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Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
EXCEPTIONAL CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

President's Corner

It's been just over one year since BMH began our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, The United Way of Windham County and BMH had just received the Member of the Year Award for our joint efforts to create the Windham County Dental Center, the first and only dental center in the area to focus on providing dental care for people without insurance.

Although much has changed since then, BMH is still making headlines for our dedication to providing the best possible care to our community, no matter what the obstacles.

This past November, the Vermont Program for Quality Health Care (VPQHC) created a Connectivity Care Packages Pilot Program (CCP) which awarded the BMH Medical Group and our Community Health Team with a variety of telehealth equipment to provide equitable access to telehealth services for low-income and vulnerable Vermonters.

Throughout it all, we have remained committed to providing exceptional healthcare to our community. From expanding our flu shot clinics to provide more flu shots this year than ever before, to setting up a drive-up COVID-19 testing site for asymptomatic patients, we have striven to remain ahead of the curve in protecting our most vulnerable community members while making sure we address the health of all patients.

I am incredibly proud of our team of dedicated staff who quickly and efficiently established our vaccine clinics and are prepared to continue this critical service to our community until we are all safe. During the past many months, BMH has had the critical mission to provide care in a safe environment for patients and staff.

Please join me in thanking all of our staff for their dedication, professionalism, compassion and clinical excellence as we work together to serve you, our community. And remember, if you need medical care, please do not delay. We are here to care for you!

Though none of us can know what the year ahead will bring, I am grateful to face the future with our dedicated staff, our supportive community, and the knowledge that we live in a place where people strive every day to take care of one another.

Best Regards,

Steven R. Gordon, MHA, FACHE
President & CEO
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital



Governance & Leadership

For more than a century, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital has provided for the healthcare needs of our neighbors. A licensed, 61-bed, not-for-profit community hospital, we serve a rural population of about 55,000 people in 22 towns across Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Our medical staff includes 132 board-certified clinicians, and 660 employees.

Board of Directors



BMH Board of Directors (L to R): Sarah Swank, Rhonda Calhoun, Jennifer Funaioli-Sheehan, DO, Denise Paasche, MD, Patty O'Donnell, Stephen Phillips, Tony Blofson, MD, William Daley, (Board Chair), Michael Mandracchia, Elizabeth McLarney, MD, and John V.P. Meyer.

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BMH Senior Leadership (L to R):

Steven R. Gordon, MHA, FACHE, President & CEO; Eilidh Pederson, MPH, Chief Operating Officer; Kathleen McGraw, MD, FHM, CPE, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Information Officer; Jodi Stack, MSN, RN, BBA, Chief Nursing Officer/VP Patient Care Services; Andre Bissonnette, MBA Chief Financial Officer; William Norwood, VP Human Resources; and Jennifer Funaioli-Sheehan, DO, BMH Medical Group Medical Director.

Readers, please note the Board of Directors were photographed in January 2020 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Exploring the construction of the Ronald Read Pavilion



In 2009, the BMH Board of Directors approved a master plan by our senior leadership team that identified several areas of our hospital that required improvements to be made, including: surgical services, medical offices, cardiac rehabilitation, and an update to the power plant.

In 2014, the BMH Board of Directors approved a motion to mobilize the next phase of the Master Plan. Later that year, we engaged **Lavallee Brensinger Architects** and **HP Cummings Construction** to “refresh” the Master Plan to include: enlargements, improvements, and updates

to our surgical services space, upgrades to our boiler plant, modernizations and consolidations of medical office spaces, and improvements to the cardiac rehab services space.

In October 2017, the Green Mountain Care Board approved our Certificate of Need application for our modernization and construction plans. After several years of working through Act 250 and then COVID-19, we officially began construction in September 2020 and anticipate a finish date of June 2022. 🌸

MEDICAL OFFICES

“As our family of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and midwives continues to grow, so do the physical needs of our medical offices. On behalf of all my colleagues on the medical staff, I am excited for the construction of new practice areas.

The expanded space provides for the most up-to-date patient-centered care, allowing our clinical staff to optimize our care delivery methods.”

