

## Clinician Update April 7, 2022

### New Cardiac EP Area Dedicated at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes

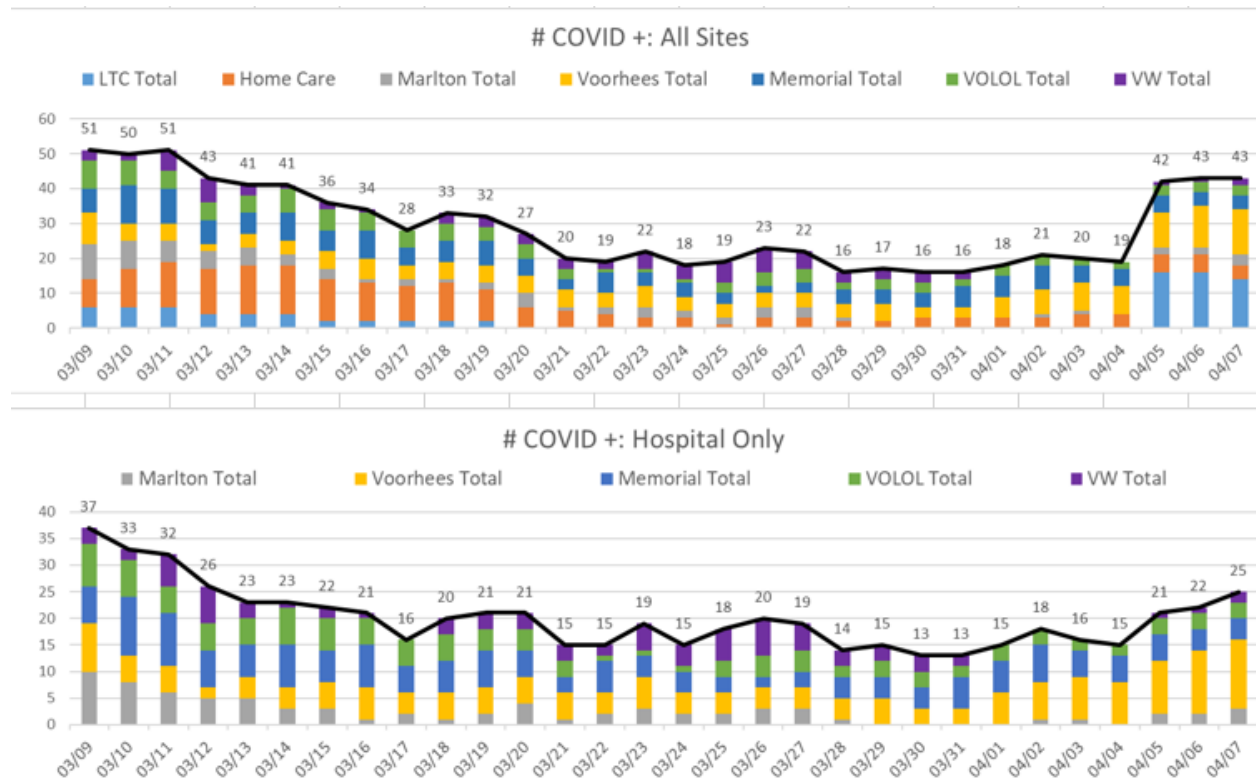
Seeking to improve the experience of patients and families and inspired by the Culture of We, a multidisciplinary team spent months planning and transforming an underused area into a new clinical space serving heart rhythm patients at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Last week, Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital colleagues held a blessing and dedication for a new 5<sup>th</sup> floor electrophysiology lab and prep/recovery area.

EP patients can now be cared for in the same area, with their loved ones only steps away in a dedicated waiting area.

“I am moved by the Inclusionary Teamwork that this new team has shown and developed together. They demonstrate all of Virtua’s Guiding Principles,” said Gina Pinsky, BSN, RN, EP Lab nursing director. “Over the past eight months, the department has built sustainable relationships and shown incredible professionalism and empathy towards our patients as demonstrated by above-average NRC patient promoter and satisfaction scores. They truly exhibit the above and beyond actions and behaviors that should be acknowledged, modeled, and recognized.”

Previously, patients arriving at the hospital for a heart rhythm procedure would need to travel across several units for prep, treatment, and recovery. The new unit creates essentially a one-stop shop that is certain to improve the patient and family experience.

### COVID-19 Census



### Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts

- A noticeable trend upward in Virtua’s caseload reflects the ticking up of the statewide rate of transmission, reported today as 1.13.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. today:
  - Atlantic County 54,691
  - Burlington County: 83,369 cases
  - Camden County: 104,184 cases
  - Gloucester County: 54,642 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 4,574.
- The state’s Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 17,224,242 doses of vaccine have been administered.

### Virtua Integrated Network Leader Awarded ACOFP Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Joshua S. Coren, DO, MBA, FACFP, chairman of the Virtua Integrated Network (VIN) board of directors, on receiving the Osteopathic Family Medicine Educator of the Year award. At Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Coren serves as associate dean of clinical affairs, chair and professor for the department of family medicine and director of the continuing medical education program. In [this Youtube video presentation](#), the American College of Family Physicians recognized Dr. Coren by citing his leadership in one of the largest osteopathic family medicine departments in the country and his mentorship of faculty and service as medical director for the first osteopathic medicine school with an onsite COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Donna Antenucci, senior vice president for Virtua’s clinically integrated network and president of VIN, noted, “This award is given to those who exemplify the highest standard of excellence in teaching for the osteopathic profession. This is a true honor and celebrates his dedication to educating medical students and residents while forging ahead to serve the community.”

