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Mural Marks 100 Years
Hospital Rededicated





Wayne Memorial Hospital Turns 100!

ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020, Wayne Memorial Hospital officially marked its centennial with the unveiling of a mural (cover) depicting the hospital's long colorful history, from its humble beginnings in the Dimmick Mansion on Court Street in Honesdale to the construction of the new private-room patient tower in 2019 and the rededication in May to all veterans (cover & above). The hospital was originally dedicated to local soldiers who fought and died in World War I. While the mural ceremony was purposely held outside and the number of guests was limited due to COVID-19 concerns, there was no lack of enthusiasm among the 40 participants.

Centennial Committee chair and Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System First Vice Chair Joann Hudak read a letter from Governor Tom Wolf congratulating Wayne Memorial on its 100th. She also noted that, earlier in the week, the Wayne County Commissioners issued a citation honoring the hospital and its milestones over the years, its high quality of care and its economic importance in the area.

Representative Fritz and Senator Baker, both longtime friends of the hospital, lauded its accomplishments.

"Wayne Memorial has been a leader in many ways," said Senator Baker, "and should be commended." She cited the hospital's participation in the groundbreaking Rural Health Model, which is changing the way rural hospitals are paid in an effort to keep them thriving.

"This hospital is rural but very highly regarded," echoed Representative Fritz. He spoke about a skiing accident years ago which left his skull fractured. "I was brought to Wayne Memorial. Doctor George Tietjen saved my life. This hospital is part of the very fabric of the community and its evolution is nothing short of amazing."

Pike County Commissioner Steve Guccini noted that he was born at Wayne Memorial and a recent experience with its hospice services when his mother passed away was "remarkable, very caring."

Wayne Memorial Board Chairman Hugh Rechner spoke about the significance of the centennial itself, the legacy of the hospital's ties to the brave local soldiers in World War I and to veterans everywhere for their service. Rechner also touched on the "seismic" changes in healthcare in the last 100 years—from treatment and delivery to payment models.

The public is invited to view the mural in the new pedestrian concourse at any time, following COVID safety protocols of course—masking and social distancing.

"The mural is really stunning," said Rechner, "the attention to detail is amazing. And for those of us who have known the hospital over many decades, it really brings back memories."

Juan Espino, who was at the ceremony with his wife Mildred, expressed his appreciation for having been commissioned. "It is a true honor," he said.

For a look at some videos of the hospital's history, visit wmh.org/our-centennial and wmh.org/centennial-trivia-contest.

Photo, above, back row, left to right: Dirk Mumford, former Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) Board Chair; Joann Hudak, vice-chair WMH Board and chair WMH Centennial Committee; Larry Zeller, retired WMH respiratory therapist & U.S. veteran; William Dewar III, MD, WMH Chief of Staff; Phil Sheehan, commander VFW Post 531; James Bruck, American Legion Post 254; Louis D'Oro, MD, WMH Medical Staff President & U.S. veteran; Sean McVeigh, MD, WMH pulmonologist & U.S. veteran; James Carbone, American Legion Post 254. Front: WMH CEO David Hoff & WMH Board Chair Hugh Rechner, U.S. veteran.

Photo, cover, l. to r.: Sheehan, Dr. Dewar, Dr. D'Oro, Dr. McVeigh, Zeller, Hudak.



Photo, top: State Senator Lisa Baker, Representative Jon Fritz and artist Juan Espino.

Above with Wayne County Commissioners (WCC): Lisa Champeau, WMH PR manager and vice-chair Centennial Committee; Maria Diehl, PR Specialist and Centennial Committee; A.G. Howell, Centennial Committee and Wayne County District Attorney; WCC Joseph Adams; WMH Board Vice Chair Joann Hudak, chair Centennial Committee; WMH CEO David Hoff; WMH Director Patient Care Services Jim Pettinato, RN; WCC Jocelyn Cramer; and WCC Brian Smith.

Group photo above left, WMH Auxiliary members Pat Kandrov, Martha Wilson, President Rosemarie Corigliano, Diane Popovich, Michelle Corrigan and David Hoff.