Denise Paasche, MD / Medical Staff President & Primary Care Physician / Maplewood Family Practice



Office Lobby



Patient Exam Room

ORTHOPAEDICS

“This year marks 20 years since I moved to Guilford with my family and began practicing here at BMH. While orthopaedic and surgical practices have continued to grow in technological advancements, the shape and size of our operating rooms have not.

We are one of just two hospitals in Vermont that offer MAKO robotic arm-assisted technology for joint replacement surgery, and I am eagerly awaiting the opening of our new surgical center to enable us to continue to provide excellence in orthopaedic care.”

Elizabeth McLarney, MD, Orthopaedic Surgeon / BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine



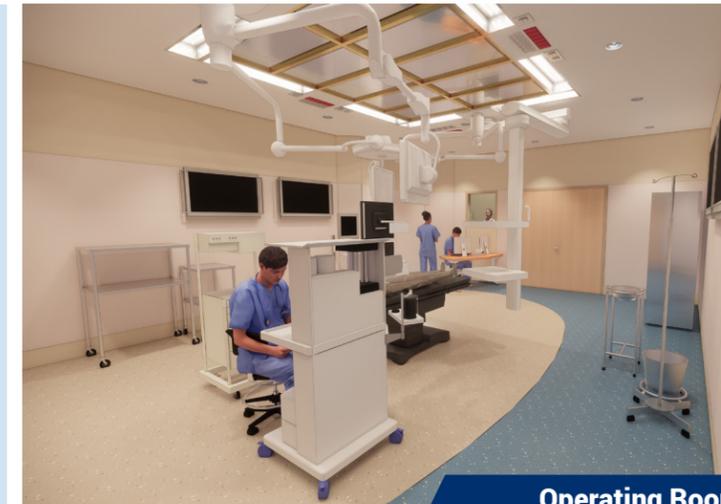
OPHTHALMOLOGY

“Since relocating to Brattleboro from the greater Boston area last summer, my family and I have enjoyed exploring this beautiful region and getting to know our new community. After Dr. Dana McGinn retired last fall, I had the good fortune to continue his wonderful ophthalmology practice. It has been my pleasure to work with the wonderful staff, take care of existing and new patients, and ensure that the entire southern Vermont region continues to receive high quality eye care.



While I am excited about the current plans to expand the operative theatre at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, I have already benefited from the exceptional nursing staff, tech support, and surgical equipment available to provide the highest level of ophthalmic care. I hope to continue to help BMH offer the same level and quality of care that you would expect from any larger metropolitan hospital, albeit with a more personal, neighborly touch.”

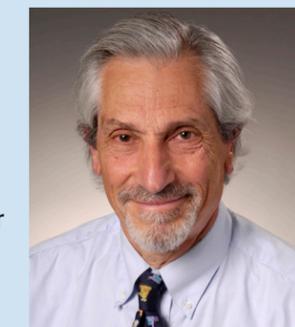
**David Terrell, MD, PhD
Ophthalmologist / Brattleboro Area Ophthalmology**



Operating Room

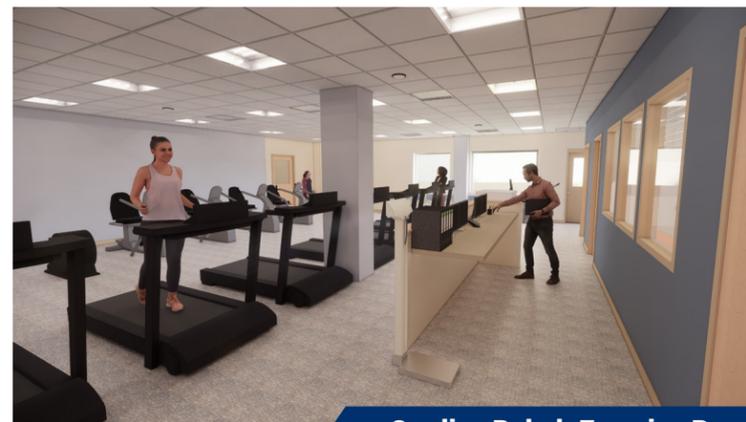
CARDIAC REHAB

In 1984 we developed a cardiac rehab program for patients who had heart attacks, bypass operations, and other cardiac procedures. Over the decades since, care practices have evolved, and we have added a pulmonary rehab program, and a wellness program. Our patient volume has grown, now averaging over 3,000 patient visits per year.



