and Maggie, were healthy and developmentally on track. She and her husband, Bobby, were ecstatic about the prospect of starting their family.

So it came as a shock to the expectant parents from Salem when doctors explained that one of their babies, Liam, had developed intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) and had stopped gaining weight. A cesarean delivery of both twins would have to be performed—as it turned out, later that very same day.

Over the emotionally charged month that followed, the Meehans became well acquainted with the staff of NSMC's Level IIB Special Care Nursery and came to appreciate not only the clinical expertise it provided in caring for their premature babies, but also the nursery's unwavering kindness and compassion.

"We certainly hadn't planned on having the babies when we went in for that appointment," says Kate. "We were relieved that we had passed the 32-week mark, which we knew was a milestone for development. But I was still two months shy of my due date and we were incredibly scared about the babies' ability to breath and eat on their own."

Affecting just 2 to 3 percent of all pregnancies, IUGR is a term used to describe a baby who is not growing at a normal rate inside the uterus. This can occur for a variety of reasons, but in the case of the Meehans, it was causing Maggie to receive more oxygen and nutrients than her brother.

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Admitted to the NSMC Birthplace at Salem Hospital that afternoon, Kate was scheduled to begin a round of steroid treatments to help strengthen the babies' lungs prior to delivery. Before this could even take place, Liam's heart rate began to drop. The surgery had to be performed immediately. Just hours later, Liam and Maggie were delivered by NSMC OB/GYN Justine Gelinis, D.O., weighing just 3 lbs. and 5 lbs., respectively.

"The babies were incredibly small and fragile—just ridiculously tiny," recalls Bobby, who was the first to see the twins after birth. "Liam's head fit right in the palm of my hand."

The babies were immediately transferred to NSMC's Special Care Nursery, also located at NSMC Salem Hospital, where a team of neonatologists, pediatricians, nurses and respiratory therapists worked to stabilize their vital signs. Maggie, though larger in size, was less developed than her brother.

In addition to supplemental oxygen and IV feeding tubes, she also required the use of a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine, sometimes used to treat preterm infants whose lungs have not fully matured. Both were kept in incubators to fight jaundice.

"As a licensed Level IIB Special Care Nursery, we are well equipped to care for high-risk babies born as early as 32 weeks," says Sanjay Aurora, M.D., M.P.H., Chief of Newborn Medicine. "Our first priority with Liam and Maggie was to assist them with breathing, keeping them stable and helping them grow. Our excellent staff is very supportive of parents. We are quite aware that having premature babies is an emotionally challenging experience."

The Meehans describe the days and weeks that followed as being full of small victories and a few setbacks. Liam continued to have feeding issues and dropped to 2 lbs. 6 oz. before finally bulking up. Over time, the twins continued to grow and develop and were eventually sent home, Maggie after 17 days and Liam after 27. Two years later, both are "happy, fun, curious, sassy little kids," according to their mom.

"The whole experience was incredibly difficult," says Kate. "All you want to do is bring your babies home and start your family." What made all the difference, she says, was the exceptional care they received. "Not only were the staff incredibly skilled, they were beyond compassionate and supportive. There was always a smile for us when we walked through the doors, a greeting by name, a hug when needed. We felt as though we were always a priority and that everyone there had all the time in the world for us."



MORE SPACE FOR OUR Smallest Patients

To better serve our smallest and most fragile patients, North Shore Medical Center will soon begin a \$2 million expansion and renovation of its Special Care Nursery. This project will double the unit's size and offer a more spacious, private and peaceful environment for babies and their families.

Located at NSMC Salem Hospital, the 12-bed Special Care Nursery is the centerpiece of NSMC's neonatology program and was designed to care for babies who need medical monitoring and specialized services not typically available in standard maternity environments.

This enhanced space, combined with NSMC's close relationship with the neonatal intensive care units at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, ensures the most advanced approach to infant care on the North Shore.

For more information or to donate to the Special Care Nursery, please contact Sara Andrews at 978-741-1242.

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A Taste for Good Health

Gastric Sleeve Surgery Leads Peabody Couple to More Vibrant Life

Until last year, Peabody resident Jonathan Sheldon, 34, never denied his appetite for unhealthy foods. “I have always loved fried foods, sweets and lots of other things I probably shouldn’t have been eating,” he says. The long hours associated with his job as an owner of a busy IT engineering business didn’t help matters either, leading him to grab fast food meals on the run. Over time, he began to put on weight.

