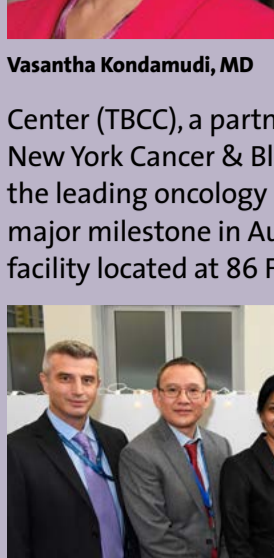


From the Chief Medical Officer

CANCER CENTER OPENS; JOINT COMMISSION DUE



Vasantha Kondamudi, MD

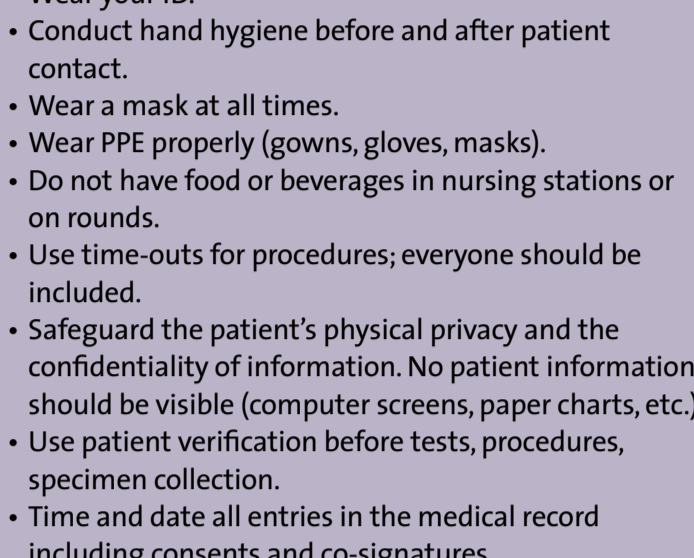
I have two important happenings to let you know about:

The Brooklyn Cancer Center Opens

First, The Brooklyn Cancer Center (TBCC), a partnership between the hospital and New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS), one of the leading oncology practices in the nation, marked a major milestone in August by opening a state-of-the-art facility located at 86 Fleet Place at the corner of Myrtle



At the Cancer Center ribbon cutting: Luca Milone, MD, Director, Robotic Surgery; Phillip Xiao, MD, Chair, Pathology; Vasantha Kondamudi, MD, Executive Vice President and CMO; Armand Asarian, MD, VP, Academic Affairs, and General Surgeon; Ahmar Butt, MD, Vice Chair, Medicine, and Director, Medical Affairs, BHMA, and Internist; Minh-Phuong Huynh-Le, MD, Radiation Oncologist, The Brooklyn Cancer Center.



TBHC President and CEO Gary Terrinoni, City Council Member Crystal Hudson, CEO and Chairman of the Board of New York Cancer & Blood Specialists Dr. Jeffrey Vacira, Dr. Asha Nayak, who gave a gift toward the infusion unit that now bears her name, TBHC Board Chair Lisanne Fontaine, Red Apple Group EVP and Chief Investment Officer John Gatsimatis, Jr., and Board Trustee and Event Chair Shri Madhusudhan all help cut the ribbon to the newly completed Brooklyn Cancer Center and the Dr. Asha Nayak Infusion Suite.

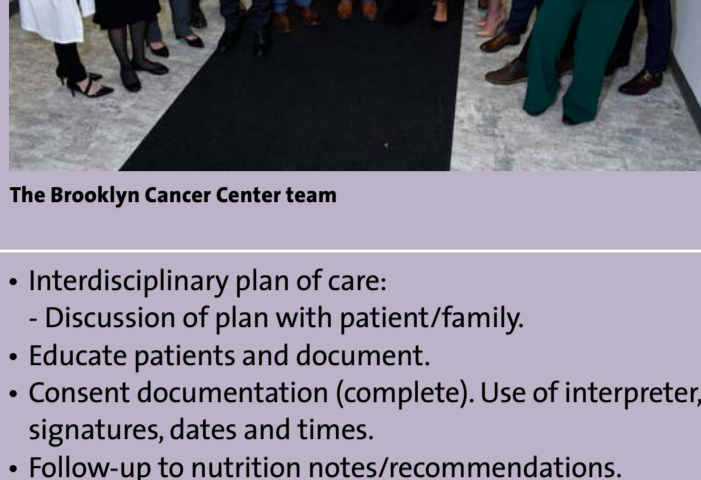
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Avenue, just a few blocks from the hospital. A ribbon cutting on October 3, recognized the opening.

