The Joint Commission (TJC) recently visited UI Health to interact with our patients, providers, and staff. The result of the visit was a successful, positive survey and a testament of the great work you do every day that exemplifies our commitment to patient-centric care.

A true highlight from the survey was the strong affirmation of the excellent care our patients receive from our providers. They found capable, compassionate care providers across the organization, and our patients and their families were extremely complementary. To quote a surveyor, “Your staff is not just competent but really caring” and “Your patients love you.” Additionally, TJC cited many of our practices as models of best practice nationally and encouraged their wider dissemination. Their remarks and feedback should make us all very proud.

As is the case with all accreditation surveys, the team provided areas for improvement, ranging from general housekeeping to improving protocols and documentation practices. Our teams will work quickly to address these recommendations. It is worth mentioning, the surveyors also noted that the number and magnitude of findings was significantly less than the last visit.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important effort and for fulfilling our promise as a preeminent healthcare provider.

Sincerely,
Hospital Leadership
DID YOU KNOW?

On Nov. 8, the UI Health Marketing and Strategic Communications team celebrated the launch of a new brand campaign. Over 500 staff and employees attended this launch event and received a gift. New commercials, featuring real UI Health patients and care providers, were shown at the event. These commercials are currently being aired on ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, WGN, and Comcast. Visit UIHealth.Care to check them out. If you were unable to attend, email UIHealthMktg@uic.edu about obtaining your gift.

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Join UI Health at the holiday luncheon as we celebrate the holidays and welcome a new year. The employee holiday luncheon is on Dec. 8. Employees can attend any one of the following sessions:

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On Nov. 15, UIC hosted the annual Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony, which honors recipients of the Chancellor’s Award of Merit, Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence Award (CAPE), Janice Watkins Award, UIC employees celebrating service-year milestones, and recognizes UI Health’s Class Act Award, Employee of the Year, and Physician of the Year. Congratulations to this year’s award winners!

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A special congratulations to UI Health researchers for their continued commitment to research excellence. In the last three months, UI Health researchers received two grants that will help advance healthcare. Pharmacy and Medicine researchers received a $4 million federal grant to study technology’s impact on diabetic patients, and Pulmonary researchers received a $1.5 million grant to study the impact of diagnostic error on Asthma and COPD patients. Congratulations to both teams!

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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL UI HEALTH EMPLOYEES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8: Employee Holiday Lunch
December 14: Miracle on Taylor Street
WELCOME TO UI HEALTH / NEW HIRES FOR OCTOBER 2016

CARE Award
Regina Dechellis – Physical Therapy
Catherine Griffin – Cashering Operations
Kurtrina Pitts Steward – Cashering Operations
Frank Stanford – EVS
Ira Harrington – Concierge Services
Marcelo Rodriguez – Language Services
Dr. Autumn Davidson – Women’s Health

Ramirez, Melissa
Ramos, Eva
Robinson, Kelly
Santiago, Nai
Smith, Jamie
Steel, Jeanette
Thomas, Yolanda
Thompson-Coburn, Felicia
Ware, Tralisa
Alcaide, Lissette
Baker, Ugochi
Froeming, Karen
Gill, Sernard
Lopez, Eloy
Morgan, Caiemia
Salentine, Benjamin
Sandoval, Efren
Shanahan, Meghan
Smith, Robert
Tenorio, Berenice
Wasik, Carol
Watkins, Bridgette
Yepez, Cynthia

Department of Medicine, Division of AIM
Neonatal ICU
Physical Therapy
Primary Care Plus
Ambulatory Administration
Facilities Management Administration
Dialysis
Mile Square Health Center
Materials Management
Patient Access
COM / Department of Medicine
Transplant
Hospital Emergency Services
Patient Logistics
Facilities Management Administration
ESHO
Managed Care
Mile Square – Administration
Clinical Nutrition
Customer Care Center
Ambulatory Services
Pathology Laboratories
Mile Square Health Center
Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences

FIT FLEX OF THE MONTH / HOW DO YOU STAY HEALTHY?

“I take the stairs instead of using the elevator and try to go for a brief walk every 2 hours. It helps me fit some kind of exercise into my busy schedule. Also, I bring a gallon of water with me to work and try to finish it by the end of the day.”

Kinga Mateja
Manager
Volunteer Services

“Getting up early and working out two to three times during the week, including cardio and free weights is a must for me. I meet with a personal trainer on Saturdays and box on Sundays to up the intensity. I also utilize several different exercise apps on my phone to keep my workouts from going stale.”

Rick Sunderman
Business Administration Associate
Marketing and Strategic Communications

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Tamara Griffin – Family Medicine
Yolanda Tyler – Food Services
Rayshonda Blackman – Food Services
Jaimie Hoobler – Neuro ICU

Brand Champion
Jeanne Ryan