“Obesity runs in my family but I never viewed my weight as a real problem,” says Sheldon. It wasn’t until he topped 300 pounds and started to have weight-related health issues like high cholesterol and a racing heartbeat that he realized he needed to take action.

On the advice of his cardiologist, Mark Anderson, M.D., Sheldon enrolled in the NSMC Cardiac Risk Reduction Program, a 12-week course designed to educate patients on how to prevent the development and progression of heart disease. While he was participating in this program, one of the counselors suggested that he might be a good candidate for weight loss surgery.

A consultation with NSMC’s director of bariatric (weight loss) surgery, Bernard Benedetto, M.D., followed and, after discussing all of his options, Sheldon decided on having sleeve gastrectomy surgery. His wife, Meredith, 33, had undergone this same procedure at North Shore Medical Center in January of 2012 and lost a life-changing 100 pounds.



“The sleeve gastrectomy is a minimally invasive procedure in which we remove about 85 percent of the stomach through small incisions made in the patient’s abdomen,” says Dr. Benedetto. “The remaining portion of the stomach is then stapled together in a vertical manner giving it a sleeve shape that remains connected to the intestines. One potential benefit of this procedure is that, although it restricts the amount of food the patient is able to eat, it does not involve re-routing the intestine and may have fewer long-term side effects than traditional gastric bypass.”

Since his surgery in June 2012, Sheldon has lost an impressive 80 pounds and has never felt healthier. Both he and his wife took full advantage of NSMC’s comprehensive post-operative program, which includes medically supervised cardiac risk reduction, nutrition and psychological counseling, exercise, general education and peer support.

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“I like to describe the surgery itself as being the starting bell,” says Dr. Benedetto. “Once a patient recovers from surgery, that’s when the real work begins. This is where our program excels because we make sure the patient is closely monitored, cared for and supported to ensure long-term success.”

The Sheldons learned their lessons well, dramatically changing their eating and exercise habits and embracing an all-around healthier lifestyle. The couple has even hired a personal trainer to help them take their exercise up a notch and are talking about starting a family.

“Before the surgery, I limited my physical activities because I didn’t want to feel uncomfortable,” says Sheldon. “But now I am feeling stronger and healthier than ever and doing more and more every day.”

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In their own words



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After receiving gastric sleeve surgery at NSMC Salem Hospital, Meredith and Jonathan Sheldon of Peabody have embraced a healthier lifestyle.

THE GASTRIC SLEEVE OPTION

Sleeve gastrectomy surgery is one of several minimally invasive weight loss procedures offered through NSMC’s Surgical Weight Management Program. Through the procedure, 85 percent of the patient’s stomach is removed through small incisions made in the abdomen. The remaining portion of the stomach, which resembles a sleeve or slim banana, reduces how much a patient can eat, helping one to feel fuller faster.

Sleeve gastrectomy surgery is different from other weight loss surgeries because there is no cutting, re-routing or bypassing any portion of the small intestine as is the case with traditional gastric bypass surgery. There is also no band or other permanent restrictive device left in the body after the surgery as with laparoscopic adjustable gastric band surgery.

Benefits:

- The stomach still functions normally and the patient can still eat virtually all food items, just in smaller portions.
- The surgery can be performed as a minimally invasive procedure, reducing discomfort and improving recovery time.
- By avoiding the intestinal bypass, the sleeve greatly reduces the chance of complications such as intestinal obstruction, marginal ulcers, anemia, osteoporosis, protein deficiency and vitamin deficiency.
- The sleeve procedure eliminates the portion of the stomach that produces the hormones that stimulate hunger.

NSMC’s Surgical Weight Management Program is accredited as a Level 1A Bariatric Surgery Center by the Bariatric Surgery Center Network Accreditation Program of the American College of Surgeons. This is the highest level of accreditation a bariatric center can receive. For more information, visit www.nsmcweightloss.org or call 978-825-6505.

Classes & Services

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

Danvers | Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care
102 Endicott Street, Danvers

Danvers | NSMC Women's Center
One Hutchinson Drive, Danvers

Lynn | NSMC Union Hospital
500 Lynnfield Street, Lynn

Salem | NSMC Salem Hospital
81 Highland Avenue, Salem

Salem | MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center
57 Highland Avenue, Salem

Salem | NSMC Wellness & Integrative Medicine Center
400 Highland Avenue, Salem
978-740-1022
nsmcwellness@partners.org

Childbirth and Care

Call Isis Parenting at 781-429-1500 or log on to isisparenting.com to register for classes.