Above right, WMH Administrative team CFO Patty Dunsinger, Board Chair Hugh Rechner, Hoff, Board Secretary Wendell Hunt; WMH Facilities Director John Conte; Pettinato; former Board Chair Dirk Mumford,

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Second Century Fund Receives Donation from Lemnitzer Memorial

A GENEROUS DONATION from The Ernest and Margaret Lemnitzer Memorial Fund in the amount of \$23,439.91 was made to Wayne Memorial Hospital's Second Century Fund earlier this year. The Lemnitzer Memorial Fund was created in 1991 with the purpose of supporting charitable organizations within Wayne County and providing scholarships to deserving Honesdale High School graduates. The Memorial Fund, which is administered by The Honesdale National Bank and Honesdale businessman Paul Meagher has granted in excess of \$2.1 Million to qualifying recipients over the years.

Wayne Memorial is grateful to be among the local organizations selected to preserve the legacy of the Lemnitzer Family as the community's non-profit health system. All monies raised through the Second Century Fund will go toward four main goals—recruitment of outstanding healthcare professionals to provide services in our area; purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment; implementation of future medical treatment modalities; and acquisition of advanced informational technologies.

Photo: Shown during the official check presentation are, left to right, Charles Curtin, JD, LLM and HNB Trust Officer; David Hoff, president & CEO, Wayne Memorial Health System; and Paul Meagher, co-Trustee.



Camps Pledge to Future of WMH

A LARGE DISPLAY recognizing the donations of area camps to Wayne Memorial's Second Century Fund was unveiled in the hospital's Emergency Department waiting room this summer. It recognizes a combined pledge of more than \$300,000 by the Wayne County Camp Alliance, a consortium of 30 area camps, and 18 individual camps. The Fund, launched last year, is designed to help the hospital meet future needs. Its primary goals are to recruit healthcare professionals with greater incentives; to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment; to implement future medical treatment modalities; and to acquire advanced information technologies. "The Wayne County camps have had a long-standing history of partnering with Wayne Memorial to provide support to our campers, staff and the residents of the Wayne County community as a whole," said Marc Honigfeld, Trails End Camp. "Our donation to the Second Century Fund is in recognition of our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that the Wayne Memorial staff have shown to our camp community." Honigfeld said he was especially grateful to WMH CEO David Hoff, Patient Care Services Director Jim Pettinato, RN and Michele Churney, RN, nurse-manager outpatient services which includes the Emergency Department. "They have consistently gone above and beyond to help us ensure healthy summers for our campers and staff."

WMH chose the Emergency Department setting for the display because it represents a key element of the camps-hospital partnership. "Many camps have their own medical staff, but in a true emergency—we are here," said CEO Hoff, who added, "We truly appreciate the camps' support for the hospital and our Second Century campaign. They represent an important constituency for us and for Wayne County in terms of the economy and medical care, particularly emergency care. Area camps were behind us in our last capital campaign and we are pleased to count on them again." Hoff noted that even though many camps were forced to cancel their summer activities this year due to COVID-19, most of the hospital's camp supporters have indicated they remain very committed to their pledges for the Second Century Fund. The campaign has a minimum goal of \$3 million dollars and is already close to achieving that in pledges.

Photo, l. to r.: Marc Honigfeld, Trails End Camp; Leonard Schwartz, chairman Second Century Fund; Adam Baker, Camps Equinunk/Blue Ridge; Dan Kagan, Lake Bryn Mawr Camp; WMH CEO David Hoff.

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COVID Response & Community Support

THE MAN PICTURED above is COVID-19 survivor Charlie Cocker of Old Forge, one of approximately 40 patients treated for the disease at Wayne Memorial Hospital between March and September. Most, like Charlie, were discharged to home, and “their stories are worth telling to encourage others,” said Sean McVeigh, MD, COVID Medical Director and board-certified pulmonologist.

Wayne Memorial Hospital took several immediate actions after the first two cases of COVID were confirmed in Pennsylvania, one of them from Wayne County. And over the next six months, as our understanding of the disease evolved, hospital leaders continued to update procedures and policy to protect patients, staff and visitors from exposure.



