Leaders and managers recently distributed the UI Health Goals & Initiatives to all Hospital & Clinics staff. The Goals & Initiatives — both for FY19 and beyond — are vital to our long-term capabilities and future success. It is our commitment to be concise about our immediate goals and initiatives while keeping a focus on the longer-term infrastructure optimizations that will be essential to our long-term success.

As part of the goals development, a Planning Construct was introduced to help clearly express what will be our focus for activities this year and in the coming years. This construct shows the three components of our planning horizon:

- Management Performance Improvement Measurement
- Critical Operational Prerequisite Infrastructure
- Continued Growth & Optimizations

Over the next few months, we will be providing updates on the key areas that make up Management Performance Improvement Measurement and drive our FY19 Performance Goals:

- Quality
- Safety
- Service
- Access/Operational Excellence
- Growth/Funding Our Future

These core elements describe how we accomplish our day-to-day management of the organization and our respective operational responsibilities. All Hospital & Clinics staff should review the FY19 Performance Goals to highlight where their duties align with Management Performance Improvement Measurement metrics. All staff members — clinical and nonclinical — contribute to achieving these goals.

More information on the Goals & Initiatives will be presented at the LDI on Nov. 1. Additionally, Hospital & Clinics CEO Mike Zenn will present a series of information sessions in January to provide further details about the Goals & Initiatives. More info on these events will be available in the coming months.

There are great things on the horizon at UI Health. We look forward to working together to achieve these objectives.

After several months of procurement-related activities and subsequent negotiations, we are pleased to announce the completion of negotiations and the signing of the contract between UI Health and Epic Systems.

In order to mitigate the enterprise risk posed by an aging and fragmented information system, UI Health leadership embarked on the Integrated Information Infrastructure (3i) project in 2016 with an evaluation of the existing infrastructure. The evaluation underscored the urgent need to address these deficiencies and risks by replacing the existing systems with a state-of-art information platform that integrates optimized business processes with standardized clinical workflows and modern analytical capabilities.
NEWS FROM AROUND UI HEALTH

Exercise is Medicine Initiative
Exercise is Medicine on Campus (EIM) is an initiative focused on encouraging primary care physicians and other healthcare providers to include physical activity when designing treatment plans. EIM is committed to the belief that physical activity is integral in the prevention and treatment of diseases and should be regularly assessed and treated as part of all medical care. It is their vision to see all campus and community members across multiple disciplines discover, share, and adopt the principles of EIM that will help change the culture of chronic disease prevention and management campus-wide. The mission is to foster collaborative relationships and leadership on campus between exercise, health, and other disciplines that support the EIM vision and goals. For questions, or to learn more about this initiative, please contact Lynne Thompson at lynnetho@uic.edu.

Brain Aneurysm Program Featured on ABC’s ‘Windy City Live’
As part of Brain Aneurysm month, Dr. Fady Charbel, head of Neurosurgery, and brain aneurysm survivor LaShawn Brown, visited “Windy City Live” to talk about the risk factors and symptoms of brain aneurysm. One in 50 people in the U.S. have an unruptured aneurysm — knowing the signs and symptoms can save your life! To view the segment, visit the hospital homepage: UIHealth.Care.

UI Health Participates in First Ladies Event
Last month, UI Health and Illinois Heart Rescue participated in the First Ladies Health Day. The First Ladies Health Initiative is a national effort involving more than 900 healthcare providers and volunteers working together to address serious illnesses impacting underserved and minority communities. One hundred fifty UI Health employees volunteered at the event, providing health education and screenings, including BMI, blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, bystander CPR, and mammogram referrals. Together, we provided screenings to 250 participants and taught bystander CPR to over 600 participants.

Thank you to all who participated in this impactful event! We look forward to continuing to serve our mission in the community!

Dunkapalooza
Thank you to all who participated in and attended Dunkapalooza last month! We raised over $1,000 to help fund our new Atrium.

