

## **Clinician Update**

### **January 5, 2023**

#### **Exclusive Provider Event**

#### **Proton Therapy: Advancements and Applications**

**Jan. 25, 2023**

2023 will be a significant year for Proton Therapy in South Jersey. Join the Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Cancer Program on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. for a reception, clinical overview, and tour of the Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Proton Therapy Center. This event is exclusive to providers, and will be of special interest to gastroenterologists, urologists, ENTs, GYNs, and specialists within the neurosciences, as well as medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists.

The event is an opportunity to see the center live, learn more about proton's applications, and to meet the clinical leaders who are bringing this new technology to South Jersey.

Register here: [Proton Therapy: Advancements and Applications | Virtua Health](#)

The agenda will be as follows:

**5:30 p.m.**

Registration and Welcome Reception

**6:15 p.m.**

Opening Remarks and Moderator Welcome

Catherine S. Kim, MD, Medical Director, Radiation Oncology, Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Cancer Program

**6:25 p.m.**

Proton Therapy Advancements and Innovations

James Metz, MD, Chair, Radiation Oncology, Penn Medicine

Henry K. Pancoast, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

**6:45 p.m.**

Presentations and Applications of Proton Therapy Treatment: A Focus on GI

Graeme R. Williams, MD, MBA, Department of Radiation Oncology, Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Cancer Program

**7:00 p.m.**

Presentations and Applications of Proton Therapy Treatment: A Focus on Head and Neck

J. Nicholas Lukens, MD, Head & Neck – Disease Site Service Chief, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

**7:15 p.m.**

Q&A, Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Catherine S. Kim, MD

7:20 p.m.

Tour of Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Proton Therapy Center

The event will take place at the Virtua Voorhees Health & Wellness Center, 200 Bowman Dr., Health & Wellness Building E, Conference Room 130. For any questions, email [VirtuaClinician@virtua.org](mailto:VirtuaClinician@virtua.org).

### Dr. Martin Topiel Discusses Rise in COVID Cases on CBS 3

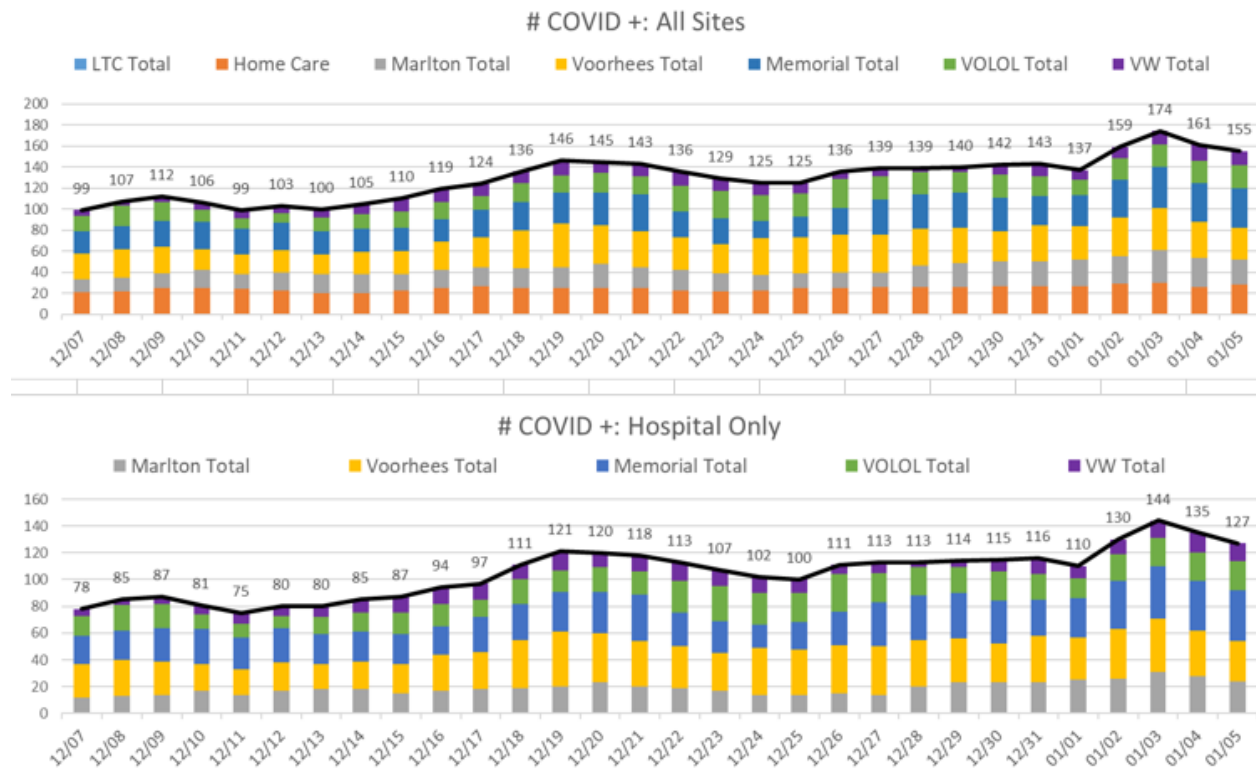
CBS-3 reported that the first day of classes in the new year has Philadelphia and Camden students back in masks. Following the holidays, officials are concerned about a spike in respiratory infections such as COVID, flu, and RSV.

