

# Clinician Update

## February 9, 2023

### Coming Soon: Physicians Can Review emsCharts Patient Data in Epic

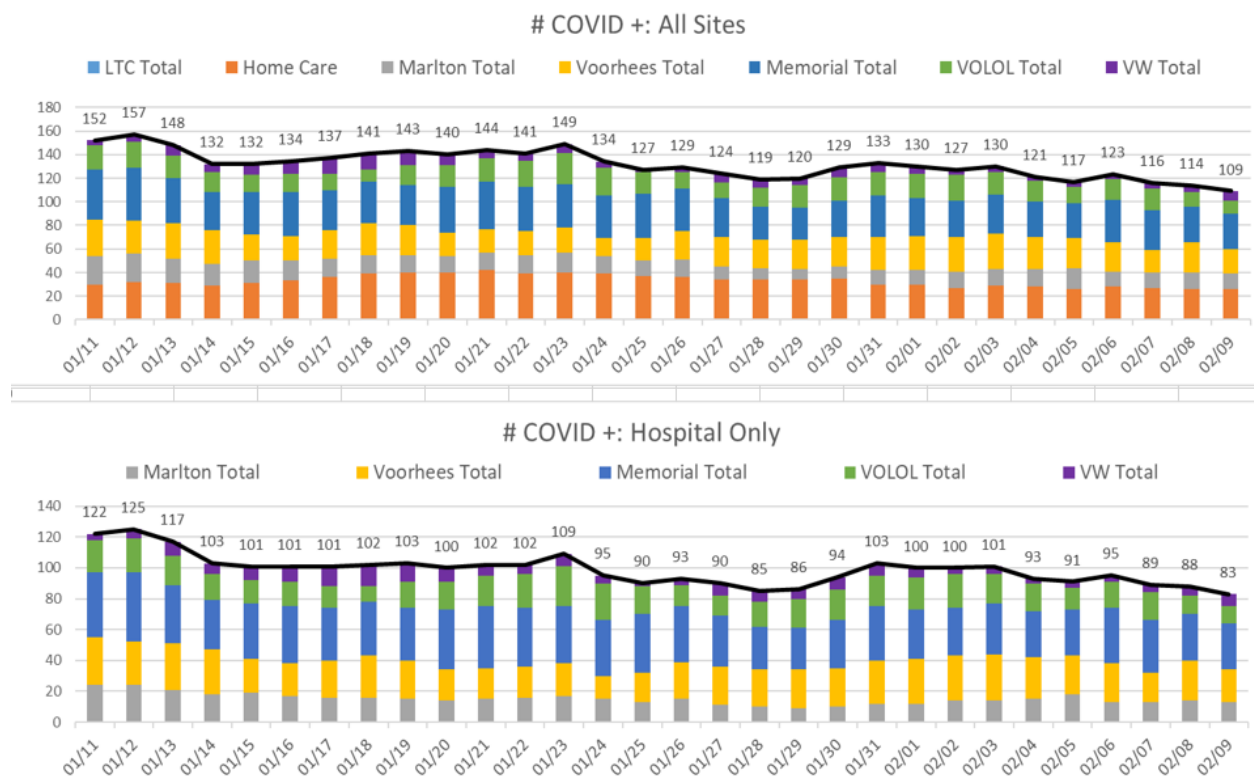
Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15, Virtua is going live with Zoll Care Exchange, an interface that connects patient data from the emsCharts application into Epic. emsCharts is the eMR used by many local EMS agencies, including Virtua’s EMS and Medical Transport crews. Due to this new interface, providers are now able to view patient care reports and ECG data (if applicable) from patients transported via ambulance to our emergency departments or interfacility transports completed by Virtua Medical Transport in Epic via the Media tab.

After go-live on Feb. 15, any provider looking to review this data for one of their patients should utilize the following steps:

1. Select the Media tab in Epic.
2. Select the hyperlink in Media Information to open OneContent in a web browser.
3. The EMS chart document will display.

