

Clinician Update

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Nov. 10 Deadline for Philly Mag's Top Docs of 2023 Nominations

If you have a colleague who you'd like to see included in the 2023 Top Doctors issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*, now's your chance to make that happen. The magazine partners with health care researcher Castle Connolly to create a list of top doctors. Nominations are open year-long, but to make the deadline for consideration into the May issue, Castle Connolly has announced that the nomination window will close **Nov. 10** for consideration in the May 2023 Top Doctors issue.

Polling is open to all licensed physicians in America who are able to nominate physicians in any medical specialty and in any part of the country. The poll *does not accept self-nominations* nor any duplicate nominations of the same physician per calendar year.

Castle Connolly has been reaching out to all licensed MDs and DOs in the area to submit nominations. Physicians who are vetted and selected as Castle Connolly Top Doctors will have a listing on the Castle Connolly website, and may be eligible to appear in this special issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*.

- Physicians wishing to nominate someone can register here: nominations.castleconnolly.com
- Each nominating physician will need to use his or her personal NPI number, first and last name, email, hospital, specialty and ZIP code.
- A nomination code and a link to the nomination site will then be automatically emailed.
- Each calendar year, a physician may nominate: 15 in their own specialty, seven in each Family Medicine/Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, and five in each of the remaining specialties.
- Helpful general info can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- Nomination submissions via the [portal](#) are due by: Thursday, Nov. 10.

Congratulations to the more than 120 physicians from Virtua Medical Group and Virtua Integrated Network selected for *Philadelphia* magazine's Top Docs list in 2022, listed [here](#).

Hats Off to Virtua's Top Docs

Congratulations to the dozens of Virtua physicians who appear in New Jersey Monthly's annual list of Top Docs. You may recognize [a familiar face on the magazine cover](#). Dr. Emily Gleimer of Virtua Gynecologic Oncology was one of three physicians selected for the honor. [Click here](#) to consult the list. To learn more about the methodology, [click here](#).

Virtua's Network of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) Now at 32

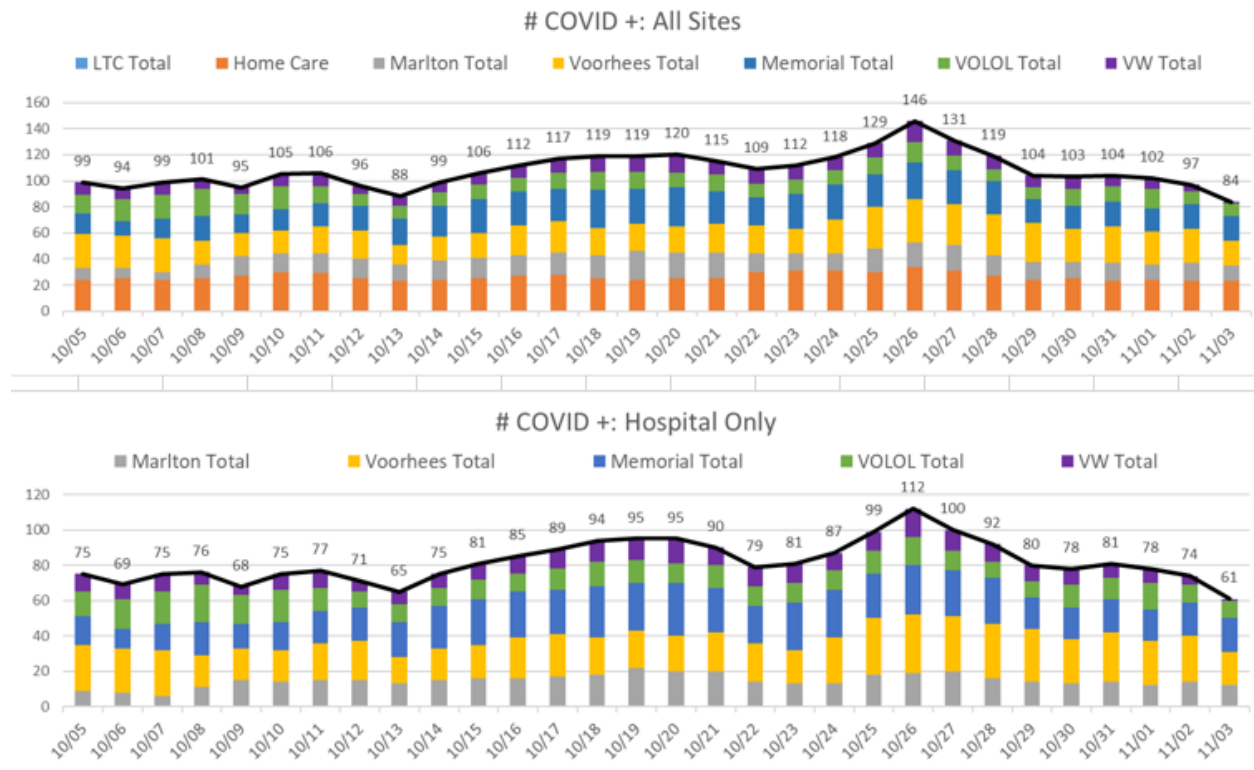
Virtua's Network of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) is now at 32. Virtua recently welcomed Fellowship Surgery Center in Mount Laurel and the Endo Center of Old Bridge in Middlesex County as its 31st and 32nd ASC partners.

