Cath Lab Gets Highest Safety Rating

The New York State Department of Health recently awarded The Mount Sinai Hospital’s Cardiac Catheterization (Cath) Laboratory the highest “two-star” safety rating for percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI) in overall and nonemergency cases. This marks the 16th consecutive year that the Cath Lab, or one of its physicians, has received this prestigious two-star rating for safety when performing PCI. The minimally invasive procedure, also known as angioplasty, is used to diagnose and treat patients with heart disease or blocked arteries.

Mount Sinai’s safety rating—significantly higher than New York’s statewide average while performing the highest number of procedures—is included in a new report titled “Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI) in New York State 2009-2011.” The study tracked the outcomes of 160,065 patients who underwent PCI at one of 59 New York cardiac catheterization labs between December 1, 2008, and November 30, 2011.

“Our long track record of success in offering the highest level of patient safety and excellence in

Ceremony of Achievements: Commencement 2014

The United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations; a Nobel Laureate; a pioneering cancer researcher and champion of women scientists; and a leading physician and medical journalist were among those honored at the 45th annual Commencement of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, held Friday, May 9, at Avery Fisher Hall.

In a jubilant ceremony before faculty, staff, and graduates and their families and friends, Mount Sinai granted a total of 128 MDs, 57 PhDs, and 74 Masters degrees to medical students and students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Ambassador Samantha Power, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, delivered the commencement address.

In her remarks, Ambassador Power called on the graduating students to remember the important role their medical careers will play in patients’ lives. Drawing from the experiences of her mother, Veronica Delaney, MD, Senior Faculty in the Department of Medicine (Nephrology) who was on the dais, Ambassador Power reflected on the similarities between being a doctor and a diplomat.

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Ambassador Samantha Power, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with 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

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Crystal Party Celebrates Mount Sinai Health System

The Mount Sinai Health System’s largest celebration of the year took place on Thursday, May 8, as more than 1,300 guests, including leadership, staff, and supporters from all seven Mount Sinai hospitals gathered to dine, dance, and mingle at the 29th annual Crystal Party.

Marking the first full gathering of the Mount Sinai Health System, the event took place under the stars, in an expansive and festively decorated tent located in the Central Park Conservatory Garden. The benefit raised more than $3.7 million that will be used to support the Health System and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Crystal Party Chairs and hosts were Mount Sinai Trustees Marc S. Lipschultz and Steven Hochberg, and their wives Jennifer Lipschultz and Hillary Lane Hochberg, respectively.

Peter W. May, Chairman, Boards of Trustees, welcomed the guests. “Our new, integrated Health System doubles our former size and expands access to exceptional health care to millions of people throughout the Greater New York metropolitan area and beyond,” said Mr. May. “Together, we will help define the future of health care within a system that will set the example for others around the country.”

Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Mount Sinai Health System, said: “We are now one of the largest and most sophisticated nonprofit health care systems in the country. With Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai at the heart of our Health System, our ability to always put medical and scientific innovation at the forefront of all that we do is unparalleled.”

NFL Prospects Visit Mount Sinai

Top prospects in this year’s National Football League draft stopped by Kravis Children’s Hospital at Mount Sinai on Thursday, May 8, the first day of the draft. They delighted pediatric patients with smiles, NFL goody bags, and visits to their rooms and to The Zone, a therapeutic and educational play area.

In The Zone, Jadeveon Clowney, the former University of South Carolina defensive end who was selected as the No. 1 draft pick that evening by the Houston Texans, played a spirited game of “Madden NFL 15” on Xbox with patient Michael Montalvo, 16. Others played pool, listened to music, or created art with patients.

The Zone was created by the Garth Brooks/Troy Aikman Teammates for Kids Foundation by the country music star and Hall of Fame football legend, respectively. Said Mr. Aikman in a message: “I thank the NFL and the 2014 draft prospects for brightening the kids’ day. You are all champions to me.”

For more information, visit www.mountsinai.org/kravis

Above: From left, Mount Sinai Trustee Bonnie M. Davis, MD, and Kenneth L. Davis, MD; Leni and Peter W. May; and Crystal Party hosts Jennifer and Marc S. Lipschultz, Mount Sinai Trustee; and Hillary Lane Hochberg, Mount Sinai Trustee and Senior Vice Chairman

Left: From left, Robert and Susan Somerville, RN, President of Mount Sinai Beth Israel; and Donald M. Kastenbaum, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, and Cindie Kastenbaum

Above: Top NFL draft pick Jadeveon Clowney, right, plays “Madden NFL 13” on Xbox with 16-year-old patient Michael Montalvo.

Left: Mario Briones-Gonzalez, age 5, is delighted to get a helping hand from University of Missouri defensive end Kony Ealy, drafted by the Carolina Panthers.
“For me, being an ambassador is the greatest privilege of my life. As physicians and scientists, you have an even more profound privilege—of trying to find a cure. Instead of saying, ‘I am a doctor,’ or ‘I am a scientist,’ say: ‘I am privileged to be a doctor, I am privileged to be a scientist.’ Never forget that you are privileged. Your work is, above all, public service.”