- Here are some of the actions which remain current today:
- A special Incident Command team is in place to manage resources.
 - A containment unit strictly for COVID patients is housed on 3South (above). This unit was empty because the hospital had just one year earlier built a new private-room patient tower. Two rooms in the unit were already negative-pressure rooms; others were augmented with air purifiers to assure contaminated air would be filtered and directed outward rather than back into the hospital.
 - Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)—masks, gloves, barrier gowns—is encouraged and monitored. Supplies fluctuate, so conservation measures are in place.
 - Registration clerks screen patients and visitors for exposure. Everyone has their temperature taken.
 - Hospital access remains limited to two doors—the main entrance and the Emergency Department.

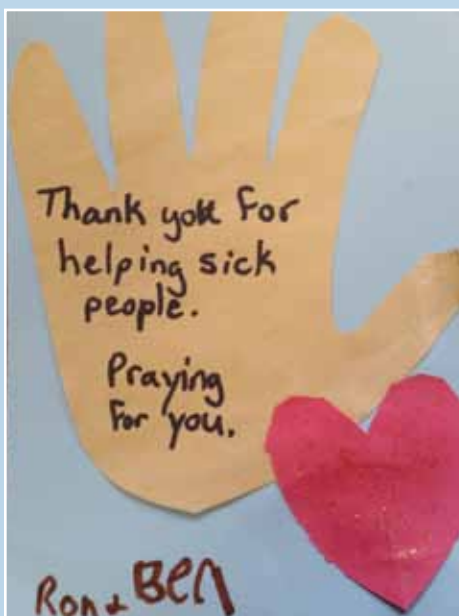
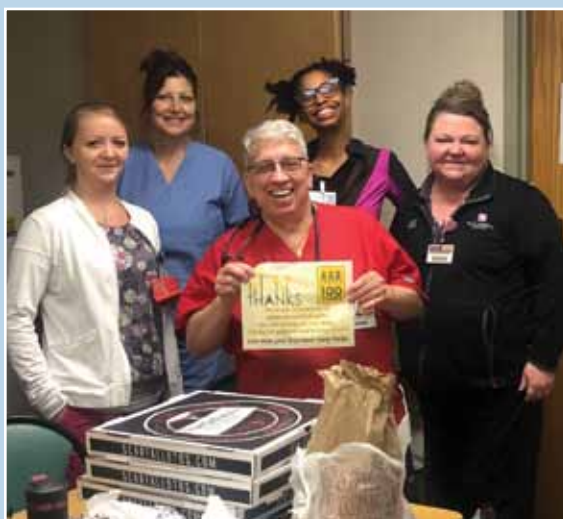
- Visitor restrictions and social distancing measures
- Everyone in the facility must wear a mask.
- Elective surgeries and many outpatient services have been re-initiated after cancellations and curtailments.
- A mobile testing site for COVID-19 remains active at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. A second site in Pike County was shut down when cases decreased.
- Patient volumes are starting to return to near-normal, and staff who had been forced to take time off are returning to normal schedules.



Community Steps Up

At the height of the pandemic to date—April—the community began showing its support for its local “front-line” healthcare workers. A call for cloth masks sent out on Facebook resulted in more than 3,000 masks donated to the hospital by individuals and groups. Many businesses also donated meals for all three shifts, and others stood on the sidewalk and applauded, with thank-you signs raised high in the air. High-fives were exchanged with staff from roadways.

“We loved it, it really raised our morale,” said Patricia Alessi, RN and a COVID unit staffer, “the community has been amazing.”



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2ND PLACE 64—Tom Dailey, Tim Dailey, Rob Gentile, Morgan Holmes

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1ST PLACE 67—Susan Bates, Peyton Bates, Adam Kehler

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1ST PLACE 57—Jordan Ubertini, Steve Hudacek, Steve Hudacek II, Charles Hudacek

2ND PLACE 58—Spencer Williams, Jeff Gould, Henry Skier, Jeff Skier

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1ST PLACE 65—Paul Forlenza, Mike DiMare, Brad Carver, Rhett Davis

2ND PLACE 65—Jerry Dulay, Michael Stanton, Robert Aldrich, Andy Kuzmick

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Men's 3rd Flight

1ST PLACE 68*—Cass Morgan, Mark Patterson, John John, Mark Whitkowski

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1ST PLACE 68*—Scott Rickard, Cody Dirlam, Bill Johnson, Steve Daniels

2ND PLACE 69—Dr. Scott Epstein, Joe Rydzewski, Rick Emmanuelson, Dr. Tim Farley

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Foundation Awards Community Grants

WAYNE MEMORIAL HEALTH Foundation (WMHF) awarded support funding to 13 area non-profit organizations in the form of community mini-grants. A total of \$17,500 has been allotted to assist new projects and existing programs focused on disease prevention as well as the promotion of good health and wellbeing of residents within Wayne Memorial Health System's service area.

