

## COVID-19 Update: April 14, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

### Oncology Surgery at SRC

To prioritize our patients' safety, we have designed a special surgical care pathway to address the needs of our cancer patients and have moved many of our surgical teams to the Saint Raphael Campus for upcoming surgeries.

- Only surgeries deemed **urgent and emergent** cases, as currently defined by our surgical triage guidelines will be considered.
- Elective surgeries are not being scheduled at this time.

### Rothberg Donation for COVID Research

Yale School of Medicine Dean, Nancy J. Brown, MD, recently announced the generous donation of \$2 million to support COVID research and patient care from **Jonathan Rothberg, MPhil, MS, PhD**, and **Bonnie Gould Rothberg, MD, PhD, MPH, FACP**. Many of you know that Dr. Gould Rothberg is on the frontlines caring full time for our patients in our Extended Care Clinic (ECC). Her tremendous dedication and support of our patients has been extraordinary, and we appreciate their incredible support.

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### Dunkin' Treats

Dunkin' has graciously offered to donate coffee and munchkins on **Wednesday**.

- York Street Campus: 6:30-8:30am, Hunter Sidewalk, corner of York and Cedar
- Saint Raphael Campus: 10:00am-12:30pm, McGivney parking lot
- YNHH and Yale University faculty and staff must present their staff IDs to qualify.
- *Please remember to observe the social distancing guidelines while collecting your goodies.*

## Smilow Star

**Paula Pike, RN, BSN, MSN/A, MBA/HC, NE-BC**, Clinical Program Manager for our Smilow Cancer Hospital Network, has risen above and beyond over the past several weeks as she transitioned our Orange Care Center clinicians and team to our Derby location, and was instrumental in the move of NP 1 to Guilford and NP 4 and 8 to North Haven. Paula provides strong leadership, managing both supporting staff on site and staff now working remotely. She embraces and models unity throughout our Smilow Network and was valuable in guiding our physicians, nurses, caregivers, and staff to their new spaces. Her welcoming and caring attitude is contagious! Paula is pictured at the Smile Africa orphanage in Uganda, where she volunteers through a medical mission trip annually.



## Key Upcoming Events

Smilow Cancer Hospital will host our second Patient and Family Forum on Wednesday at 7pm, with a presentation and discussion on Coping Mechanisms from **Laurie Santos, PhD**, Professor of Psychology. Please share the opportunity with your patients, and join us online.

- [April 15: Patient and Family Forum; 7pm](#)

Best regards,

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