Disease Management

Cardiac Rehabilitation
781-477-3300

Cardiac Risk Reduction
781-477-3900

Diabetes Management Program
781-477-3409 (Lynn, Gloucester)

Living Well with Heart Failure
978-354-2577

Pulmonary Rehabilitation
781-477-3102

Surgical Weight Management
978-825-6505

Wellness Classes and Services

- Acupuncture
- Chair Strength Training for Seniors
- Chi Gong
- CPR 978-354-3013
- Fitness Gym
- Hypnotherapy
- LEARN Program for Weight Control
- Massage
- Meditation
- Personal Training
- Reiki
- Smoking Cessation 781-477-3900
- Strong Women
- Tai Chi
- Yoga & Yogalates
- Zumba

Support Groups

Please contact the following organizations for meeting times and locations.

Addiction Recovery
www.smartrecovery.org

ADHD Parent Support Group
978-354-2660

Al-Anon
508-366-0556

Asthma and Food Allergy Support Group
781-598-5932

Bereavement: Fetal/Newborn Loss
978-354-3357

Bipolar Disorder Parent Support Group
978-354-2660

Breast Feeding Support Group
978-354-3263

CPAP Support Group
978-354-4397

Depression Support Group (for teens)
978-354-2670

Diabetes Management Support Group
781-477-3409

Fibromyalgia Support Group
978-740-1022

Gastric Bypass, Band and Sleeve Support Group (pre- and post-op support)
978-825-6505

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
978-741-1215 ext. 2623

Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP)
781-593-5224

HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change)
978-744-6841

Laryngectomy Support Group
978-236-1455

Learn to Cope (substance abuse family support)
978-354-2660

Mindfulness for Children (ages 8-10)
978-354-2670

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Support Group
978-354-2670

Overeaters Anonymous
781-641-2303

Parents Helping Parents
978-354-2660

Sibshop Support Group (for siblings of children with special needs)
978-354-2660

Stress Reduction Clinic (adults and teens)
978-354-2670

Stroke Support Group
781-631-0114

Cancer Support Groups

Breast Cancer Support Group
978-882-6002

Children Whose Parents Have Cancer Support Group
978-882-6073

Head and Neck Support Group
978-882-6002

Healing with Hope
781-477-3505

Physician Q&A

If you have a health question you would like answered by our experts, send us an email at HealthyLife@partners.org.

Q | I've been feeling stressed and depressed lately. How do I know if I need to seek professional help?

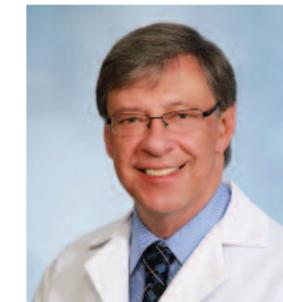
Feeling down in the dumps some days is a part of being human. Usually these times pass and we begin to feel like our normal selves again after two weeks or so. If your emotional problems are lasting longer and preventing you from living a happy life, reach out for support. Symptoms may include difficulty sleeping, irritability and trouble with jobs or relationships. If these issues are becoming increasingly persistent, discuss them with your primary care physician (PCP), who can evaluate you and make the appropriate referrals if needed. Whatever the problem, your PCP and mental health specialists will help you find ways to better cope with difficult feelings or behavior.

To contact Dr. Santos-Martins, please call 978-563-3400.

Helena Santos-Martins, M.D.
Primary Care Physician



Q | My son is eight years old and rambunctious. Do I need to have him tested for ADHD?



Edward Zalitis, M.D.
Pediatric Primary Care

Many things besides attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can cause challenges in children, such as learning disabilities, conduct disorders, oppositional defiant disorder or even depression. Children with ADHD are not just high-energy kids; they also can have severe difficulties focusing their attention and organizing their thoughts. On the other hand, highly energized, active kids who do not have ADHD can usually focus when it is necessary to accomplish a goal. Meet with your pediatrician and explain what you have observed at home and the feedback you have received from the school regarding your child's behavior and performance in the classroom and ask for a comprehensive evaluation. This information will help you learn the best way to support your child. **To contact Dr. Zalitis, please call 978-745-3050.**

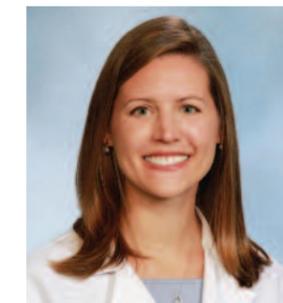
Q | Beyond medication, what can I do to manage my spring allergies?