In our facility, patients participate in EKG monitored, individualized exercise, and we have a strong educational component which stresses preventive strategies including ways of managing diet, exercise and stress. The new expanded facility will allow us to have more room, accommodate more patients, expand our choices of exercise equipment, and make it more comfortable for staff and patients as well.

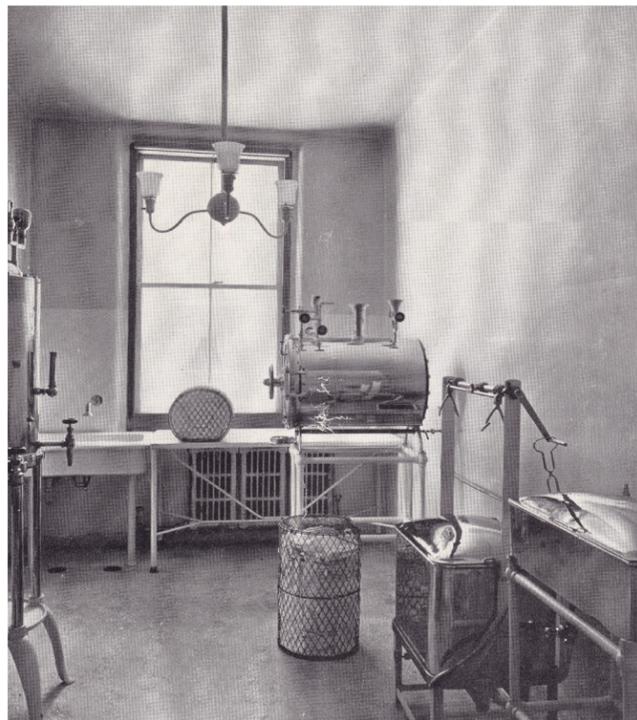
Burt Tepfer, MD, Medical Director, Cardiac Rehab Program



Cardiac Rehab Exercise Room

A TRIP THROUGH TIME

Exploring BMH's 117-year history in photo



Clockwise from right:

The first graduating class of nurses, 1908; the sterilizing room, 1908; a class of student nurses, 1926; a nurse cares for a patient in the male ward solarium, circa 1912; a standard private patient room, 1908; the operating room, 1908.

SQUEAKY CLEAN

Getting to know the Centralized Sterile Processing Department

When a patient arrives at BMH for their surgery, they'll know their surgeon and will be introduced to many of the nurses and clinical staff who will care for them before, during, and after the procedure. There is one group of staff who they will not meet, but will be instrumental in ensuring a safe surgical experience: the centralized sterile processing department.

The centralized sterile processing department is responsible for cleaning and sterilizing all instruments used during surgical procedures.

Jane Siano, CSPDT is the hospital's lead sterile processing technician and has been with the department for over 20 years, "Our jobs come with great responsibility. We have to have attention to detail and constant concentration on our tasks."

Jane explained that before and after each surgery, the sterile processing technicians take apart, wash, decontaminate, inspect, assemble, document, sterilize, cool, and store each instrument to precise standards called IFU's (Instructions for Use), "We're essentially the gatekeepers for safe, effective surgeries."

Each year over 3,300 surgeries are performed at the hospital, and with each procedure using dozens of tools and equipment, the team of three is kept bustling. Danielle Mack recently joined the department, "I originally started at BMH in Environmental Services and in my cleaning routes around the hospital,



I got to know Jane and became really interested in sterile processing. I was blown away with how much they accomplished in a day."

Danielle noted that sterilization of equipment expands beyond the operating room, "We clean instruments for the whole building, including basic tools in primary care offices and now we sterilize reusable N95 masks for our clinical staff."

