

Smilow Update: June 3, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Orange Care Center

Our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Orange will reopen on Monday, June 15 following an extended merger with our Care Center in Derby. Dr. Johanna LaSala and Dr. Kelsey Martin, along with their team of providers and caregivers will transition back to Orange, and all of their patient appointments will be rescheduled back to the facility. Thank you to the teams from both Derby and Orange for their patience, flexibility, and teamwork during the past three months.

Heart & Vascular Center - Interventional Radiology Services

- As an update to Monday's message, a successful program of interventional oncology services have been provided at YNHH throughout the COVID crisis. Up to 60 liver patients had therapeutic interventional procedures at a time when surgical options were limited.
- Ambulatory HVC IR services are expanding at our Park Avenue Medical Center post-COVID to 4 days/week.

Diagnostic Radiology

- As we restart our breast screening program, we are already imaging 5 times more women/week than we were in April.
- By adopting new post-COVID operational efficiencies, CT utilization at YNHH is now at 80% of pre-COVID levels, while still maintaining social distancing and a calm environment.
- Extended hours (evenings and weekends) are now available for breast and ultrasound imaging appointments.

Celebrating Cancer Survivors

The Smilow Cancer Hospital Survivorship team, in collaboration with the team from our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Greenwich Hospital, invite everyone to participate in our inaugural Smilow Cancer Hospital Network National Cancer Survivorship Day Virtual Celebration. On Sunday, June 7th we will host an Opening Ceremony to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day. Each day following, new video content will launch focused on nutrition, integrative medicine, rehab, social work, and personal care.

- Share how you celebrate survivorship! We welcome you to celebrate survivors through recording fun and/or educational videos. Ideas include having your care team create a shout out to your patients and survivors, talking about what Survivorship means to you, or providing some practical tips for cancer survivors. Videos can be recorded on your phone or by Zoom and submitted for posting. [Learn More >>](#)

Town Hall

Please join us for a [Smilow Town Hall](#) on Thursday, June 4 at 5pm. We will review the latest information and discuss the ambulatory moves and planning with Anne Chiang, MD, and Maureen Major Campos, RN, and hear news from our Clinical Research leadership, Roy Decker, MD, PhD, and Joyce Tull, RN, on our clinical trial initiatives. In addition, Roy Herbst, MD, PhD, and Daniel Petrylak, MD, will present updates from this weekend's ASCO Virtual Meeting and Vanna Dest, MSN, APRN, will provide an update from the ONS Congress. Please send your questions in advance to canceranswers@yale.edu.

Smilow Stars

Today, we thank the nursing team at our Trumbull Care Center for their flexibility and continued commitment to our patients over the last three months during many transitions, changes, and developing protocols.

Together, **Patti Syx, Denise Paci, Katie Mullins, and Mary McCartney** have provided continuous support for a high volume of patients. They have been instrumental in alleviating patient fears and providing relief and comfort during pre-visit screening calls and in-person visits. Their resourcefulness and knowledge has also provided key triage for patient concerns by phone to help eliminate extra visits and provide helpful guidance remotely. Thank you for being Smilow Stars!

Clockwise from top left: Patti, Denise, Katie, and Mary



Best regards,

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