When allergen levels in the air reach their peak, they can often make their way into our homes. Allergens such as pollen tend to stick to fabrics and can be carried inside on our own clothes and belongings and deposited on furniture and the walls. Try to avoid triggers by keeping windows closed. Wash your bedding, pajamas and clothing as much as possible during the spring season. Showering after being outside is also an easy way to avoid exposure to allergens. If you do have to go outside, be sure to wear your sunglasses to prevent pollen from entering your eyes. **To contact Dr. Narusevicius, please call 978-745-1200.**

Lily Narusevicius, M.D.
Internal Medicine



Q | I recently had an abnormal pap smear. What does this mean?



Caroline Lawler, M.D.
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

Being alarmed or worried is a completely normal reaction when your pap smear is abnormal. A pap smear checks for changes in the cells in your cervix and reveals other minor underlying conditions that cause changes in your cervical cells. An abnormal pap smear indicates the presence of abnormal cells and usually means that you should have further evaluation. Most common abnormalities are infection, inflammation, yeast infection, an STD or HPV. Although cervical cancer is a real threat to women, receiving an abnormal pap is not a cancer diagnosis. The most important thing you can do is to get a follow-up evaluation and continue to have annual check-ups to track any changes. **To contact Dr. Lawler, please call 978-739-6975 or 781-599-2600.**

To register online or sign up for advanced email notification of class registration, visit nsmc.partners.org, or call 1-978-740-1022.

A Happy, Healthy Heart

With her heart surgery at the NSMC Heart Center behind her, Joanne Cunningham of Salem now has plenty of time to spend with her loved ones.

“I received the best care from the best people—and all in my own community”

“It can also cause heart palpitations, fainting, chest pain and an increased risk for congestive heart failure and stroke.”

To monitor Cunningham’s A-fib, Dr. McGough referred her to NSMC cardiologist Michael Katcher, M.D. “I first tried to treat Joanne’s condition with medication, but she didn’t respond as well as I had hoped and continued to experience frequent and severe episodes of atrial fibrillation,” says Dr. Katcher. Both he and Cunningham knew that the next step would be surgery at the NSMC Heart Center.

“We determined that a leaky heart valve was causing increased pressure in Joanne’s heart chambers, contributing to her fast and irregular heart rate and causing shortness of breath,” explains Ann Toran, M.D., NSMC Chief of Cardiac Surgery, who, in addition to repairing the valve, also performed a procedure to control the electrical impulses in Cunningham’s heart. “Together, these procedures stopped Joanne’s atrial fibrillation, stopped the valve from leaking and gave her a new lease on life.”

Throughout her surgery and recovery, Cunningham’s family was there to support her, thanks to the close proximity of NSMC’s Heart Center—the North Shore’s only comprehensive cardiac program that includes angioplasty and advanced cardiac surgery.

“I received the best care from the best people—and all in my own community,” says Cunningham. “For me, atrial fibrillation was just a bump in the road. Now that I am recovered, my heart is full of nothing but love.”



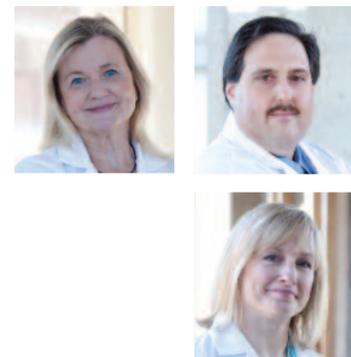
Advanced Cardiac Care Close to Home

THE NSMC HEART CENTER offers the most advanced and comprehensive cardiac program on the North Shore. In addition to exceptional medical and surgical care, the Heart Center offers a wide range of prevention, rehabilitation and support programs. Its longstanding collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital also ensures the highest level of care while enabling patients to remain close to home and family. The physicians, nurses, clinical assistants, administrators and support staff in the Heart Center provide patients with compassionate, professional clinical care throughout their treatment.

CLINICAL SERVICES

- Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI) and stents
- Cardiac catheterization
- Cardiac surgery
- Cardiac rehabilitation program
- Cardiovascular risk reduction
- Cardiology evaluation and testing (EKG, echocardiogram, nuclear cardiology, Holter monitoring, stress testing and cardiac ultrasound)
- Electrophysiology and arrhythmias
- Living Well with Heart Failure program
- Vascular surgery and testing

For more information on the NSMC Heart Center or to find a cardiologist affiliated with NSMC and Massachusetts General Hospital, please visit nsmc.partners.org/heart_center



The team that gave Joanne Cunningham a new life: primary care physician Maury McGough, M.D.; cardiologist Michael Katcher, M.D.; cardiac surgeon Ann Toran, M.D.