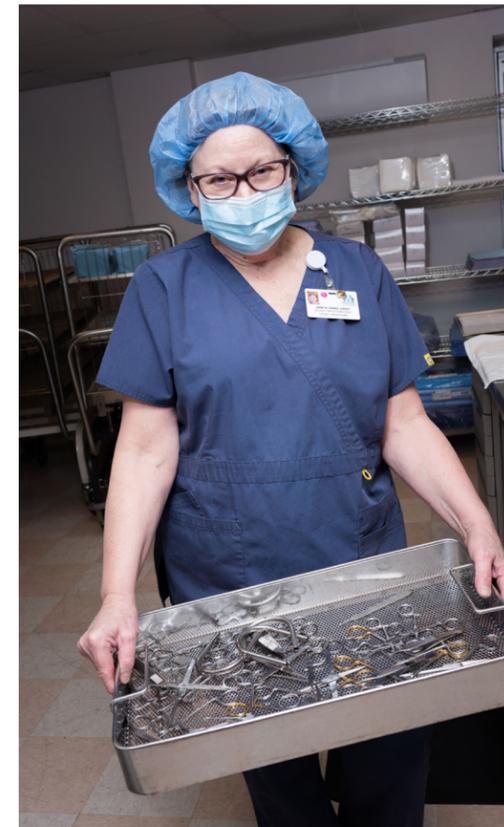
Rose Ashworth joined the team five years ago, previously working in the hospital's Nutrition Services department.

"I was looking for a change in my career. When I was working as a chef, it was important to me to prepare meals that I would want to serve my own family. Being part of the Central Sterile team gives me the same sense of pride – every day I come in, I make sure the instruments are sterilized to the top quality I would want used on myself or my family," she explained.

Jane and her team are looking forward to the construction of the Ron Read Pavilion, which includes an expanded Centralized Sterile space, "As technologic advances in surgery continue to grow, so do the trays of tools. On busy days, this room becomes tight. While

our surgical procedures have certainly changed over the decades, our physical workspace has not," Jane said.

With the new expanded space and upgraded sterilizing equipment, the sterile processing team looks forward to continue to providing high-quality instruments to support patient care across the hospital. 🌸



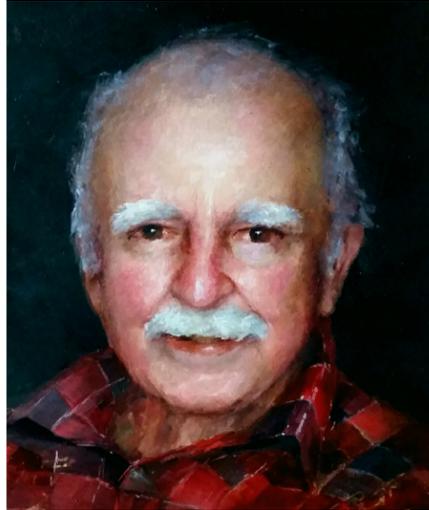
WITH GRATITUDE

Recognizing our generous benefactors

Born in 1921, **Ronald J. Read** was an unassuming regular patron of the hospital's Lobby Café for several years.

After retiring from work as a gas station attendant and janitor, he developed a routine of coming in for an English muffin with peanut butter and a cup of coffee. His BMH friends claim it was his Yankee frugality, but we know it was also because he enjoyed the company that joined him, feeling he was always welcome.

Mr. Read passed away in June 2014 at the age of 93. We were saddened by his passing and keenly felt the loss of his humble presence.



In February 2015, we received quite the surprise - a letter notifying us that we were one of the fortunate beneficiaries of Mr. Read's estate. An estate in the end that was worth nearly **\$8 million**.

It was our turn to become humbled. Who would have supposed the elderly retiree with ragged flannel shirts and safety-pinned jackets would amass a millionaire's estate?

Perhaps his 1940 yearbook quote was the true foretelling: "It is tranquil people who accomplish much."

We are pleased to honor Mr. Read and his admiration of BMH by dedicating our new building in his name, the **Ronald Read Pavilion**. 🌸

Born in 1797, **Thomas Thompson** was an eccentric philanthropist and patron of the arts. His considerable wealth was inherited from his family of successful merchants.

His wife, **Elizabeth**, of Lyndon, Vermont emerged as a truly outstanding personality in Vermont history. After her husband's death, she traveled the world funding an eclectic collection of programs from research on Yellow Fever to the expansion of the western United States.

However, despite his wife's globetrotting adventures, Mr. Thompson's estate left explicit instruction to provide a perpetual charitable trust to solely support the working women of Brattleboro, VT and Rhine-



back, NY and any surplus funds were to be applied "to kindred charitable purposes."