Holly Hubert, coordinator of Project Linus/Wayne County Chapter, is grateful to have been among this year's grant recipients. Hubert says she and fellow "blanketeers" have been busy despite the COVID-19 pandemic and plan to remain that way. "Over the last several months we have seamlessly adapted to restrictions. Our volunteers practice social distancing and our pick up of supplies and blankets remain contactless." With colder weather coming soon, getting supplies into the hands of the volunteers who sew, knit or crochet blankets for children in need is imperative. The WMHF donation helps make this possible.

The 2020 grant recipients are: Honesdale Communities That Care--Learn to Swim Program; Wayne Highlands Middle School--Nutrition Project; The Cooperage Project--Bright Kids Yoga; Wayne County YMCA--Roll-Off Parkinson's Program; Fair Hill Therapeutic Riding Center; Project Linus of Wayne County PA; Wallenpaupack Area School District--Strengthening Families Program; Western Wayne School District PROSPER Program and Wayne Highlands School District PROSPER Program both coordinated through Pennsylvania State University; Browndale Fire Company purchase of an updated Automated External Defibrillator; Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's Lung and Colorectal Cancer Screening Awareness Program; Christ Episcopal Church purchase of an AED and Rail-Trail Council of NEPA--Building Health Initiative.

Photo: Project Linus Wayne County Chapter was among the non-profit entities awarded grants from WMHF. Shown, left to right, are "blanketeers" Cathy Lewis, Deb Jacobson, Gail Kmieczech, Patty May, Holly Hubert, Amy Harris, Deb Fulmer, and Sharon Herzog.



WMH Awarded Funds to Help Addicted Moms & Babies

THE NEW BEGINNINGS staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital has received a \$15,000 grant to recognize and support their work to improve the quality of care for women and newborns affected by opioids. The funds, which were awarded by the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PA PQC) and its administrator, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, came from the state Department of Drug and Alcohol's Opioid Response program.

New Beginnings' Clinical Coordinator Janice Pettinato, RN, spearheaded initiatives that included adopting a validated screening tool called "The Five P's," a questionnaire that asks a pregnant woman about substance abuse by her parents, peers, partner, herself in the past or herself at present. It's designed to identify substance abuse issues early-on and ultimately connect moms and their babies with programs and services that can be of help.

Pettinato noted that the previous urine screening tool, which "wasn't always accurate due to patient compliancy issues," has also been replaced by The Five P's at Wayne Memorial Community Health Center's Women's Health Center, which offers obstetrical and gynecological services.

The survey and a quarterly tracking report were both built into the hospital's electronic medical records system by Wayne Memorial Information Services' Renee LaPoint, LPN and Anna Bryden.

A small percentage of the approximately 500 babies born a year in the New Beginnings unit suffer from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, a condition which can lead to altered brain development. Nationally the number of babies born addicted to opioids in the U.S. has tripled in the last 15 years.

Photo left to right: Michele Churney, RN, nurse manager; Geri Buckwalter, RN, Women's Health; Angela Tang, MD, Women's Health; Mary Beth Dastalfo, RN, clinical coordinator; Kara Poremba, RN, manager Women's Health; Christina MacDowell, CNM, Women's Health; Janice Pettinato, RN, clinical coordinator; Kate Scully, CNM, Women's Health; Nicole Hartung, Social Services; Pat Konzman, CNM, Women's Health.



Nurse Karen Doney Honored for 45 Years at WMH

"IT'S BEEN AN amazing adventure!" That's how Karen Doney, RN, describes her 45 years of employment with Wayne Memorial Hospital. Doney was honored by top management and presented with a bouquet of flowers outside the Home Health Department, where she works. The Honesdale mother of three, grandmother of two and step-grandmother of two more, says she's met a lot of characters in her years at the hospital, both during her earlier stint inside the hospital and later in Home Health. And she's come to know the territory well. "It's been really unbelievable, even now out on the road. I've been all over Wayne and Pike Counties, even Susquehanna. I've had to move the cows out of the road and ride a lot of dirt back roads. I can tell you if you need four-wheel drive wherever you're going." Human Resources Director Bethany Fine asked Doney what her secret was to staying on the job so long. "Deep breaths," said Karen with a smile, "roll your shoulders!"

