

## Smilow Update: May 3, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

### **Celebrating our Oncology Nurses**

Please join us as we celebrate our fantastic nursing staff during Oncology Nursing Month! Take a moment to honor and thank our outstanding nurses for their devoted care for our patients and dedication to Smilow Cancer Hospital and our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Centers. Please plan to login to our Annual Oncology Awards Nursing Ceremony on **Wednesday, May 5 at 8am.**

### **Town Hall and Patient Forum**

Please join us on **Thursday, May 6 at 5pm** for a town hall meeting to provide clinical and research updates to our Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center community. This event is open, and we encourage all faculty, providers, scientists, and staff to attend via Zoom and share their questions or concerns for discussion. Town Halls will continue on the first Thursday of each month at 5pm.

We will also host a Smilow Cancer Hospital Patient and Family Forum on **Thursday, May 13 at 7pm** to provide updates to our patients and community and to answer their questions. All are welcome to attend online. Please share and encourage your patients to login.

### **Smilow Technology Application Review (STAR) Committee**

Recognizing that integration of new technology initiatives can create complex and competing workflows that directly affect the success of other projects at the service line and system level, project review and prioritization of new technology is necessary to prevent duplication of effort, competing workflows, and acquisition of resources. A Smilow technology review committee has been created to triage technology initiatives for prioritization, workflow, and sustainability. The committee will focus on leveraging existing technology and synergizing workflows. Technology initiatives required to maintain compliance with regulatory, mandated, and contractual or accreditation compliance will be prioritized. Please reach out to the **STAR Committee** for evaluation of opportunities for workflow improvement, risk assessment, and resource needs. In addition, please complete an **online form** to suggest a project for review.

### **DaVinci Xi Surgical System at Westerly Hospital**

Westerly Hospital expanded its surgical capabilities with the acquisition of the da Vinci Xi Surgical System. The robotic device arrived at the hospital last week and surgeons will perform the first urologic procedures next month to treat urologic cancers, prostate enlargement, male infertility, and kidney stone management. In addition, the new technology

will be utilized for hysterectomies as well as thyroid cancer removal, colorectal procedures, and hernia repair.

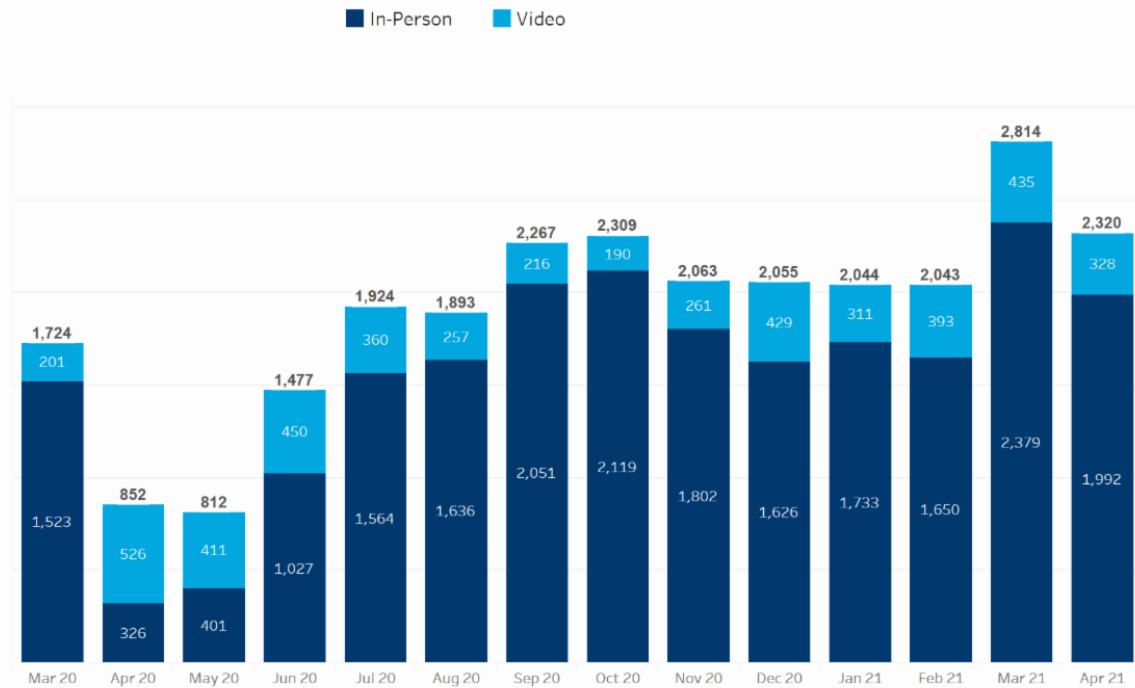
### Director for the Ambulatory Practice

Rosangely Cruz, has been named Director for the Ambulatory Practice at Yale Cancer Center in Smilow Cancer Hospital. Rosy joins Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital from Yale Medicine where she has been Manager of Patient Access for the Yale Medicine Care Center - Urology since 2019. Prior to her role in the Care Center, Rosy served as Clinical Operations Manager in the Department of Urology for 6 years.

### Sexuality, Intimacy and Menopause Program

The **Sexuality, Intimacy, and Menopause Program** at Smilow Cancer Hospital combines both medical and psychological interventions to help women who experience sexual dysfunction after cancer. Founded by Dr. Elena Ratner and Dr. Mary Jane Minkin, the clinic began nearly a decade ago and is a resource for the care of your patients. Please reach out to **Johanna D’Addario, PA-C** for more information or call (203) 785-7385.

## New Patient Visits by Modality: 63% Increase From March 2020 To March 2021 March 1, 2020 - April 27, 2021



1. Data includes YSC and Network. Radiation Oncology is included.

2. New Patients only. Video visits MyChart Video Visit New and MyChart Video Visit Consult are considered new patient visits. No Telephone visit types are considered new patient visits

**Best regards,**

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