TBCC is staffed by top-ranked physicians, including Chief of Hematology/Oncology Maxim Shulimovich, MD; Medical Oncologists Shreya Prasad Goyal, MD, Shahzaib Nabi, MD, Kalimullah Quadri, MD, and Asmat Ullah, MD; Radiation Oncologists Minh-Phuong Huynh-Le, MD, and Talha Shaikh, MD; and Palliative Care Physician Janaya Raynor, MD. This top-notch team provides expert care and culturally sensitive services for patients with all types of cancer and blood disorders.

This is a wonderful asset to our hospital, to our communities and to all of Brooklyn. No longer will Brooklynites have to cross the bridge to receive excellent cancer care!

To refer a patient, please call 718.732.4080. For more information, visit brooklyncancer.com.



The Brooklyn Cancer Center team

Survey Tips for Clinical Providers

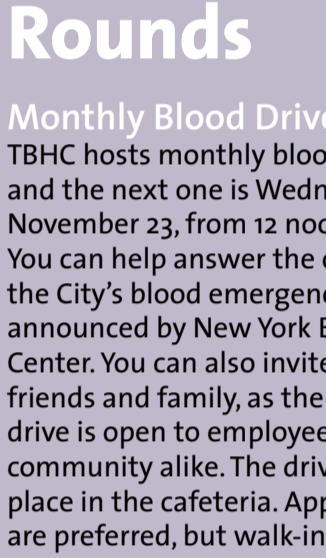
Next, all clinical providers should be aware that The Joint Commission is expected to come at any point from now until the end of the year. Clinical providers should keep these tips in mind:

- Wear your ID.
- Conduct hand hygiene before and after patient contact.
- Wear a mask at all times.
- Wear PPE properly (gowns, gloves, masks).
- Do not have food or beverages in nursing stations or on rounds.
- Use time-outs for procedures; everyone should be included.
- Safeguard the patient's physical privacy and the confidentiality of information. No patient information should be visible (computer screens, paper charts, etc.).
- Use patient verification before tests, procedures, specimen collection.
- Time and date all entries in the medical record including consents and co-signatures.
- Authenticate entries (name, title, code).
- Begin discharge planning at admission.
- Do the history and physical examination (H&P) within 30 days before or 24 hours after registration or admission.
 - Prior to any procedure requiring anesthesia, update to the H&P within 24 hours of admission. Patient must be examined to determine if there are changes.
- Lock and secure medications, needles and syringes.
- Conduct suicide risk assessment.
- Sign discharge summaries and any verbal orders in Signature Manager.
- Do restraints documentation.
 - Manual hold – physically holding a patient to administer a psychotropic medication procedure – is considered a restraint.
 - No PRN restraint orders.
 - Conduct face-to-face assessment within one hour for a violent restraint order.

