

Clinician Update

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Register Today: Cardiology for Primary Care Sept. 10 (In-Person Event)

Join us for the 12th Annual Cardiology for Primary Care Symposium, a continuing medical education program offering a maximum of 5 AOA Category 1-A/5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. The program will be held **in person** at Rowan College at Burlington County in Mount Laurel (with a livestream option). Masking and other COVID cautions will be in effect. [Register now.](#)

Event details:

12th Annual Cardiology for Primary Care Symposium

Sept. 10, 2022

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rowan College at Burlington County

Votta Hall, 900 College Circle

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

This year's agenda includes presentations on: cardiac monitoring; structural heart and TAVR; chest pain in children and adolescents; cardiac rehab; heart failure medications; geriatric cardiology; peripheral vascular assessments; and the cardiovascular effect and impact from tobacco use.

The registration fee is \$149, and includes instruction, education materials, continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, and lunch. Parking is free. Questions? Email VirtuaClinician@virtua.org.

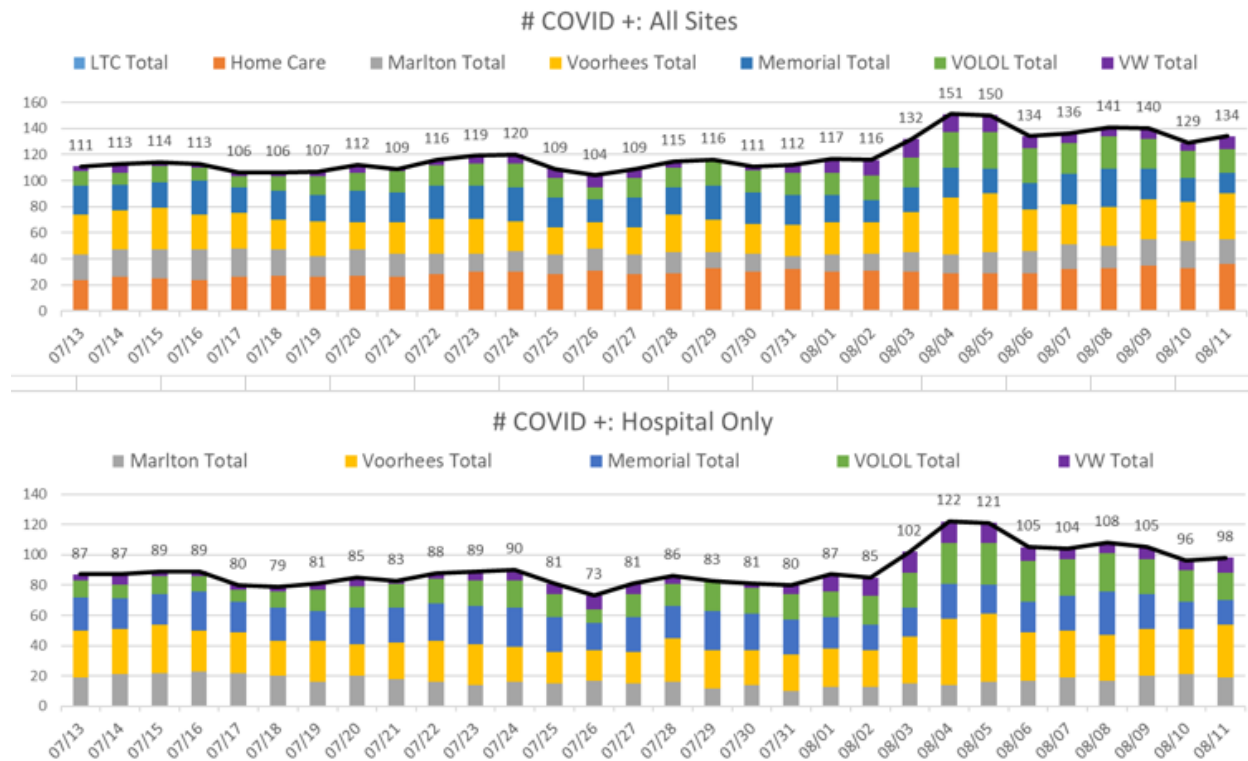
Latest Monkeypox News from the New Jersey Hospital Association

This week, the FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the [JYNNEOS vaccine](#) to allow health care providers to use the vaccine for individuals 18 years of age and older who are determined to be at high risk for monkeypox infection. This will increase the total number of doses available for use by up to five-fold.

JYNNEOS, the Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) vaccine, was approved in 2019 for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease in adults 18 years of age and older. It has been tested in individuals with immunocompromising conditions and has been found to be safe and effective in the trials that were performed to support approval. It was initially developed specifically as an alternative for use in immunocompromised individuals in the event of a smallpox outbreak.

According to the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the total number of cases in New Jersey as of today is **277**.

COVID-19 Census



Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey is currently 0.91.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. today:
 - Atlantic County 63,081 cases
 - Burlington County: 99,181 cases
 - Camden County: 120,614 cases
 - Gloucester County: 61,963 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 4,812.
- The state’s Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 18,413,311 doses of vaccine have been administered.