The new additions join a network of surgery centers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware—all state-of-the-art health care facilities that transform the outpatient experience and provide the highest-caliber care for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and surgery. All the facilities are state licensed, nationally accredited and Medicare certified, ensuring adherence to the highest quality and safety

standards. Virtua’s ambulatory surgery centers provide a safe and convenient alternative to hospital-based outpatient care, with a strong track record of positive patient outcomes and satisfaction. *Newsweek* recently recognized 14 Virtua ASCs in the top 26 ASCs in New Jersey.

Click [here](#) to see a map of all 32 ASCs in the Virtua network.

COVID-19 Census



Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey is once again over the key benchmark, reported today as 1.03.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. today:
 - Atlantic County 66,447
 - Burlington County: 106,003 cases
 - Camden County: 128,567 cases
 - Gloucester County: 65,644 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 4,915.
- The state’s Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 19,442,489 doses of vaccine have been administered.

Monkeypox Stats

As of Wednesday’s weekly posting, the number of probable and confirmed cases of monkeypox cases in New Jersey: **751**.

Policies Updated to Include Monkeypox Exposures

Virtua has updated its policies regarding colleague exposures to include protocols for monkeypox exposures and confirmed cases.

The Work-Related Exposure to Infectious Disease policy addresses the timely and effective assessment, prophylaxis, and/or treatment of employees exposed to COVID-19, pertussis, bacterial meningitis, varicella, measles, mumps, tularemia, scabies, and monkeypox.

Click to [view the updated policy](#).

The Infectious Disease of an Employee policy states that employees may not work with a known or suspected infectious or transmissible (communicable) process. A determination will be made on a case-by-case basis if the employee may continue to work. Occupational Health and Infection Control will utilize criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control, the State of New Jersey, and the Virtua Infection Control Committee to determine appropriate courses of action.

Click to [view the updated policy](#).

An Introduction to Virtua Clinical Research

The Virtua Clinical Research team supports a full trial portfolio that includes clinical studies with potential new therapies for coronary, pulmonary, orthopedics, and gynecologic diseases. Virtua participated in research for many years. Then with the Lourdes transition, bringing a huge cache of trials, the department has blossomed and now offers a full complement of cutting-edge technology to our community.

Physician colleagues are vital to the success of the research program, even when they are not participating as an investigator. Surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, and many other specialists play an integral role in the conduct of quality clinical trials. It is important that all of these individuals are knowledgeable about the requirements of clinical trials to which they will be contributing, especially specific laboratory or diagnostic imaging requirements. The site's clinical trial implementation process should include collaboration with these specialists, who provide invaluable perspective regarding the feasibility and site-specific logistics of the protocol requirements.