- Interdisciplinary plan of care:
 - Discussion of plan with patient/family.
 - Educate patients and document.
 - Consent documentation (complete). Use of interpreter, signatures, dates and times.
 - Follow-up to nutrition notes/recommendations.
 - Medication Orders: Document indication for use of each medication.
- Be mindful of pain management.
- Understand fire safety and other environmental issues.
- Respond to surveyor questions.
- Find and explain documentation in the medical record.
- Describe PI activities and data.
- Explain collaboration with other disciplines.
- Complete your annual orientation and your annual health assessment.
- Attend special sessions as invited:
 - Medication Management
 - Data Use
 - Infection Control
 - Patient Flow
 - Emergency Management

KNOW THE CODES		
Event	Code List	Phone #
Behavioral Emergency	Code Green	Ext. 4911
Disaster/Mass Casualty	Code D	Ext. 4911
Fire	Code Red	Ext. 4911
Active Shooter	Code Silver	Ext. 4911
Cardiac Arrest	Code Blue	Ext. 4444
Infant/Child Abduction	Code 50	Ext. 4911

Dr. Anders Cohen First to Perform New Spinal Fusion Procedure



Dr. Anders Cohen on July 19 at TBHC, during the first KG2 Surge procedure

Anders Cohen, DO, Chief of Neurosurgery, performed the first spinal fusion surgery using a cutting-edge device called KG 2™ Surge™ from Kleiner Device Labs. Using this new device, Dr. Cohen was able to perform a bone graft that delivered more than three times the volume of the void of the collapsed disk space.

"The KG2 system worked flawlessly and allowed precise placement," says Dr. Cohen. "Additionally, the system uses a single insertion process, which spares damage to delicate tissue and reduces risk of surgical site infection."

The Division of Neurosurgery is one of TBHC's centers of excellence. Led by Dr. Cohen, a nationally recognized expert in minimally invasive spine surgery, the Division offers preventive care, rehabilitation, medical care and effective surgical procedures for multiple conditions of the spine and brain.

Spine conditions treated include:

- back pain and/or instability
- degenerative disc disease (e.g. spondylosis)
- osteoarthritis
- osteoporosis
- compression fracture
- kyphosis (hunchback)
- myelopathy
- post laminectomy syndrome
- spinal stenosis
- sciatica
- scoliosis
- spondylolisthesis (slippage of one vertebra over another)
- spinal tumors
- whiplash

Brain and other neurological conditions treated include:

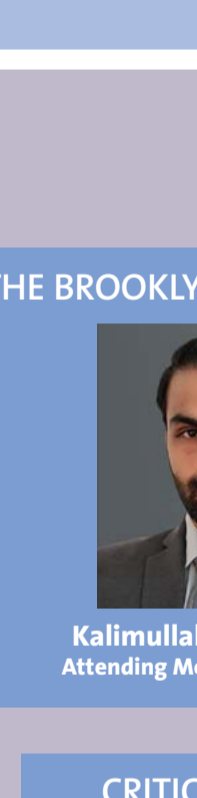
- brain tumors
- chiari malformation
- craniosynostosis
- hydrocephalus
- peripheral nervous system
- carpal tunnel
- nerve entrapment
- occipital neuralgia

For more information or to make a referral, please call 718.250.8103 or visit tbh.org/BrooklynSpine.

Rounds

Monthly Blood Drives

TBHC hosts monthly blood drives and the next one is Wednesday, November 23, from 12 noon to 6 pm. You can help answer the call for the City's blood emergency, as announced by New York Blood Center. You can also invite your friends and family, as the blood drive is open to employees and the community alike. The drives take place in the cafeteria. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome, space permitting. Please remember to eat and drink before donating, and bring your donor ID card or an ID with your name and photo.



It only takes one hour to donate, and a single donation can save multiple lives. Roughly one in seven hospital admissions require a blood transfusion. Those in need include: cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more. To make an appointment at TBHC's blood drive, [click here](#).



Mask Mandates

This is a reminder that while Governor Kathy Hochul recently rescinded New York City's mask mandate for many sectors, the Governor, Department of Health and CDC have upheld the mask mandate for healthcare settings.

Therefore, TBHC is required by law to enforce the ongoing mask mandate. That means everyone – staff, patients and visitors – within our walls (including off-sites) must be masked unless in their own room or office.

Pre-Surgical Testing Relocated

The Pre-Surgical Testing Services were relocated to the 3rd floor, which previously housed the SICU and, most recently, the Hematology/Oncology service. Extensions and fax numbers remain the same.