CEO David Hoff praised Karen for her longevity and work ethic. "We're lucky to have you. Thank you for your service."

The presentation outside Home Health was in lieu of the hospital's annual Service Awards ceremony which was cancelled in June due to COVID-19. Peggy Nolan, RN, who works in the Operating Room, also received flowers for her 40 years of service. Karen Jonas, RN, Betsy Ciaston, RN and Terri Henderson, Rehabilitation Services manager, were honored for 35 years of employment.

The hospital offers employees a choice of gifts at five year increments. This year, 104 employees were honored for their service.

Group photo, left to right: WMH Facility Services Director John Conte; Chief Financial Officer Patty Dunsinger; Home Health Clinical Manager Daniela Davis, RN; Karen Doney, RN; CEO David Hoff; Director Patient Care Services Jim Pettinato, RN; Human Resources Director Bethany Fine.



Wayne Memorial Launches Food Prescription Program

WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (WMH) and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) supported by a nearly \$300,000 grant from the AllOne Foundation initiated a “Food Prescription Program” in September. The program, funded for three years, was first offered to patients of the Carbondale Family Health Center and will extend to additional WMCHC Family Health Centers in Honesdale next.

“It is our hope that through outreaches such as the Food Prescription Program complications associated with medical conditions prevalent within our community can be prevented and ultimately result in fewer lengthy hospital stays,” stated Wayne Memorial Hospital CEO David Hoff.

The mission of the program is to provide healthful and nutritious meals to adult patients diagnosed with Diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) and have identified themselves as experiencing food insecurity. Based on data collected by WMCHC through a survey tool conducted during regular office visits, a need for food subsidies was identified among some of its patient population.

Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDE, community health manager, Wayne Memorial Hospital and coordinator, Food Prescription Program, explained the process. Participants, selected based on diagnosis and the need to overcome food insecurity, will be given a monthly “staple box” containing basic ingredients to prepare meals tailored to their disease state. Grocery vouchers to purchase fresh food such as low fat meats, fruit and vegetables will be distributed along with a packet of over 20 recipes specifically designed to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Patients will also meet either in-person or via video conference with a Registered Dietitian for education and guidance.

“A great deal of preparation has gone into launching the program,” stated Kneier. “We’re grateful to all members of our team and excited to start a successful beginning to a healthier lifestyle for our participants.”

Photo: Shown in photo are seated, left to right, Sharon Savakinas, PA-C, Carbondale Family Health Center; Ann Marie Kretchik, MS, RD, LDN, CNSC, clinical dietitian, WMH; Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDE, community health manager, WMH and coordinator of the Food Prescription Program. Standing, David Hoff, president and CEO, WMH; John Cosgrove, executive director, AllOne Foundation; Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC; and Kenneth Bannon, PA-C, Carbondale Family Health Center.





Hamlin Family Health Center Expansion Complete

AFTER SEVEN MONTHS from the start of construction—with crews forced to take a two-month furlough due to the COVID-19 crisis—providers at the Hamlin Family Health Center welcomed patients to the facility's 5,500 square foot expansion on September 10th.

The new clinical offices house the internal medicine practices of Dr. Charles Aronica and Norina Manassy, PA-C in addition to Women's Health by obstetrician/gynecologist Joanne Pellicane, MD. In order to optimize patient flow and comfort within the growing practice, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) renovated another portion of the existing structure on Route 191 South. The new section includes its own waiting room, reception and check-out areas as well as nine exam rooms, two nurses' stations and a conference room.

"In addition to our Board of Directors who had the foresight to approve this capital project, I'd also like to express gratitude to the Chatlos Foundation for its generous donation used to defray some of our expenses," stated Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC.

The original section of the Hamlin Family Health Center continues to be utilized for Walk-in Care and outpatient services as well as primary care offered by Dr. Charles Kovalchick and Dr. Samuel Ganz.