She also shared her belief that in both diplomacy and medicine, individuals need to “listen and see,” to “respect and reflect dignity,” and to “never be afraid to question, which is a sign of humility and tremendous confidence.”

Ambassador Power also was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree for her passionate defense of human rights around the world and her advocacy of international intervention in humanitarian crises.

Additionally, honorary Doctor of Science degrees were awarded to:

- **Sanjay Gupta, MD**, Chief Medical Correspondent, CNN, an accomplished neurosurgeon and Emmy-award-winning journalist, for his insightful reporting that has helped illuminate complex topics in medical science and human health for millions of Americans.

- **Nancy Haven Doe Hopkins, PhD**, Amgen, Inc. Professor of Biology emerita, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a renowned molecular biologist and a champion of equity for women in science, whose work shed new light on the mechanisms that cause cancer and laid the foundation for future generations of women to pursue careers in the sciences.

- **Louis J. Ignarro, PhD**, a Nobel Prize-winning pharmacologist whose groundbreaking investigations of nitric oxide have given scientists crucial insight into the role of nitric oxide in the human body and paved the way for novel drug therapies to treat a range of conditions, from hypertension to impotence. Dr. Ignarro is the Jerome J. Belzer, MD, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA.

“Compassion is the essence of outstanding practice, and integrity is central to patient trust and an absolute requirement in scientific research,” he continued. “Creativity brings greater openness to new experiences and boldness in risk-taking, and you have already demonstrated an admirable moral compass through your medical outreach in East Harlem and around the globe. Clinicians, you will need courage to help your sickest patients, and scientists, you will need courage to accept and learn from failure to achieve scientific breakthroughs.”

Kenneth L. Davis, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President, Mount Sinai Health System, highlighted the challenges of addressing public health threats during a time of major health care reform. “You may think: ‘I might be able to help my patients reduce obesity, and I can encourage end-of-life planning, but I cannot stimulate drug discovery or implement change on a national, state, or even municipal level.’ But that line of thinking underestimates the special place you, as a physician, will hold in society, and it obscures your responsibility to your patients.”

Dr. Davis continued: “As doctors, you must take advantage of your status within the community to educate policy makers and politicians about important health issues, participate in local and regional politics, and be a voice of reason in an increasingly polarized debate. The future of health care is in your hands—and knowing who each of you are, and what you have already accomplished, I am confident that our future is in good hands.”
Mount Sinai Health System faculty and staff are invited to participate in the American Heart Association (AHA) Wall Street Run and Heart Walk on Wednesday, June 18, at Brookfield Place—formerly called the World Financial Center. The 3-Mile Run/Walk will kick off at 6:45 pm, rain or shine. Other heart-healthy activities and health screenings will also be held from 5 - 8 pm. Participants can register as an individual walker or runner at www.heartwalknyc.org, or join an existing Mount Sinai team or start their own at bit.ly/1MB705. To make a donation to support colleagues and the AHA, visit www.heartwalknyc.org. To learn more, call Curwin Walrond at 212-241-2544 or email Curwin.walrond@mountsinai.org. Registration fees or donations will support research and other initiatives.

Registration for runners: $35.00 ($45.00 after Thursday, May 29)
Registration for walkers: $25.00 ($30.00 after Thursday, May 29)

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Eleven West Ribbon Cutting

Rony Shimony, MD, left, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Cardiology); Mount Sinai Trustee Eva Andersson-Dubin, MD, center; and David L. Reich, MD, President, The Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai Queens, recently celebrated the opening of a newly renovated patient suite in Eleven West, Mount Sinai’s premium patient floor overlooking Central Park. Dr. Andersson-Dubin and her husband, Mount Sinai Trustee Glenn Dubin (not pictured), dedicated the suite in honor of Dr. Shimony, a longtime friend and colleague. “It is so important that hospitals provide areas of beauty and serenity for their patients,” said Dr. Andersson-Dubin. “Spaces like this one can make such a difference in their recovery.”

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Food and Nutrition Services Open House

To celebrate its one-year anniversary at The Mount Sinai Hospital, Morrison Healthcare invites faculty and staff to take a 15-minute guided tour of the kitchen that serves patients and patrons of the Plaza Café. Learn how food is prepared, visit the Kosher Kitchen, and enjoy a sampling of food. To sign up, call Pat Ortlieb, RD, CDE, at 212-241-5141.

Wednesday, May 28
11 am - 12:30 pm
Guggenheim Pavilion
Take East elevators to Kitchen on SC Level

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The New York State data also highlight the leading performance of Annapoorna S. Kini, MD, Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at The Mount Sinai Hospital, who was one of four interventional cardiologists—among nearly 500 in the state—to be awarded the highest two-star safety rating while performing 5,065 PCI cases.

“This new report reflects our leadership in the field of interventional cardiology by measuring our successful results and the high-quality patient care we provide every day,” says Dr. Kini.

Adds Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, Director of Mount Sinai Heart and Physician-in-Chief of The Mount Sinai Hospital: “The leadership, expertise, and compassion that Dr. Sharma, Dr. Kini, and our Cardiac Cath Lab team have for their patients shines through once again in these latest patient safety results.”

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