Vaccines, Vaccines, Vaccines

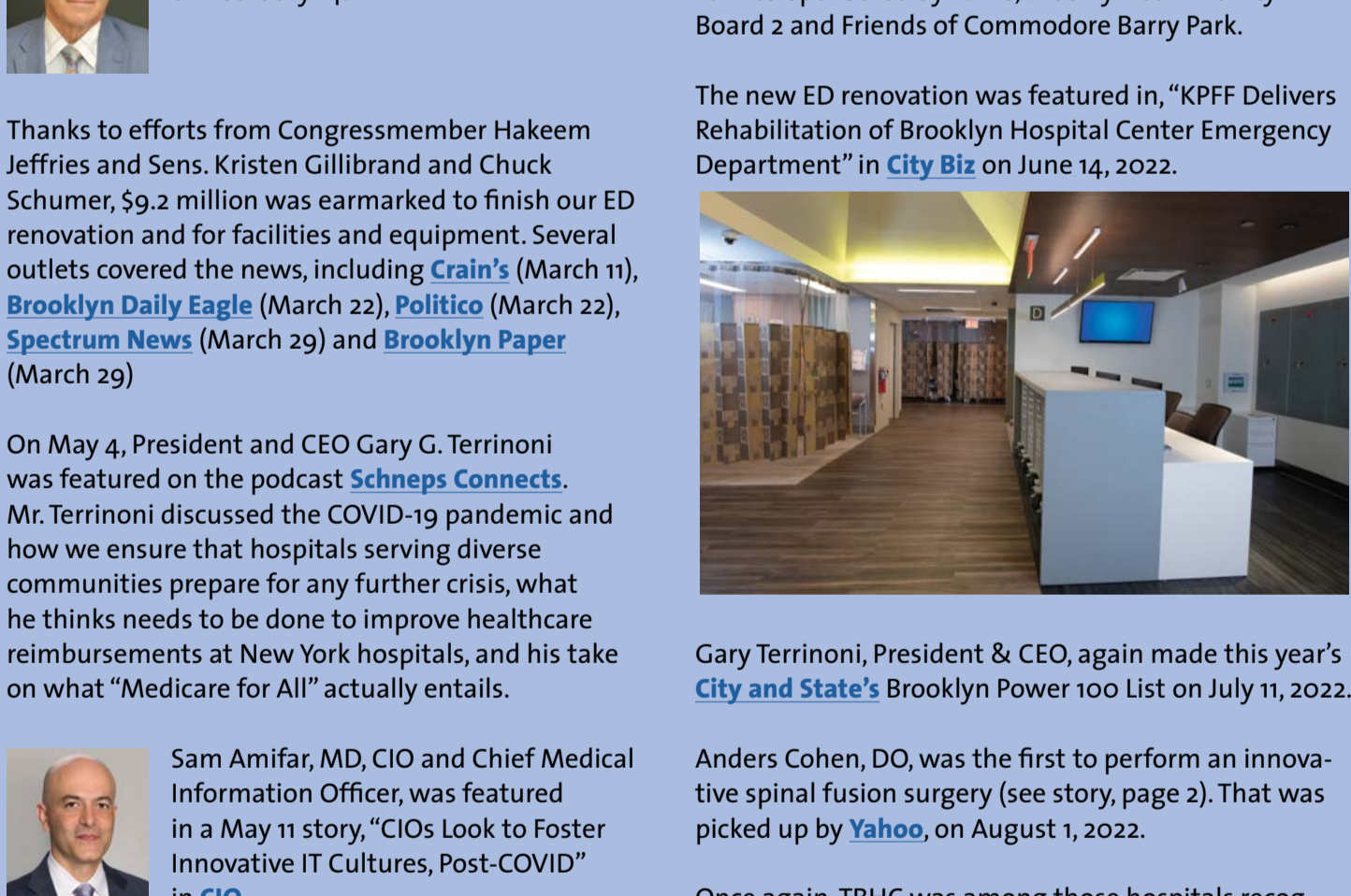
The Vaccine Center has relocated to the area formerly occupied by Pre-Surgical Testing (near the Cafeteria by the staff elevators).



