

Smilow Update: May 4, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Oncology Nursing Month Awards and Recognition

Please join us today, Wednesday, May 4 at 8:00am to recognize the dedication of our oncology nursing professionals, and to honor and remember Cathy Lyons, RN, MSN. This virtual celebration and awards ceremony is open to all, and an annual highlight!

[Join webinar](#)

Epic Upgrade Planned for May 15

The next Epic Upgrade will be overnight on Sunday, May 15th. For physicians and APPs, there are two key improvements: Results Review and In Basket. For a more comprehensive review of upgrade highlights and videos go to <https://epic.ynhh.org/>

- **Results Review** has been improved for easier workflow and new functionality. To prepare ahead of the upgrade, click for under [two-minute video on Results Review highlights](#)
- **In Basket** has been made more user friendly and efficient. Click here to watch an under [three-minute video on In Basket upgrade highlights](#).

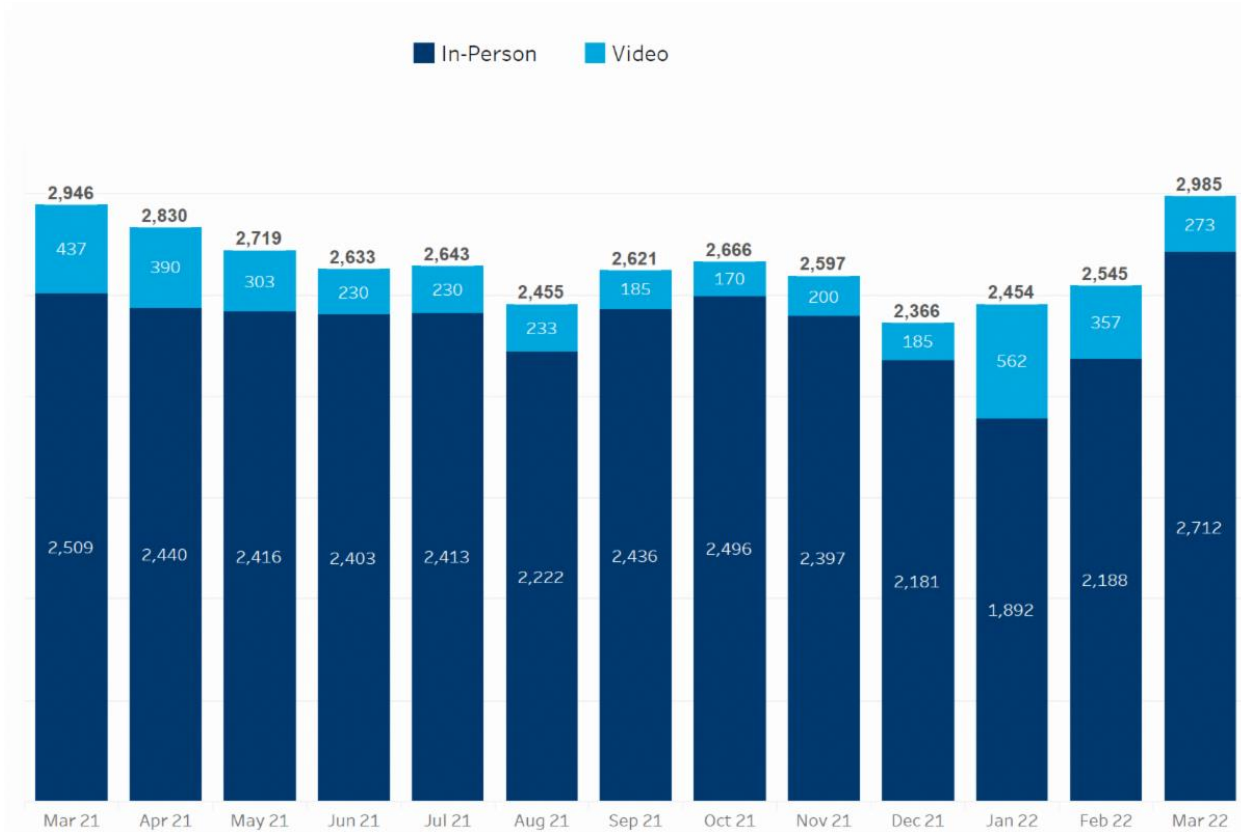
Hand Hygiene

YNNHS is renewing our focus on hand hygiene with a campaign to remind all clinicians and staff to properly wash their hands before every interaction with our patients. Increased vigilance and attention to hand hygiene will be prominent throughout the month of May, including audits throughout the health system and within Smilow Cancer Hospital. Please do your part to protect our patients and each other.

Thursday, May 5 is [World Hand Hygiene Day](#). The CDC reminds us all to use an alcohol-based hand rub or wash with soap and water for the following clinical indications:

- Immediately before touching a patient
- Before performing an aseptic task (e.g., placing an indwelling device) or handling invasive medical devices
- Before moving from work on a soiled body site to a clean body site on the same patient
- After touching a patient or the patient's immediate environment
- After contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated surfaces
- Immediately after glove removal

New Patient Visits: 1% Increase from March 2021 to March 2022



Smilow Star!

Elizabeth Griffin is the Administrative Associate at the Specialty Physician's office at Park Avenue Medical Center in Trumbull. She is the kind of team member that everyone would like to have on their team. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of her work and in organizing many of the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Trumbull outreach and cancer screening events. Elizabeth has been a dedicated Bridgeport Hospital employee since January of 1990. Elizabeth has become colleagues and friends with hundreds of people throughout her career as she's made connections in the Bridgeport and Trumbull communities. She is always willing to help and it's common to hear, "ask Elizabeth, she will know" and she does. If not, she knows who to ask. Elizabeth has also been the captain of the Smilow Trumbull Closer to Free team for 10 years. One may recognize the Smilow ONCtourage team from the deely bobber headbands she gets for her team to wear on their helmets! The kindness she shows to patients and families is commendable and she is a go to person for all the providers at the Park Avenue Medical Center. Smilow couldn't ask for a better partner in care than Elizabeth Griffin!



Best regards,

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