BMH has been the fortunate beneficiary of such charitable purposes since 1904 when Thompson Trustee Richard M. Bradley used \$100,000 to purchase The Hemlocks—the site where Brattleboro Memorial Hospital stands today.

Like other BMH capital projects, the **Thompson Trust** has provided generous support. We are deeply grateful for their **\$500,000** donation to the Ronald Read Pavilion and are pleased to dedicate in their name, the **Thomas Thompson Trust Surgery Center**. 🌸

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IN MEMORY

Remembering late anesthesiologist Dr. Greg Prah

Dr. Greg Prah, the former chief of anesthesiology, passed away unexpectedly on September 3rd, 2020 from unknown health complications.

Born in 1965, Dr. Prah received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from Drexel College of Medicine, completed residencies in surgery and anesthesia, and a fellowship in cardio-thoracic surgery.

After working in Albany, NY and Cambridge, MA, he moved his practice to Brattleboro, where he served as Chief Anesthesiologist here at BMH for many years.

His sudden passing was devastating to our staff. To honor his commitment and compassion to BMH, our staff, and his patients, the operating area will be named "**The Greg Prah, MD Surgical Suite**." 🌸



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

At Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, donations are our lifeblood. Without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to deliver the exceptional medical care our family, friends, and neighbors deserve. It's what drives us forward and keeps our community thriving. **In fact, philanthropy is what started it all.**

The need for high-quality health care motivated Richards M. Bradley to purchase the Hemlocks to make the founding site for a hospital in 1904. Today, his legacy continues — thanks in part to the many people who support the hospital through tax-deductible donations. When you make a gift to BMH, you become our partner in sustaining this legacy and ensuring that the finest health care remains available to our community.

There are many ways to give. Donations to BMH are greatly appreciated — and easy to make. You can make a gift online: www.bmhvt.org/giving/donate-online or via post mail by check to the **BMH Development Office at 17 Belmont Avenue, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301**.



ANNUAL FUND

Annual Fund donations support a variety of hospital services and initiatives that help keep BMH a vital community resource.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to Mr. Read's generosity, we will not host a capital campaign for the construction project. However, we will gratefully accept gifts for the Ronald Read Pavilion and have several naming opportunities available.

LEARN MORE

Visit www.bmhvt.org/giving to learn more. Contact **Gina Pattison**, Director of Development & Marketing by calling (802) 257-8314 or email gpattison@bmhvt.org.

BACK TO NATURE

Betsy Petrie of Brattleboro on the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program



welcoming and pleasant. I felt immediately relaxed.”

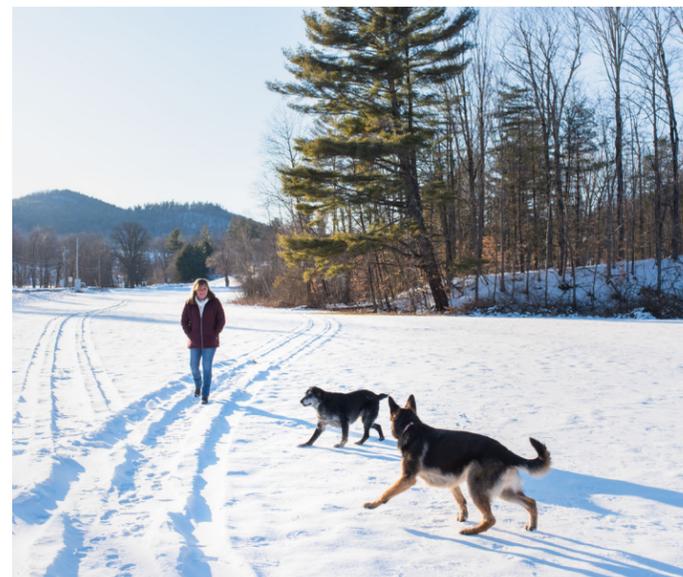
The twelve-week structured program provided Betsy with a balance of education and exercise. “All around it was a great experience,” she reflected.

“Their education sessions were engaging and I learned so much. And the physical rehab that I was most worried about was great. My exercise routine was tailored to my physical needs and I was constantly supervised by the team. It felt comforting to know they really cared about my wellbeing and recovery.”