NSMC Heart Center Gives Salem Grandmother a New Lease on Life

Longtime Salem resident Joanne Cunningham’s heart has always been filled with happiness. Surrounded by her large, extended family, the cheery great-grandmother enjoys nothing more than spending time with the people she loves.

But this life full of love was unexpectedly interrupted when Cunningham’s heart began to race uncontrollably, causing her to experience dizzy spells, shortness of breath and a great deal of discomfort. “I suddenly went from living life freely to being anxious and worried,” says Cunningham. “And living life like that was not for me.”

When her symptoms intensified, Cunningham consulted Maury McGough, M.D., her primary care physician and NSMC Director of Primary Care, who diagnosed her with atrial fibrillation. Also referred to as A-fib, atrial fibrillation is a condition that causes an irregular and often rapid heart rate that can lead to poor blood flow throughout the body. “It’s this poor blood flow that causes people to feel dizzy and weak,” says Dr. McGough.

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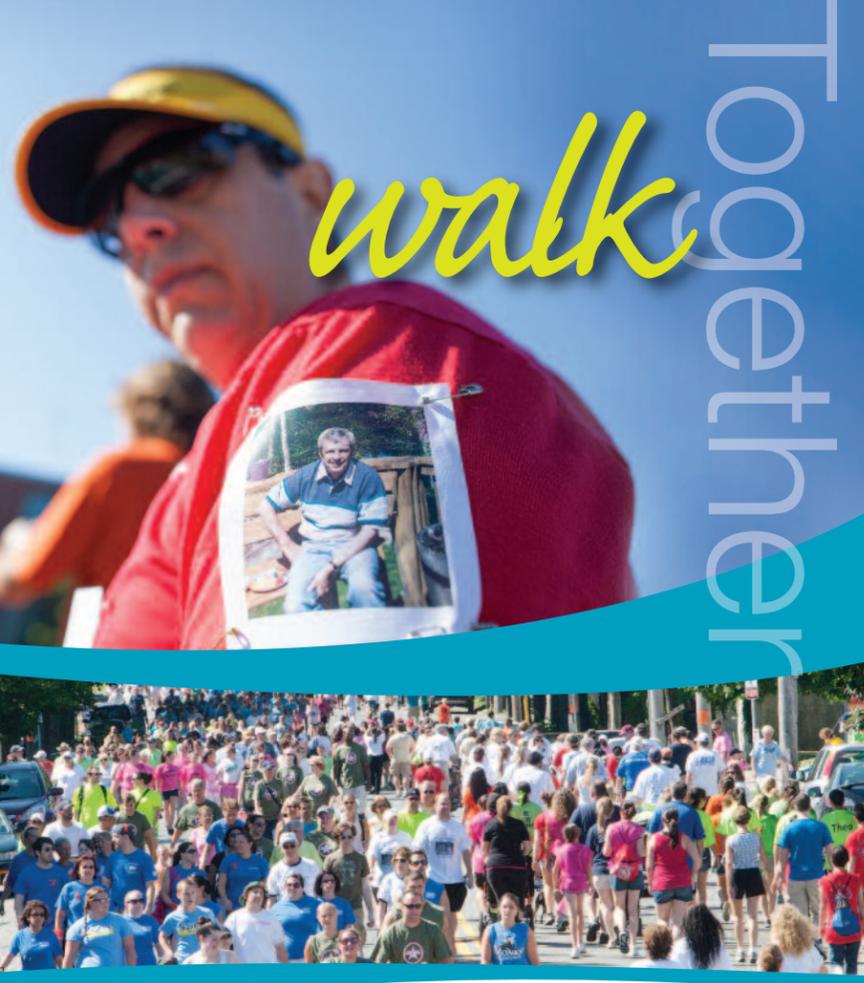
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NSMC HEART CENTER WELCOMES NEW CARDIAC SURGEON



Thomas Carr, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., recently joined the staff of the NSMC Heart Center. Board certified in general and thoracic surgery, Dr. Carr is a graduate of Harvard University and New York Medical College. He completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at Boston University Medical Center. His clinical interests include adult cardiac and thoracic surgery, including coronary artery surgery and mitral valve repair.

To learn more about Dr. Carr and the NSMC Heart Center, please call 978-741-1200 or visit nsmc.partners.org/heart_center.