### Anesthesia Case Conference

**May 5, 7 to 8 a.m.**

The Anesthesia Case Conference will feature speaker Dr. Clayton Cowan. Virtua designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Click to [view the flyer](#).

### Let’s Share the Good with the Rest of the Region! Vote Virtua as a Best Place to Work!

Team Virtua has long been featured on the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Best Places to Work list. We are proud to have received **this prestigious honor 15 times!**

Help us get to Sweet 16 by taking this year's survey. Let’s continue to share what makes Virtua a *good* place to work and showcase all the *good* work that our colleagues do for each other and, in turn, for our patients and neighbors.

The deadline to take the survey is **Friday, May 6**. Please [click here](#) to take the short survey or cut and paste the following link: [https://survey.quantumworkplace.com/bpsurvey/oc\\_NDQY11599](https://survey.quantumworkplace.com/bpsurvey/oc_NDQY11599).

### #HelloGood Happenings

*Good is all around us! Whether we are showing appreciation to fellow colleagues at Virtua or celebrating with one another at special events, these good times revitalize us and leave us feeling energized. Thank you for sharing these special moments and keep them coming!*

### **Happy Anniversary, Virtua Valve Clinic!**

Congratulations to the Virtua Valve Clinic! The team recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the clinic, which opened on March 5, 2021. To date, the team has cared for 336 patients.

The Valve Clinic team expedites the workup for patients with valve disease—including aortic, mitral, tricuspid and pulmonic valve disease. The results of these numerous tests helps determine whether an invasive or a surgical approach is appropriate for the patient. To refer to the Valve Clinic, clinicians can place an “Ambulatory Referral to Valve Clinic” order in Epic or call **856-325-5426**.

This coordination of care between the cardiology practice, cardiovascular navigation team, and the hospital has led to the clinic’s success. Congratulations to the team!

### **With Love from Our Patients**

Thank you to the Virtua colleagues who shared these little love notes with us from their patients. We appreciate you doing *good* on behalf of Team Virtua and sharing the *good* with us!

- Kathleen Murray, patient representative, shared: “A patient called and said that she went to the emergency department at Virtua Mount Holly Hospital with a kidney stone. She was in a lot of pain. The doctors and nurses treated her with compassion and went above and beyond to help her. It’s always nice to get calls from patients who are appreciative of your hard work.”
- Jenifer Bland-Campbell, manager of food services at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, shared a letter from a patient that read: “I’d like to acknowledge the compassionate care I received from Elfreda Spearman. She brought my meals with care and love. She always looked after me, making sure that I ate. Elfreda is a kind and caring person.”

### **More Flyers Fun**

Rob Baron, VP of operations for Virtua Medical Group, and Drs. Eric Szejman, Diego Ortega, Raul Berio-Dorta showed off their Philly pride, showing support for the Philadelphia Flyers and Eagles at a recent Flyers game. Although it was a tough loss for the home team, the fun-filled evening of camaraderie among friends and family was a win.

*See the good? Share the good with us! Email [hellogood@virtua.org](mailto:hellogood@virtua.org) with stories, letters, and cards about fellow colleagues who are spreading the good in our campuses and the community. They may be featured in an upcoming edition *Clinician Update*.*

### **Reminder: Compliance with COVID-19 Booster Requirement by Monday, April 11**

In complying with Governor Phil Murphy’s [Executive Order 283](#), most Virtua colleagues and contractors must receive the COVID-19 vaccine booster shot by **Monday, April 11** or within three weeks (21 calendar days) of becoming eligible for a booster, whichever is later.

**Note:** **April 11** is the compliance deadline for this initial group of colleagues, with the rest of our colleagues becoming eligible at various dates over the next several months (depending on when they completed their initial vaccine series; what type of vaccine they received for the initial series; and whether they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days).

Hundreds of emails providing proof of vaccination have been sent to [covidvaccinedocumentation@virtua.org](mailto:covidvaccinedocumentation@virtua.org) over the past few weeks. We encourage you and your team members to continue sending in proof of vaccination so that you are accounted for.

**Compliance:** Beginning **Tuesday, April 12**, Human Resources will conduct a thorough reconciliation to determine who is eligible for the booster, covered by the Executive Order, and who has not yet complied. Additionally, Virtua will confirm COVID-19 positive status during this time, as individuals will have up to 90 days post-infection date to get their booster shot.

Upon completion of the reconciliation process, individuals who are deemed to be in a noncompliant status will receive a direct email communication (with a copy to the manager) notifying the colleague that they may be in a noncompliant status and must come into compliance immediately. Continued noncompliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

### **Congratulations to the Pets of Virtua!**

We extend a round of *appawse* to the winners of the contest and their proud parents: Fran Hogan, Peggy Flannery, Monica Campagna, Marilisa Maldonado Ruiz, Mary O'Connell, Katelyn Keich, Katherine O'Neal, Denise DeMaio, Ruth MacGregor, Barbara Porter, Emily Abrams, Zachary Weidensaul, Karen Murray, Krista Lokan, Linda Barrett, and Caitlin McCann.

Their pets will be featured on several eCards on the WE Applaud platform. We encourage you to check out our furry friends by visiting the VINE and clicking on the WE Applaud button or visiting [peopleareeverything.com/virtua](http://peopleareeverything.com/virtua). Choose the new "Pets of Virtua" eCard category.

Additionally, we encourage you to send an eCard to celebrate National Pet Day and Dog Therapy Appreciation Day, coming this Monday, April 11.

To view all the submissions in the Pets of Virtua Photo eCard Contest, we invite you to view this [paws-itively adorable video](#).