Left to Right:
Dr. Ari Rubenfeld;
Lisa Potts;
Dr. Terry Vanden Hoek
Advance Directives: Honoring a Patient’s Wishes

It is our responsibility to acknowledge and honor a patient’s Advance Directive plans while they are in our care. The focus of the initiative is on the following documents: Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST, previously referred to as “DNR/DNI document”), Power of Attorney for Health Care (POAHC), and Living Will. In an effort to make it easier to communicate the Advance Directives of our patients, the Advance Directive Work Group has instituted the following changes:

- Revised the code status order with the new name “Code Status” and improved drop down selection options reflecting the POLST form.
- Banner bar changes to better communicate these wishes (“code status: DNR- comfort measures”), with a quick link to the most recent Advance Directive document on file (both scanned POLST/POAHC/Living Will forms, as well as clinical notes written within the EHR).
- New “Comfort Care” care set.
- Quick turnaround (during the hospitalization) of completed/signed Advance Directive documents for timely scanning into the Advance Directive clinical folder in the EHR.
- Original signed documents will remain in the “hard chart” until discharge.

The image below shows the Banner Bar with the above changes.

For questions, please email CHIO@uic.edu.

Class Act: Physical Therapists Assist Injured Pedestrian

Brianna DeBiasi, left, and Regina DeChellis are physical therapists at our Maxwell Street Physical Therapy clinic. Recently, a serious motor vehicle accident occurred near the clinic. Brianna and Regina were out on a lunchtime walk, heard the crash, and immediately ran toward the accident and were the first medical providers on the scene. The victim was on the hood of a car, suffering from a compound fracture of the lower leg. Brianna was able to ensure he was safe to move and got him onto the ground; Regina assisted and also ensured someone called 911. Soon, UIC Police and an Emergency Department nurse arrived to help. Both Brianna and Regina stayed with the victim until EMTs arrived. Thank you to Brianna and Regina for this commendable act of care, kindness, and bravery.

UIC Blood Drive Makes History

Last month, the UIC Athletic Department and LifeSource held a 12-hour blood drive to help save hundreds of lives. The “Get Fired Up to Save Lives” drive made history with a record 759 units of blood collected. This was the largest single-day blood drive in Chicago in recent history.

Thank you to all who worked tirelessly to make this remarkable accomplishment possible!
A Silver Lining Foundation held its 14th Annual Gala on Sept. 29. The organization provides cancer education and services to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout the Chicago area. UI Health has been a longtime partner of A Silver Lining Foundation, which has provided more than 11,000 individuals with breast cancer screenings and education at UI Health since 2006. Nearly 400 people attended the gala, and David Loffing, COO of the University of Illinois Hospital & Clinics, was one of the dinner chairs for the event. Funds raised at the event will support continued screenings and education for our patients. Thank you to Chairman and Founder Dr. Sandy Goldberg and all of A Silver Lining Foundation for their continued partnership.

Dr. Sandy Goldberg, right, with medical radiologist Brenda Owens and a patient in the Outpatient Care Center. [Credit: Poon Watchara-Amphaiwan]
Flu Shot Day
Missed Flu Shot Day? Don’t worry, there’s still time! Visit FluShot.UIHealth.Care to find additional dates to receive the vaccination.

World Thrombosis Day
Knowing the signs and symptoms of blood clots is critical to saving lives. To learn more about blood clot prevention, visit the intranet.

Bariatric Surgery Walk from Obesity
The Bariatric Surgery Program will be participating in the ASMBS Foundation’s Walk from Obesity & Fitness Fun Run. The event raises funds to support obesity research, educational programs, and access to care initiatives.

When it comes to ending obesity, every step counts.
To sign up, donate, or to learn more, please visit the intranet.
Sunday, Oct. 21 | 8:30 am to Noon | Montrose Harbor

Pediatric Halloween Parade
Oct. 31 | 10:30am | 5-West

Pediatrics is also hosting a Departmental Halloween Costume Contest. If your department is interested in participating, please email Dana Thornquist at danatho@UIC.EDU.

For more information, please visit the intranet.

SAVE THE DATE!
Leadership Development Institute (LDI)
Nov. 1
Student Center West
Time TBD