Not only is TBHC offering the new Covid bivalent shot, but we also offer the flu shot, Monkeypox and polio vaccines. Visit tbh.org to see eligibility criteria for the Covid bivalent booster, Monkeypox and polio vaccines, and to make appointments. Flu shots are being offered on a walk-in basis in Employee Health in the Power Building (where IT used to be located), and simultaneously in the Vaccine Center for those scheduled to get their Covid boosters.

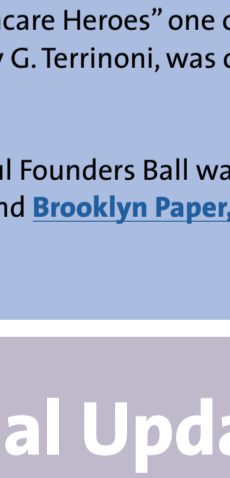
Providers, Check Your Web Bio

TBHC physicians, PAs and NPs should check their bio on the website to make sure all the information is up-to-date. Any changes should be addressed to marketing@tbh.org.

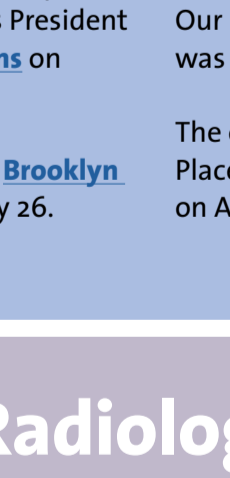


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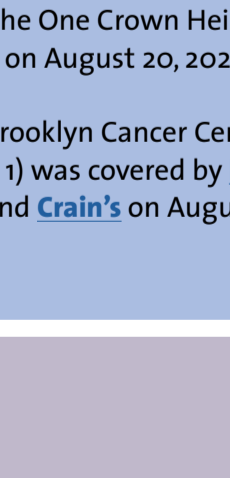
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Shreya Prasad Goyal, MD
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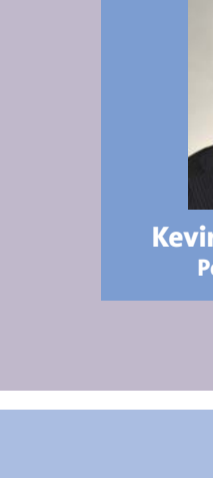


Kalimullah Quadri, MD
Attending Medical Oncologist



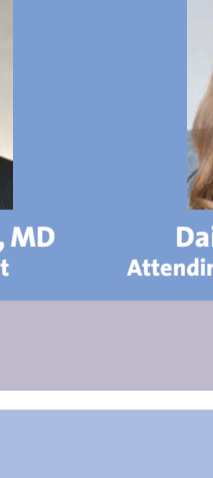
Janaya Raynor, MD, MS
Attending Palliative Care Physician

GASTROENTEROLOGY & HEPATOLOGY



Mohammad Nawaz, MD
Attending

CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE



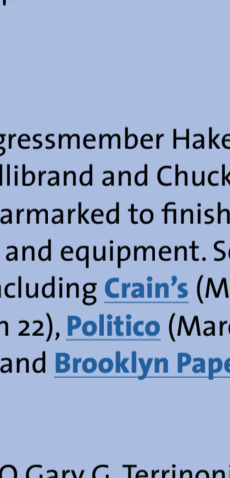
Gaurav Parhar, MD
Attending

PULMONARY & CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE



Kiran Zaman, MD
Attending

PEDIATRICS



Kevin Khodabakhsh, MD
Pediatric Neurologist



Daisy Lall, MD, MBA
Attending, Pediatric Primary Care

TBHC in the News

In case you missed it, check out TBHC and your colleagues in these stories:



IssueWire did a profile on Joseph Fetto, MD, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery on February 14.