Because the direct benefit of clinical research may not be apparent to all medical professionals, efforts to promote support among staff are essential. Awareness about clinical trials occurs at all levels of the institution, and are incorporated in the mission and vision of the organization. For some professionals, education and awareness activities can make a positive impact on their willingness to contribute.

“Our long-lasting commitment to research continues to grow—especially with our new academic affiliation with Rowan University. As it does, so does the research staff’s reputation for meticulous management of trials regardless of their scope or complexity,” said Reginald J. Blaber, MD, FACC, MBA, EVP and Chief Clinical Officer.

If you would like to learn more about Virtua Clinical Research, do not hesitate to contact our staff.

The Clinical Research team includes:

Robert Post, MD, MS, FAAFP, Medical Director for Research and CME, Chairman, Research Committee;
Jillian Stanley, Director of Research Administration; Melissa Nicholson, Clinical Manager; Donna Palazzo,

Clinical Research Specialist; Lisa Ferrante, Senior Project Manager; our Kristin Broderick, Marisa Brown, Danielle Connors, Katharine Ference, and Donna Hoopes, research coordinators.

Virtua Interventional Cardiologist Twitter Post Goes Viral



Interventional Cardiologist Luai Tabaza, MD, one of Virtua’s most active Twitter users, posted this humorous Halloween image this week, which apparently rang true with his followers and beyond. “Which one are you?” earned nearly 85,000 impressions and 4,000 engagements. To view the link on Twitter, click [here](#). And feel free to connect with Dr. Tabaza on Twitter!

Upcoming Events

This Saturday, Nov. 5: Technology Enabled Care Virtual Conference: Maximizing the Technology Toolkit

7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free conference is open to all Virtua employees and medical staff. It is geared toward clinicians, providers, allied health roles, IT professionals, and leaders across the organization. The conference’s focus is to showcase how technology enabled care has transformed clinical settings across the health care industry. This conference offers two concurrent tracks, Technology and Clinical. Agenda items include Voice-Enabled Technology, Epic’s Clinical Pathways, and Cybersecurity. Click to [view the flyer](#).

Electroconvulsive Therapy Today

Nov. 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Psychiatric care providers, psychiatrists, APNs, and inter-professional team members are invited to attend. The event will feature speaker Dr. John Case, VP of clinical operations for behavioral health.

Virtua Health designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Click to [view the flyer](#).

Advances in Liver Disease: Updates from the 2022 U.S. National Liver Meeting

Nov. 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants in this program will gain insight into the new therapeutic modalities for primary liver cancer and liver failure; identify the outcomes of the current clinical trial evaluating the new agents for aggressive forms of fatty liver disease; and name the indication and limitations of liver transplantation, including use of living and extended donors.

Speakers include Drs. Santiago Munoz, Simona Rossi, Ashraf Malek, Nyan Latt, Hisham ElGenaidi, and Ann Thompson of Virtua Advanced Transplant & Organ Health.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ). Virtua is accredited by the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Virtua designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 4.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Click to [view the flyer](#).

Just How Do You Include Self-Care in Health Care?

More than 65 colleagues attended the virtual event, “Just How Do You Include Self-Care in Health Care?!” Hosted by the Black and African American Community and VirtuAsia, the event featured guest speaker Dr. Erika Dawkins. She led an animated conversation about compassion fatigue and shared practices and strategies for prioritizing self-care in health care. [Click to view the event](#).

Give for Good: Caring Colleagues, Here for Good!

Our Virtua-wide colleague giving campaign has launched! Through Give for Good, we have the opportunity to make a remarkable difference for each other, our patients, and the community we serve. Whether you support the Colleague Care Fund, nursing scholarships, or any Virtua program or service that is meaningful to you, your gift is important and appreciated. We are caring colleagues, Here for Good and here for each other! Visit GiveToVirtua.org/colleagues to learn more and make a gift.