Join us **June 23, 2013** for the 23rd annual North Shore Cancer WALK. Starting at Salem Willows Park, the 6.2 mile route winds through historic downtown Salem.

All proceeds from this year's event will support the renovation of the inpatient oncology unit at NSMC Salem Hospital and cancer treatment programs at the Mass General/North Shore Cancer Center in Danvers.

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NSMC INTRODUCES HYPERBARIC THERAPY



Later this spring, the NSMC Advanced Wound Clinic will begin offering Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) to treat patients with chronic or non-healing wounds. HBOT is a medical treatment in which a patient breathes 100 percent pure oxygen while under pressure in a hyperbaric chamber. This process infuses more oxygen into the blood and enhances healing. It is often used to treat diabetes patients whose wounds can be slow to heal, as well as patients who have damaged tissue due to radiation therapy, skin or bone infections or skin grafts. It is also beneficial for any patient with a wound that has shown no improvement over a four-week period. HBOT is offered on an outpatient basis.

The NSMC Advanced Wound Clinic specializes in the treatment of all types of simple and complex wounds. Successful healing requires close coordination between the clinic and a patient's primary care physician. Our staff of highly trained professionals uses the latest treatments and technology available and is available for consultation immediately.

For more information on the NSMC Advanced Wound Clinic, please visit nsmc.partners.org/surgery/wound_care or call 978-354-3584.

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NSPG WELCOMES TWO NEW OB/GYNS

Melanie Nathan, M.D., and Caroline Lawler, M.D., have recently joined North Shore Physicians Group (NSPG) obstetric and gynecology practices in Danvers, Salem and Swampscott. Both physicians deliver babies at the North Shore Medical Center Birthplace at Salem Hospital.

MELANIE NATHAN, M.D.

A graduate of the University of the South Florida College of Medicine, Dr. Nathan's clinical interests include adolescent gynecology, menstrual disorders, abnormal pap smears, minimally invasive surgery and low- and high-risk obstetrics. Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, she sees patients at NSPG's OB/GYN practices at 55 Highland Ave., Suite 301 in Salem and 1 Hutchinson Drive in Danvers.

To make an appointment with Dr. Nathan, please call 978-739-6975 (Danvers) or 978-741-3700 (Salem).

CAROLINE LAWLER, M.D.

A graduate of the University of the Connecticut School of Medicine, Dr. Lawler's clinical interests include minimally invasive surgery, low- and high-risk obstetrics, menstrual disorders, adolescent gynecology, abnormal pap smears and menopause. Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, she sees patients at NSPG's OB/GYN practices at 1 Hutchinson Drive in Danvers and 383 Paradise Road in Swampscott.

To make an appointment with Dr. Lawler, please call 978-739-6975 (Danvers) or 781-599-2600 (Swampscott).



BOSTON MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIANS

Congratulations to the five North Shore Medical Center physicians who were named among the "Best Doctors in Boston" in the December 2012 issue of *Boston* magazine. The list is comprised of more than 645 Boston-area physicians in 50 different specialties. From NSMC, the list includes Daniel Doody, M.D., pediatric surgery; Allan Goldstein, M.D., pediatric surgery; James MacLean, M.D., allergy and clinical immunology; John Petrozza, M.D., reproductive endocrinology; and John Schorge, M.D., gynecologic oncology.



To learn more about these and the other exceptional physicians of NSMC, please call the NSMC Physician Referral Service at 877-676-2637 or visit nsmcphysicians.partners.org.

GOING GREEN FOR OUR COMMUNITY



A new, state-of-the-art power plant is being built on the grounds of NSMC Salem Hospital that will generate cleaner, safer and more cost-efficient energy for our facilities. When completed, this new plant will replace NSMC's existing utility plant facing Highland Avenue, improving both parking and access for our patients and visitors.

At various times over the next several months, this project may impact parking and access to entrances on the NSMC Salem Campus.

Please allow extra time when visiting for an appointment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Need a New Primary Care Doctor?

Our primary care physicians are ready to care for you and your family. In the past year, we have welcomed several new primary care physicians to the North Shore, which means that many of our PCPs can offer you and your family an appointment with little to no wait time. And to provide you with the best care possible, all our primary care offices use electronic medical records. These doctors are your connection to the Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care in Danvers as well as the full services of North Shore Medical Center and Partners HealthCare.

To learn more about our primary care physicians, please call our Physician Finder service at 1-877-NSMC-MDs (1-877-676-2637) or visit us online at nsmc.partners.org.



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