Betsy credits her change in mindset and lifestyle to Jeff and his team, “I’ve taken what I have learned from the program and have been able to make changes in my diet and fitness routines,” she explained.

“I used to think of cooking as a chore, but through the classes I learned it can be a lot of fun. I enjoy using fresh ingredients and have actually started my own indoor herb garden.”

And because of the care and coaching from the cardiac rehab team, Betsy also enjoyed developing a more physically active routine, “I have two dogs, **Gracie** and **Libby**, and I now I just love taking them out for longer walks. I’m really grateful for the program, I’m doing better and have them to thank for it.” ❁



After heart surgery, the thought of returning to any level of physical activity can be intimidating. For **Brattleboro** resident **Betsy Petrie**, 47, the idea of entering a post-surgery rehabilitation program seemed daunting.

During mid-December 2019, Betsy experienced intense, stabbing chest pains as well as difficulty breathing. Shortly after arriving to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Betsy was transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for intensive care.

The medical staff determined her chest pains were caused by pericarditis (inflammation of lining outside the heart) and myocarditis (inflammation of heart muscle) as well as a mild heart attack due to a blocked artery. The cardiology team placed a stent inside Betsy’s blocked artery.

After the surgery and initial recovery, Betsy was referred to **BMH’s Cardiac Rehabilitation program**. “I was really apprehensive,” she explained, “After just going through that experience, I was nervous about what I would have to do and worried that the program would be a strain on me.”

Betsy’s fears were soon alleviated by program coordinator **Jeff Harr, RCEP**, “In my very first meeting with Jeff and the cardiac rehab team, they were all so

IN A HEARTBEAT

Steve Mindel of Dummerston on the Center for Cardiovascular Health



It was an ordinary Thursday afternoon in late November 2012. **Steve Mindel** was checking in with staff at a jobsite in Brattleboro. Now retired, the former co-owner of Mindel & Morse Builders had plans for a quick errand and head home to **Dummerston**.

Before driving, he felt a slight twinge in his chest. The “odd sensation” made him uneasy and he decided instead of driving home, he would go to the hospital.

Steve pulled into BMH’s parking lot, parked his truck, and took out his wallet to find his insurance card. As he began walking the short distance to the Emergency Room entrance, his left leg suddenly went numb.

Limping into the **Emergency Room**, he again felt a twinge in his chest. With great effort, he slid his card through the registration window and asked for help.

In a frenzied blur, Steve recalls staff rushing out to place him on a stretcher. Initially, it was suspected Steve was suffering from a heart attack. After an echocardiograph scan, it was determined he had experienced an aortic dissection. The inner layer of his large blood vessel branching off of his heart tore vertically down to his abdomen.

Steve was immediately air lifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for emergency open heart bypass surgery where they inserted a mechanical heart valve into his chest and replaced a section of the aorta.

“It was really about a year before I was fully over the effects of the surgery, with great help from the cardiac rehab program at BMH. While I had no lasting brain damage, I lost my left kidney in the incident,” Steve explained.

Over the next seven years, Steve attended regular appointments with the **Center for Cardiovascular Health** to monitor the functions of his heart.

However, in 2019 he began feeling unwell, “I could barely climb a flight of stairs without feeling out of breath or tired.”

New to the Center, **Dr. Carl Szot** scheduled a nuclear stress test for Steve and asked him to return for more testing. Later that week Steve underwent a cardiac catheterization at Dartmouth-Hitchcock where they inserted two stents, one to open a 90% blockage in the left anterior descending artery.

After his second event, Steve shared his concerns with Dr. Szot about the ability to live “normally” again.

“He said to me, ‘Ok, you have heart disease, but you don’t have to think of yourself as a heart patient. Don’t live with that as your sole focus.’ You have some issues and we’ll deal with them as the need arises. It totally changed my outlook,” he said.

Following doctor’s orders, Steve enjoys living “normally” and staying active with his wife, **Susan**, by taking walks, snowshoeing, biking, and kayaking.

