Town Hall Meetings Present Vision for Future

It was standing room only at the campuses of Beth Israel Medical Center, St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals, and New York Eye and Ear Infirmary for a series of Town Hall meetings at which the leaders of the Mount Sinai Health System presented their vision for the future and how the new system will address today’s health care challenges.

At five meetings, which took place from October 15-24, Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mount Sinai Health System, and Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System, emphasized that each hospital and ambulatory practice will play a key role in the growth and development of Mount Sinai.

“The country is embracing a new model of care—away from fee for service and toward one that emphasizes population health management,” Dr. Davis said in his opening remarks at each venue. “Consolidated provider systems can best

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Patient Transfer Center Unites Hospital Campuses

The Emergency Departments at St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals started transferring pediatric cases to The Mount Sinai Hospital on Tuesday, October 1, a day after the creation of the Mount Sinai Health System. These patient transfers are among the first systemwide synergies to be implemented throughout the seven campuses, and point to the fluidity of the Health System’s Inter-Hospital Transfer Center, which is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

According to Dan Wiener, MD, Associate Medical Director, and Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals, most of the cases have been children

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Dr. Charney emphasized developing clinical institutes of excellence across the system to enhance clinical care, research, and education. “This allows us to develop best practice models and share them transparently with all practitioners,” he said. Dr. Charney added that institutes of excellence “provide our medical students, residents, and fellows the most robust education and training and advance Mount Sinai’s world-renowned depth and breadth of clinical research.”

The physician leaders also pointed to the unique and complementary strengths of the combined system. “The Continuum hospitals represent a strong base of ambulatory and primary care, which when combined with Mount Sinai’s, creates the largest distribution of primary care physicians in the city,” Dr. Davis said. “This will greatly enhance our ability to successfully address population health management.”

Audiences at each venue raised questions covering a wide range of topics.

Some physicians inquired about strengthening referrals to Mount Sinai’s nationally ranked clinical programs. Dr. Davis assured this was a top priority. “There is no reason with a system as vast and dynamic as ours that referrals should be lost to other providers,” he asserted. He used the example of Mount Sinai Queens, which refers more than 1,000 patients annually to The Mount Sinai Hospital. “We want to be that same resource to all of the other hospitals in our new system,” he added.

There also were many questions from staff covering topics from benefits to consolidations. “We are moving at a rapid pace toward full integration throughout the system,” Dr. Davis said. “However, there are still some decisions that are going to take some time because they require more thoughtful discussion.”

In closing, Dr. Davis complimented the entire Mount Sinai Health System community for its dedication to strong collaboration. “Ultimately, it’s the patients who are going to benefit,” he said. “Meeting their needs is why we all entered the health care profession.”

White Coat Ceremony: A Medical Milestone

One-hundred-forty first-year students from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai symbolically marked the start of their medical education by receiving white coats and stethoscopes, and reciting a student oath at the 16th annual White Coat Ceremony, held recently in Stern Auditorium.

“Our profession is entering a transformative and inspiring era, as major advances in science, technology, and medicine unfold,” said Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and President for Academic Affairs of Mount Sinai Health System. “I encourage the Class of 2017 to embrace these advances, to build upon them, to learn from one another, and to be dreamers. We want you to achieve what now seems impossible.”

The keynote speaker was Angela Diaz, MD, MPH, Jean C. and James W. Crystal Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Preventive Medicine, and Director, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center. “You will learn as much from interacting with patients, as you do from reading,” she told the students. “You will be a physician, but at times, you will need to take on additional roles as psychologist, social worker, sociologist, facilitator, advocate, and much more. The white coat represents a promise to tirelessly promote the health and well-being of all people.”

Speakers also included Peter W. May, Chairman, Boards of Trustees, Mount Sinai Health System; Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mount Sinai Health System; David Muller, MD, Dean for Medical Education, and Marietta and Charles C. Morchand Chair in Medical Education; and Peter Gliatto, MD, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education and Student Affairs.
Convocation 2013 Honors Excellence

Ten faculty members were named endowed professors at the 2013 Convocation Ceremony on Monday, September 30, an event that marks the beginning of the academic year for the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. The honorees, renowned in their respective fields—including allergy and immunology, cancer research, neuroscience, nephrology, otolaryngology, translational genetics, and transplant immunology—comprised the largest group named at one time at Mount Sinai.

Speaking before the ceremony’s attendees in Stern Auditorium, Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System, called the day “momentous.” A few hours earlier, the Boards of Trustees of The Mount Sinai Medical Center and Continuum Health Partners had announced the formation of the Mount Sinai Health System with seven hospital campuses, making it the largest such system in New York State.

At the ceremony, Dr. Charney presented a report on the State of the School, which showed an 11.7 percent increase in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding in 2015. For more information on Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, go to www.icahn.mssm.edu/stateofschool.

Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mount Sinai Health System, told the audience, “Each year, Convocation brings us together to renew our commitment to education, research, and clinical care—as well as to each other and to this institution. Our future is in our hands. We will continue to grow but in a new way, and with a new strategic vision.”