[For additional assistance, a full tip sheet, including screenshots, is available here.](#)

### COVID-19 Census



### Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey was reported on Wednesday as .90.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. yesterday:
  - Atlantic County 70,385
  - Burlington County: 113,513 cases
  - Camden County: 137,125 cases
  - Gloucester County: 69,474 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 5,089.
- The state's Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 20,176,627 doses of vaccine have been administered.
- The CDC considers five counties in the state to have "high" community levels of the coronavirus: Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, Camden and Burlington.

### **Mpox Stats**

As of the last posting, the number of probable and confirmed cases of mpox cases in New Jersey: **764**.

### **The Journey to Thriving Event: Creating Space to Discuss Clinician Burnout Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.**

As we continue to prioritize the well-being of our colleagues, Virtua will host a virtual event focused on clinician burnout. During this one-hour virtual event, Dr. Andy Cohen, vice president of clinical operations for Virtua Integrated Network, will share his story from the day his unrecognized burnout came to a head, what he learned from that experience, and the adjustments he has made. Nate Terrell, licensed professional counselor and Carebridge consultant, will address the concepts of burnout, compassion fatigue, and the stress responses they can produce.

Click to register on the [Virtua Learning System](#). The event will be held using the Carebridge Zoom platform, which will allow for anonymous attendance and participation in the question and answer segment.

### **Ballots Due Soon for Jersey Choice Top Doctors**

*New Jersey Monthly* surveys the state's physicians each year to determine its list of "Jersey Choice Top Doctors." The survey was mailed recently by the magazine's polling company, Leflein Associates, to every doctor licensed in the state for at least five years. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Feb. 18. Online voting will remain open through Feb. 26.

Any doctor who did not receive a ballot can contact Leflein Associates at 973-728-8877.

Or just vote online by using your state license number at:

<http://topdoctors.point2survey.com>

The results of the survey will be published in the November issue of *New Jersey Monthly*.

As for last year's special edition, 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](#).

## **Time for Your Say in the Best Hospitals Ranking**

Each year, *U.S. News and World Report* releases the results of an expert opinion survey highlighting the "Best Hospitals" in the nation. A vital component of these scores derive from surveying board-certified physicians who are registered as [Doximity](#) users, the online networking service for medical professionals. So, if you are a registered Doximity member, watch for an email sometime this month or next about the annual member survey. Even if you don't receive the email, you can still vote by logging in to [Doximity](#) with your username and password.

While you are welcome to participate in this survey, there is no obligation to do so. But, we do appreciate your help in recognizing the hard work and dedication our clinicians put into providing the highest level of care. [Last year, Virtua hospitals were recognized](#) as high performing in several categories by *U.S. News & World Report*, with Virtua Voorhees Hospital tying for the sixth-best hospital in the state.

If you are looking to establish your Doximity profile, just follow the instructions [here](#). Certain profile data is viewable via [USNews.com](#) through its [Doctors tab](#) (within the Health tab) and used by patients to find care, so it is always good to keep your profile up to date.

## **Special Recognition for Virtua's Heart Failure and Cardiac Rehab Teams**

During American Heart Month, we mark two recognition weeks: Heart Failure Awareness Week (Feb. 12 to 18) and National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week (Feb. 13 to 19).

Heart Failure Awareness Week spotlights the ongoing promotion of heart failure awareness, patient education, and heart failure prevention. In the outpatient setting, Virtua offers five outpatient heart failure centers and a home care program featuring community-based care managers. Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital was honored with the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines Gold Plus award for its heart failure program.

"It is imperative for us to bring awareness to the risk factors, signs, symptoms, and treatment of heart failure," said Theresa Rowe, director of Heart Failure Services. "This is especially important for patients living with heart failure. We do our best to help these individuals lead normal, active lifestyles."

To learn more about the Heart Failure Program at Virtua, click [here](#).

National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week offers the opportunity to recognize our colleagues who work diligently to reduce the potentially devastating effects of cardiovascular disease. We also thank them for their contribution to the improvement of the health and physical performance of those at risk or are diagnosed with heart disease.

"They are inspirational heroes," says Renee Lombo, director of Cardiopulmonary Rehab Services. "We are grateful for the staff who support patients in making the necessary lifestyle changes to improve their lives after a cardiac event. Every day, they are making a positive impact."