Now 72, Steve continues regular check-ups with Dr. Szot and the clinical team in the Center, “I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for Dr. Szot. I can’t say enough good things about the staff, of how welcoming and competent they are.” ❁

BABY LOVE

Sarah Krupinsky of Springfield on Brattleboro OB/GYN & the Birthing Center

Pregnancy is a special time for couples to prepare for a new chapter in their lives. For **Sarah and Casimir Krupinsky** of **Springfield**, preparations were turned upside down after learning of the closure of the Springfield Hospital Child-birth Center in the spring of 2019.

"I was pretty much devastated," shared Sarah. "It's such a vulnerable time in your life and having to change direction halfway through your pregnancy is just a very stressful experience."

In order to ensure a seamless transition of care, leaders from Springfield Hospital and BMH collaborated to create a satellite OB/GYN office for Springfield-area patients, including Sarah. Pre- and post-natal services would be offered by an OB/GYN physician, certified nurse midwife, and a RN care coordinator. Additionally, the practice established transportation assistance to support patients in need of transport to Brattleboro for delivery at the hospital's **Birthing Center**.

"As soon as I walked in and saw the Brattleboro team I was sold. They were so genuine and helpful. I knew that I would get the type of specialized care I craved," she explained.



"I ended up having gestational diabetes, so I had the chance to get to know the team really well, and everyone was just wonderful. It was a stressful time but they gave me the resources and knowledge that I needed to get through it."

As her due date approached in September 2019, Sarah was anxious about her birth experience, but her fears were quickly alleviated, "I can't say enough about the nurses at the **Birthing Center**. I have never felt so deeply loved and cared for. We were really fortunate to have a wonderful day nurse, Tam, and the lactation specialist, Leah, went above and beyond. The night nurses were equally great, and just made me feel really safe. I had a C-section delivery, and wasn't really prepared for how tough the recovery was going to be. But everyone we encountered treated us with care, respect, and kindness."

For Sarah and her now year-old daughter **Emilia**, the care provided from **Brattleboro OB/GYN** continues, "When you're pregnant people ask you how you feel every 5 minutes, but as soon as you have a baby it transitions to being all about the baby. Brattleboro OB/GYN made me feel like I was still important, that my health and happiness were important and that I had the tools I needed to be a great mom." ❁

Learn More! Learn more about our two OB/GYN locations in Brattleboro and Springfield by visiting www.bmhvt.org/obgyn or calling (802) 251-9965.

HIP HIP HOORAY

Randy Curtis of Bernardston, MA on BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine



"Dr. Gallagher was so friendly. He listened to me and made me feel good about the procedure and talked to me about my hesitation because of my last experience with hip surgery," Randy said.

With hospital policies preventing visitors due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Randy's wife was not able to come in with him for the surgery, "Besides my wife not being able to come in, I didn't even think about COVID. Everything was clean and I never felt unsafe about being in the hospital," Randy shared.

After just a day and a half in the hospital, Randy was ready to come home. "I couldn't believe it, when I

woke up I was pain-free. It was a great experience all the way around. The nurses, the staff, and of course, the food was great!"

Coming home, Randy was pleased to have a quick recovery with only the expected "mild discomfort" when he slept and progressed well through physical therapy. He now enjoys being able to take walks outside with his wife, **Kim**, and dogs, **Bailey and Bax**.

For others like him who have put off joint replacements, Randy shares, "Don't hesitate – just do it! Going to BMH felt like home. Why travel so far when you can get the same great experience right here? It really will be the best thing you can do for yourself." ❁

After a bad experience with hip replacement surgery at another healthcare facility years ago, **Randy Curtis** was still living in pain, but was in no rush to seek help.

"I was frustrated. I had difficulty walking and wobbled. It was painful to even sit on a kitchen stool or an outdoor bench," Randy explained.

The 64-year-old **Bernardston, MA** resident began to change his mind after a conversation with a neighbor who recently underwent hip replacement surgery and raved over the quick recovery time.

Randy initially made an appointment with his neighbor's surgeon in Massachusetts, but was told the wait time was months. Just by chance, Randy was listening to the local radio station and heard a commercial for the **BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine** practice.

"I thought to myself, 'Why not? BMH is only 15 minutes up the road. And they are offering the same surgery I was looking for,'" Randy said.

The same week he called, Randy had an appointment with orthopaedic surgeon **Eric Gallagher, MD**. He shared with Randy the estimated timeline for the procedure and recovery, and Randy was impressed.