Peter W. May, Chairman, Boards of Trustees, Mount Sinai Health System, said this year’s Convocation Ceremony was the first since the medical school had been renamed in honor of Mount Sinai Trustee, Carl C. Icahn. The Convocation honorees “exemplify Mount Sinai’s commitment to delivering patient care informed by leading-edge research,” said Mr. May. “Today, it is our privilege to commend not only those whose brilliant work promises to transform the practice of medicine but also those whose partnership and generosity champion this vital work.”

For the first time, five professors were endowed as Ward-Coleman Chairs through the estate of the late Ruth Ward Coleman, a strong and passionate attorney who helped establish the Social Security Administration, and who passed away in 2012 at the age of 110.

In accepting his honor, Eric M. Genden, MD, the newly named Dr. Isidore Friesner Chair of Otolaryngology, said, “I came to Mount Sinai 25 years ago as a student, and to be endowed means so much to me. In 1923, Dr. Friesner initiated the otolaryngology training program. This endowed Chair will stand as a reminder every day of the importance of training our young surgeons.”

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in respiratory distress brought on by asthma or pneumonia, or those at risk for respiratory deterioration. He says the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals offers primarily specialized postoperative endovascular and neurosurgical care. Prior to the establishment of the Health System, acutely ill pediatric patients were often transferred to the PICU at Columbia University Medical Center.

The new arrangement with Kravis Children’s Hospital at Mount Sinai “offers an integrated spectrum of pediatric care,” Dr. Wiener adds. “Some patients fall into a gray area between needing to be transferred to the intensive care unit or to a hospital bed for further treatment. It is nice knowing that we can just make a call to Mount Sinai and their answer is ‘yes, we can take the patient.’ Then we enter into a medical discussion about what the appropriate level of care should be.”

Mount Sinai’s Transfer Center is available to physicians and patients at 800-TO-SINAIO, or www.mountsinai.org/access on smart phones, tablets, or computers, and by filling in the appropriate information. Transfer coordinators are available to seamlessly connect the patient’s doctor with a Mount Sinai doctor, gather the patient’s demographics and insurance information, and arrange transportation. Patients can be directly admitted to an operating room, a cardiac catheterization suite, an intensive care unit, and for interventional radiology services.

“Our ability to transfer sicker patients has been improved by the creation of the Mount Sinai Health System,” says Dr. Wiener. “The idea that we will have access to clinical institutes of excellence throughout the system will be one of the enhanced values of being part of the Mount Sinai Health System, and will provide better care for patients.”
Events

Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

Nirav Shah, MD, MPH, New York State Commissioner of Health, presents “One Year Later: What We Learned From Sandy.” The speech will be teleconferenced at St. Luke’s Hospital, in Muhlenberg Auditorium, and Beth Israel Medical Center, Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, Second Floor, Conference Room 1.

Tuesday, October 29
8:30 – 9:30 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Stern Auditorium

Grand Rounds Obstetrics-Gynecology

James R. Woods, MD, Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Rochester Medical Center, presents “Strategies for Disclosure when Adverse Events Occur in Obstetrics.”

Wednesday, October 30
8 – 9 am
Beth Israel Medical Center Campus
7 Baird Hall Conference Room

Grand Rounds Diabetes

Steven Weinfeld, MD, Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery, presents “The Diabetic Foot.”

Thursday, October 31
8:30 – 9:30 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Atran Building
Fourth Floor, AB4-11

Grand Rounds Family Medicine and Community Health

Marcelle Layton, MD, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Communicable Disease, New York City Department of Health, presents “Emerging Infectious Disease Threats in New York City.”

Friday, November 8
8 – 9 am
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Hess Center, Davis Auditorium

Oncological Sciences Seminar Series

Eric Brown, PhD, Associate Professor, Cancer Biology, University of Pennsylvania, presents “Regulation of Replication Fork Stability by the ATR-Chk1 Pathway.”

Tuesday, October 29
Noon
The Mount Sinai Hospital Campus
Hess Center, Seminar Room B

Second New York Clinical Lipid Forum

The goals are to provide clinicians, researchers, medical and health care trainees, and others who work in the field of lipidology, prevention, and cardiovascular disease with updates on topics in the management of patients with dyslipidemia. This event is aimed at primary care physicians, cardiologists, endocrinologists, gynecologists, internists, neurologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nutritionists, fellows, and residents. St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals designate this live activity for a maximum of 3.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. For more information, contact the St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals’ Office of Continuing Medical Education at 212-523-2158, email aroman@chpnet.org, or visit www.chpnet.org/cme. For specific program information, email mmyerson@chpnet.org.

Tuesday, November 26
4 – 7:30 pm
Roosevelt Hospital
1000 Tenth Avenue

Education

Mount Sinai Heart Nurse Practitioner Symposium

This symposium is designed to enhance current knowledge about the prevention, intervention, and management of cardiovascular disease. Presentations will provide nurse practitioners, nurses, physicians, and physician assistants with evidence-based approaches to abnormal findings and information regarding new technologies. To register, visit www.mountsinaiheartnp.com. For more information, email anne.kudlacik@mountsinai.org.

Friday, November 8
8 am – 4:50 pm
New York Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street