To learn more about cardiopulmonary rehabilitation at Virtua, click [here](#).

## **Virtua in the News**

### **Dr. Thomas Cavalieri to Lead New Virtua Health College of Medicine at Rowan**

Rowan University recently announced that Dr. Thomas Cavalieri will be the first senior vice provost of the Virtua Health College of Medicine and Life Sciences at Rowan University, as well as chief academic officer for Virtua Health. Dr. Cavalieri, a specialist in geriatric medicine, has been a part of the Rowan community for many years, earning numerous awards and serving on both statewide and national committees. Read in [Rowan Today](#).

### **Virtua CEO Featured in Black History Month Spotlight**

A prominent industry publication asked Black health care leaders to share their insights on leadership in honor of Black History Month. Virtua President and CEO Dennis Pullin is among six executives who offered their thoughts. He encouraged leaders to be transparent and authentic and to make a difference by working toward greater health equity. Read in [Becker's Hospital Review](#).

### **Transformation Chiefs Assess Health Care's Digital Shift**

Why does health care lag other industries in its digital transformation, and what will it take to catch up? A national publication asked six experts from health systems across the country, including Dr. Tarun Kapoor, senior vice president and chief digital transformation officer. Read his and other leaders' responses in [Becker's Hospital Review](#).

### **Heart Attack Survivor Praises Bystanders and First Responders**

A local man recently thanked two bystanders—including a Virtua colleague—and the health care providers who saved him after he collapsed in a local restaurant. Tim Curtis, IT applications analyst, and his wife, Jackie Curtis, immediately administered CPR on the restaurant floor. Virtua paramedics and Virtua Marlton Hospital staff, among others, contributed to patient Kenneth Hogan's survival and recovery. Watch their moving reunion on [Fox 29 and 6 ABC](#), listen on [KYW Newsradio](#), and read in [CNB News](#).

### **Lifesaving Tool that Increases Heart Attack Survival Should be Widely Available**

Almost anyone can use an automated external defibrillator (AED), the device that helped save the life of NFL player Damar Hamlin right on the football field. That's why Virtua donates AEDs to area organizations and seeks to expand its AED distribution efforts. Cardiologist Dr. Anthony Sauerwein is helping to spread the word. Read in the [Trentonian](#).

### **Wear Red Day Raises Awareness of Heart Disease in Women**

Virtua cardiologist Dr. Rita Butler discusses women's risk of heart disease and the less-common symptoms they may experience. Patient Lynn Niblick, who runs a Virtua support group for women with heart disease, offers advice to others who are living with the condition. Watch on [CBS 3](#).

### **TikTok Trend Causes Shortage of Diabetes Drug**

Celebrities and others on social media are touting the diabetes medication Ozempic to help them lose weight. However, increased demand for the drug is causing some people with diabetes to have trouble accessing it. Virtua endocrinologist Dr. Vincent Savarese joined "Good Day Philadelphia" to discuss the

situation, how Ozempic works, and his advice for those seeking the drug for weight loss. Watch on [Fox 29](#).

## Upcoming Events

### **Pass It Along: For Better Heart Health, Sleep on It!**

**Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m.**

Being heart healthy isn't just about eating right and exercising regularly. Sleep is an essential part of heart health and overall well-being. Nicole Michalik from 92.5 XTU, will be chatting with Tolulope Agunbiade, MD, medical director of Advanced Heart Failure, and pulmonologist Neha Vagadia, DO, pulmonologist with Virtua Pulmonology & Sleep Medicine, about the connection between sleep and heart health. Plus, they'll offer useful tips to get a better night's sleep right away.

In this [video promo](#), Dr. Vagadia breaks down five surprising health benefits of getting a good night's sleep.

Registration is required to receive the event link to the live online webinar. [Register for Free](#)

### **APC Educational Series**

**March 23 and May 9**

The target audience for this session are physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and registered nurses. The March 23 session will focus on *HRO and Quality*. The speaker is Lisa Ferraro, SVP and chief quality safety and risk officer. The May 9 session will focus on *Evaluation of the Patient with Dizziness*. The speaker is Alexandra Mazzaresse, neurology physician assistant.

Click to [view the flyer](#).