Thanks to efforts from Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and Sens. Kristen Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, \$9.2 million was earmarked to finish our ED renovation and for facilities and equipment. Several outlets covered the news, including **Crain's** (March 11), **Brooklyn Daily Eagle** (March 22), **Politico** (March 22), **Spectrum News** (March 29) and **Brooklyn Paper** (March 29)

On May 4, President and CEO Gary G. Terrinoni was featured on the podcast **Schneps Connects**. Mr. Terrinoni discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and how we ensure that hospitals serving diverse communities prepare for any further crisis, what he thinks needs to be done to improve healthcare reimbursements at New York hospitals, and his take on what "Medicare for All" actually entails.



Sam Amifur, MD, CIO and Chief Medical Information Officer, was featured in a May 11 story, "CIOs Look to Foster Innovative IT Cultures, Post-COVID" in **CIO**.



James Gasperino, MD, Chair of Medicine, Associate Chief Medical Officer and Chief of Critical Care Services, was featured in a May 13 story, "COVID-19 Kills a Million Americans" in **AARP**.

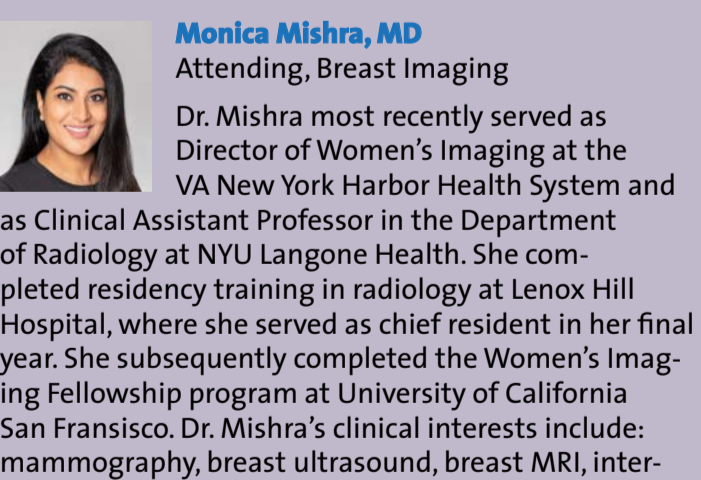
"Top Healthcare Professionals honored at Schneps Media Healthcare Heroes" one of whom was President and CEO Gary G. Terrinoni, was covered by **Qns** on May 13.

The successful Founders Ball was covered by **Brooklyn Daily Eagle** and **Brooklyn Paper**, both on May 26.

TBHC's blood drives were covered by **Brooklyn Daily Eagle** on June 7. (PS: next one is November 23).

On June 14, the **Brooklyn Daily Eagle** also covered the June 25 community health fair in Commodore Park by TBHC, Brooklyn Community Board 2 and Friends of Commodore Barry Park.

The new ED renovation was featured in, "KPFF Delivers Rehabilitation of Brooklyn Hospital Center Emergency Department" in **City Biz** on June 14, 2022.



Gary Terrinoni, President & CEO, again made this year's **City and State's** Brooklyn Power 100 List on July 11, 2022.

Anders Cohen, DO, was the first to perform an innovative spinal fusion surgery (see story, page 2). That was picked up by **Yahoo**, on August 1, 2022.

Once again, TBHC was among those hospitals recognized by the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines Program. We were featured as such in **Niagara Frontier Publications**, "118 NYC hospitals recognized for efforts to improve outcomes for Americans with heart disease & stroke," on August 8, 2022, and in a similar article in **Hudson Valley 360** on August 15, 2022.

Our participation in the One Crown Heights Festival was noted by **CoLive** on August 20, 2022.

The opening of The Brooklyn Cancer Center on 86 Fleet Place (see story, page 1) was covered by **Brooklyn Eagle** on August 25, 2022, and **Crain's** on August 29, 2022.

Special Update: Radiology

TBHC's Department of Radiology's mission is to provide the highest level of safe, comfortable and compassionate diagnostic and interventional radiology services to the community of Northern Brooklyn and beyond.