All primary care providers are accepting new patients at the Hamlin Family Health Center. Appointments for initial visits can be made by calling 570-689-9965.

Photo: Shown during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony are, front row, left to right, Carollee Keating, RN, case manager; HFHC; Kara Poremba, RN practice manager, Women's Health Center; Joanne Pellicane, MD, OB/GYN, Women's Health Center; David Hoff, chief executive officer, Wayne Memorial Hospital and member, WMCHC Board of Directors; Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC; Charles Aronica, DO, primary care physician, HFHC; Norina Manassy, PA-C, HFHC; Janice McConnell, practice manager, HFHC and Denise Matern, office supervisor, HFHC. Back row, Mary Pruss; Kassie Skelton; Chantel Spinelli, LPN; Kami Aukscunas; Rebecca Moss-Shiffler, HFHC; Tammy Budnovitch, HFHC; Heather Kellam, office supervisor, Women's Health Center and Krystle Manzione, HFHC.

Pike Dental Center Expands to Nearly Double Patient Capacity

THE PIKE DENTAL Center, which offers comprehensive dental services for children and adults in Lords Valley, is at the end of a construction phase that added four additional operatories at its existing site. It is expected that patients will start receiving treatment in the new addition by the end of September.

The expansion, making way to generate between 8,500–9,000 more visits at the dental center annually, was funded through a \$300,000 grant from the Oral Health Infrastructure Grant Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

"With a total of nine available operatories instead of the original five for which the facility was constructed, our dentists and hygienists will have the space needed to better meet the patient demand in Pike County," stated Frederick Jackson, executive director, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC), the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) which operates both the Pike Dental Center and the Together For Health Dental Center in Honesdale.

"During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, we, along with other dental providers were forced to suspend preventive care for the safety of our patients and staff," Jackson added. "We're happy to have resumed services in a safe environment at both of our dental locations and having a larger physical capacity in Pike is a great advantage."

As part of its mission as a FQHC, WMCHC provides an estimated half million dollars annually in free and reduced-cost dental services between its two dental sites by utilizing a sliding-fee scale program for patients who qualify.

Photo: One of four new operatories complete with state-of-the-art equipment at Pike Dental Center.



SEVERAL NEW CLINICIANS have joined Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC), the hospital's independent affiliate.



WALID HASSAN, MD, MACP, FRCP (UK), FAHA, FACC, FCCP, FSCAI, FSVM, board-certified interventional cardiologist, published author and professor, has been appointed **Medical Director of the Heart & Vascular Center**. Dr. Hassan has been practicing interventional cardiology for more than 25 years throughout the U.S. and worldwide. He earned his medical degree from the University of Cairo, School of Medicine, Cairo, Egypt, completed his internal medicine residency at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Nassau County Medical Center, NY and cardiology fellowship at the University of Missouri-Columbia, MO.



RAMEEZ CHAVIWALA, MD, Family Medicine Physician, Highland Physicians Family Health Center Dr. Chaviwala completed his residency in Family Medicine at Hackensack Meridian Health JFK Hospital in Edison, NJ. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Ross University School of Medicine, Bridgetown, Barbados and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry at Brock University, Ontario, Canada.



APURVA JAIN, MD, Pediatrician, Sterling Pediatric Center Dr. Jain completed her pediatric residency at Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, TX. She earned a Master's Degree in Public Health/Epidemiology from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston, TX. She is a graduate of Terna Medical College, Navi Mumbai, India.



ANGELA TANG, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Women's Health Center Dr. Tang completed her OB/GYN residency at Northwell Health Staten Island University Hospital in New York where she served as the OB/GYN Chief Resident. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Ross University School of Medicine, Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto, Canada, double majoring in Physiology and Human Biology. Dr. Tang sees patients at two outpatient offices—Honesdale and Lords Valley. Additionally, she facilitates births and performs surgical procedures at Wayne Memorial Hospital.



TERRY J. LUMA, MD, Board Certified Family Physician, Carbondale Family Health Center Dr. Luma received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, West Indies. He completed his internship and residency in family medicine at Hackensack UMC Mountainside Hospital in Verona, NJ. He earned his undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Prior to joining WMCHC, Dr. Luma was employed at Sanford Health in Bemidji, MN.



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