Personalized for Your Needs

BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine offers a wide spectrum of total joint replacements:

- **Hips**, including anterior and posterior-lateral approach
- **Knees**, many using our MAKO robotic-arm technology
- **Shoulders**, including total and reverse total techniques

Our team will work with you to determine the surgical procedure that is right for your unique anatomy and health needs.

NEW FACES

Meet new clinicians who joined our medical staff in 2020.

In 2020, BMH welcomed **fifteen new clinicians** to our medical staff who provided health services through our hospital and multispecialty practices.

Our medical group includes **six primary care practices**, whose staff completed **46,116 patient visits** this year. Brattleboro Family Medicine, Brattleboro Internal Medicine, Maplewood Family Practice, Post-Acute Care

Services, Putney Family Healthcare, and Windham Family Practice.

Additionally, we offer **five specialty care practices**, whose staff completed **39,797 patient visits** this year. BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, BMH Urology, the Center for Cardiovascular Health, Brattleboro General Surgery, and Brattleboro OB/GYN. 🌸



ELIZABETH AGUIAR, PA-C
Elizabeth joined BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine as a physician assistant.



HEATHER BARIBAULT, PNP
Heather joined Brattleboro Primary Care Pediatrics as a pediatric nurse practitioner.



COLLEEN CONWAY-EDWARDS, AGNP
Colleen joined Brattleboro Internal Medicine as an adult/geriatric nurse practitioner.



ERIC GALLAGHER, MD
Dr. Gallagher joined BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine as an orthopaedic surgeon.



JOHN HALLORAN, PSYD, LADC
John joined Brattleboro Family Medicine as a licensed psychologist.



SHEENA HENRY, CRNA
Sheena joined Brattleboro Memorial Hospital as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.



HARLAN HERR, MD
Dr. Herr joined Brattleboro Memorial Hospital as a radiologist.



WENDY KING, PA-C
Wendy joined BMH Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine as a physician assistant.



THEODORE LEFER, MD
Dr. Lefer joined Brattleboro Memorial Hospital as a hospitalist.



CLAYTON MCGINNIS, APRN
Clayton joined Brattleboro Memorial Hospital as a hospitalist and acute care family medicine nurse practitioner.



ANNA OLIVIER, APRN
Anna joined Putney Family Healthcare as a family medicine nurse practitioner.



MANU SACHDEV, DMD
Dr. Sachdev joined Windham County Dental Center as a dentist.



ANTOINE SOUEID, MD
Dr. Soueid joined the Center for Cardiovascular Health as a cardiologist.



DAVID TERRELL, PHD, MD
Dr. Terrell joined Brattleboro Area Ophthalmology as an ophthalmologist.



LINDSEY WEAVER, APRN, FNP-BC
Lindsey joined Brattleboro Family Medicine as a family nurse practitioner.

We're Accepting New Patients

Regular physical exams at wellness visits with your primary care clinician are the best way to catch health issues early. Don't have a primary care clinician? The BMH Medical Group is accepting new patients!

Contact our Centralized Scheduling Department to be connected to an available clinician: (802) 251-8777.



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START A NEW CAREER

Are you interested in working in the medical field, but are concerned about the cost and time commitment?

Consider applying for our College to Career Medical Assisting Program - a partnership with Community College of Vermont.

This **one-semester program** prepares students to become Medical Assistants, teaching both clinical and administrative skills. It includes five college-level classroom courses paired with on-site clinical instruction.

Tuition for the program is \$280 per credit for Vermont residents and \$560 per credit for out-of-state residents. This totals to an estimated cost of \$4,200 for the program. Financial aid, including scholarships, loans, and grants, is available.

BMH is providing full scholarships for 8 successful applicants. Scholarship recipients will have 100% of their CCV tuition covered and will be hired as medical assistants at BMH upon successful completion of the academic program and certification exam.

Classes begin in January 2022. To learn more and apply online, visit: www.bmhvt.org/MA



JOIN OUR TEAM

We're proud of our dedicated team of **660 staff members** who provide exceptional care each and every day to our family members, friends, and neighbors across Windham County and beyond.

If you're considering switching careers or looking for new opportunities, join our team! We have a variety of clinical, support, and administrative positions open.



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