The team consists of the most highly qualified physicians with expertise across the full spectrum of diagnostic and interventional radiology, supported by a committed, caring staff of expert physician assistants, technologists and nurses. The administrative, clerical and information technology teams work diligently to ensure the very best experience for patients and referring providers.

The department is constantly updating and expanding their technology to improve the health of the communities we serve. Recent initiatives include a state-of-the-art Breast Imaging Center and an innovative Interventional Radiology Clinic, merging the very best in patient care and medical technology.

With state-of-the-art CT, MRI, ultrasound, PET-CT and digital angiography, the department takes pride in its advanced technology, but even more pride in its people. Here is the full clinical staff with several new physicians highlighted by their bio.

Moshe Fuchsbrumer, MD
Chair

Ali Allawi, MD
Attending

Sumeet Bahi, MD
Attending, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Samy Fourati, MD
Attending, General Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Oded Greenberg, MD
Attending, Body Imaging

Dr. Greenberg most recently served as the Director of Emergency Room Radiology at Jamaica Medical Center in Queens. He earned his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn and his residency training in radiology and pathology at King's County Hospital. He subsequently completed his body imaging fellowship at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Greenberg's clinical interests include body imaging and emergency radiology. He is board certified in diagnostic radiology and anatomic pathology. Dr. Greenberg can be reached at 718.250.8240 or ogreenberg@tbh.org.

Natalie Igel, MD
Attending, Breast Imaging

Bryan Kang, MD
Attending, Neuroradiology

Dr. Kang most recently served as a radiology attending at Optum/ProHEALTH Radiology in Brooklyn. He earned his medical degree from New York Medical College. He completed his internal medicine residency training at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, his radiology residency training at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and his neuroradiology residency training at New York University Langone Health in Manhattan. He is certified by the American Board of Radiology. He can be reached at bkang@tbh.org.

Monica Mishra, MD
Attending, Breast Imaging

Dr. Mishra most recently served as Director of Women's Imaging at the VA New York Harbor Health System and as Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at NYU Langone Health. She completed residency training in radiology at Lenox Hill Hospital, where she served as chief resident in her final year. She subsequently completed the Women's Imaging Fellowship program at University of California San Francisco. Dr. Mishra's clinical interests include: mammography, breast ultrasound, breast MRI, interventional breast procedures, and emerging breast imaging technology improving patient care. Dr. Mishra is board certified in radiology. She will provide the full range of breast imaging services offered at our state-of-the-art Breast Imaging Center. Dr. Mishra can be reached at 718.250.3083 or mmishra@tbh.org.

In-suk Seo, MD
Director, Nuclear Medicine

Cara Swintelski, DO
Attending, Breast Imaging

Dr. Swintelski joins TBHC after having served as Assistant Professor of Radiology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. At Columbia, she was involved in a myriad of educational and research activities. She completed residency training in Radiology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai West, and subsequently completed the Breast Imaging and Interventional Fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center/ New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Swintelski's clinical interests include mammography, breast ultrasound, breast MRI, image-guided procedures and breast cancer high-risk screening. She is board certified in radiology, and will provide the full range of breast imaging services offered at our state-of-the-art Breast Imaging Center. Dr. Swintelski can be reached at 212.250.3038 or at cswintelski@tbh.org.

Jonathan Weisger, MD
Attending, Neuroradiology

Brett Welke, MD
Attending, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Dr. Welke, a Louisiana native, most recently served as an interventional radiology attending at White Plains Hospital. He earned his medical degree and completed residency training in radiology at Tulane University in Louisiana. He subsequently completed the Vascular and Interventional Radiology Fellowship program of Columbia University Medical Center/ New York Presbyterian Hospital. His clinical interests include oncology, hepatobiliary and vascular interventions. Dr. Welke is a member of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society and is board certified in radiology. He offers the full gamut of interventional radiology services. Dr. Welke can be reached at 718.250.6137 or at bwelke@tbh.org.

Ginny Chae, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Kendall Mockridge, PA-C
Physician Assistant