COVID-19 Vaccination Impact on Morbidity and Mortality

A recent study published in [JAMA Network](#) found that COVID-19 vaccination was estimated to prevent 27 million SARS-CoV-2 infections, 1.6 million COVID-19-associated hospitalizations, and 235,000 COVID-19-associated deaths among vaccinated persons 18 years or older from Dec. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021. By Sept. 30, 2021, vaccination prevented an estimated 52 percent of expected infections, 56% of expected hospitalizations and 58% of expected deaths. The results indicate that the U.S. COVID-19 vaccination program was estimated to prevent substantial morbidity and mortality through direct protection of vaccinated individuals. *(Adapted from the NJHA Coronavirus Update August 10, 2022)*

Virtua in the News

- **Virtua Helps Heal Torn ACLs in Clinical Study** — Virtua Orthopedics & Spine is helping to restore torn ACLs rather than replace them—using the first medical implant that enables the body to heal its own anterior cruciate ligament. Virtua is the only New Jersey provider participating in a

post-market clinical trial for the BEAR® Implant. The technology is the first significant treatment innovation for these injuries in more than 30 years, according to Virtua’s Dr. Sean McMillan, the first New Jersey surgeon to perform the procedure. Read in the [Trentonian](#).

- **Bad Sunburn in Childhood Can Lead to Skin Cancer Later** — The risk of developing skin cancer doubles with five sunburns—or just one blistering sunburn—according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. It is also among the most common cancers in young adults and can strike people of all skin tones. Dr. Robin Levin, a dermatologist affiliated with Virtua, was among several experts who provided advice for protecting both kids and adults. Read in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#).
- **Virtua CEO Named to Business Hall of Fame, Leadership List** — Virtua President and CEO Dennis W. Pullin, FACHE, will be inducted this fall into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame, along with two fellow laureates. “Throughout his career, [Dennis] has made a major, positive impact on the health and well-being of the people of New Jersey and beyond through his extraordinary vision, leadership, and compassion,” stated [New Jersey Business Magazine](#).
- **Virtua Executive Named a CFO of the Year** — *Philadelphia Business Journal* has named Virtua’s Bob Segin a Chief Financial Officer of the Year for 2022. Over his many years as Virtua’s CFO, Bob has helped guide the organization through numerous changes and major growth—while staying true to his here-for-good values. View the full list of honorees [here](#) and read Bob’s profile [here](#).



Select Your Pronouns in Virtua Works!

Sharing your pronouns contributes to an inclusive environment and helps strengthen our Culture of WE. For step-by-step instructions on how to set up your pronouns in Virtua Works, [click here](#). If your pronouns are not listed in the drop-down menu, please create an [IT ticket](#) and Human Resources will follow up with you to discuss.

For additional information about pronouns, click [here](#). Questions are welcome. Call the Human Resources Solutions Line at 856-761-3900, option 5.



A Focus on Social Well-Being

At Virtua, colleague well-being is a priority. The [WE Thrive](#) page provides resources supporting the six key areas of well-being: physical, emotional, social, financial, spiritual, and intellectual.

This week, we focus on **social well-being**.

Just like in our personal lives, developing friendships at work increases our sense of enjoyment, purpose, and belonging. One thing that is special about work friendships is the amount of time we spend working together toward a shared goal. Reaching out to colleagues and forging these precious friendships fortify feelings of inclusion.

WE Thrive Tip: Are you looking for ways to build connections with your colleagues? It can be as simple as striking up a conversation, organizing a team event, participating in sports leagues, or participating in a walk or run.

Upcoming for WE Thrive: Speaking of participating in a walk or run, Virtua is a sponsor for the **American Heart Association's (AHA) 2022 Southern New Jersey Fall Heart Walk** and our very own Dr. Reg Blaber is serving as the chair for the event.

This week, we are spotlighting Dodi Iannaco, lead nurse practitioner for Virtua Urgent Care. She is the captain of the Heart Walk team, "Colleague Communities & Friends."

Dodi is sharing why she is participating in the Heart Walk:

What is your motivation for participating in the American Heart Association Heart Walk?

"To support health and well-being and cardiac care in our region. It's a great opportunity to encourage the great health benefits of simply getting out and walking."

What does Virtua's role in the Heart Walk mean to you?

"Virtua's role in the Heart Walk is important. Not only do we have a strong cardiology presence and phenomenal group of cardiologists and teams, we also have a duty to take care of ourselves as health care colleagues."

What's something you'd like to share about your Heart Walk team?

"I am leading a team to engage our colleagues to take charge of their health."

The AHA Heart Walk will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 22**, 8:30 a.m. (check-in), 10 a.m. (start time) at the Riverwinds Community Center, 1,000 Riverwinds Drive in West Deptford.

[Registration](#) for the walk is open now. Be sure to select Virtua Health as your participating organization and you will receive a shirt for the day of the event.



Hello Good Happenings

Supporting the People of Ukraine — Virtua Health will host a fundraiser to support the people of Ukraine at all five hospitals and the Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Camden (1000 Atlantic Ave.) on **Tues., August 23**. The event is one day before Ukraine Independence Day, and each location will serve Ukrainian meals based on recipes provided by a Ukrainian-American colleague. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to reputable relief organizations through Virtua's philanthropy team. Bring your appetite and thank you in advance for supporting this important cause.

Recognizing World Breastfeeding Week — In support of mothers during World Breastfeeding Week (**Aug. 1 to 7**), the Virtua Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) hosted its 7th Annual “Pump Off” Gift Basket Raffle. Each time a mother pumps and/or breastfeeds, she receives a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket.

This event encourages more frequent pumping and breastfeeding, which supports our sickest and smallest babies. The NICU received 726 tickets and raffled off two baskets. Great job and congratulations to all the moms who participated in the event.

See the good? Share the good! Email 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 of Clinician Update.