Dr. Martin Topiel, chief infection control officer, was interviewed by the news station and shared that COVID infections are on the rise. "We have a few different factors coming together. We certainly have all the remnants of New Year's parties and gatherings. But we're also now seeing a new variant start to develop that seems to have a higher transmission rate than even previous omicron viruses."

That has a growing number of doctors recommending masks in crowded indoor locations. They can reduce the risk of transmission by about 70%. Vaccinations are the other important way to stay healthy. Doctors say it's still not too late to get the flu or COVID shot and you can get them at the same time.

Click to [view the article](#) and [see the video](#).

### COVID-19 Census



### **Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts**

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey was reported today as 1.00.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. today:
  - Atlantic County 68,813
  - Burlington County: 110,617 cases
  - Camden County: 133,855 cases
  - Gloucester County: 67,948 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 5,031.
- The state's Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 20,036,332 doses of vaccine have been administered.

### **Mpox Stats**

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

### **Virtua One of 12 National Sites for PE Research Study**

Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital is one of 12 sites chosen to participate in a research study involving the FlowTrier device, called Pulmonary Embolectomy Clinical Study-FlowTrier2 (FLARE-FT2). Led by interventionalist and principal investigator Dr. Luai Tabaza, the research team's primary study objective is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the FlowTrier2 Catheter for the treatment of pulmonary embolism (PE).

The device aims to maximize treatment of a PE by removing large clots from big vessels such as the pulmonary arteries without the need for thrombolytic drugs and consequent ICU stay.

### **Hospital Protocol When Calling the Virtua Emergency Phone Number \*99**

Responding to an emergency is all about being prepared. To expedite a timely response to a medical emergency at Virtua hospitals, a colleague must dial \*99 and provide specific details to the operator. When calling the operator, please be prepared to provide all of the following information:

1. Name of the Virtua hospital
2. Type of code
  - Note: All codes are available on the Safety Management page on the Colleague Corner of the intranet
3. Name of the hospital floor
4. Patient room number

Following the call, please proceed with your department's emergency response plan.

Click to [view a printable flyer](#).

**Note:** All of Virtua's emergency operation plans, training, policies, and the Employee Preparedness Handbook is available on the [Safety Management page](#) on the Colleague Corner. Thank you for your continued support of our safety, security, and emergency preparedness programs.

### **VOTE: 2023 Top Docs for Kids**

It's that time of the year when *SJ Magazine* asks South Jersey doctors to nominate colleagues for their "Top Docs for Kids" issue. There are many colleagues amongst us who are exemplars in pediatric medicine, and this is an opportunity to give them some recognition. Please complete the [physician's ballot here](#). A physician license number is required. Voting ends **Jan. 16**, with the results posted in March. [Patients can also poll here](#). And, if you'd like to see last year's "Top Docs for Kids," [click here](#).

Separately, looking ahead, the *SJ Magazine* 2023 "Top Docs" distinction will be on the ballot in April. That poll will honor physicians chosen by their peers—and patients—and will be published in September. More details on that when the polling opens. To see last year's list, [click here](#).

### ***Building Your Virtua Legacy—A Special In-Person Event with Dr. Randal Pinkett***

We invite you to join our Colleague Communities on **Thursday, Jan. 19** at 4 p.m. at the Virtua Barry D. Brown Health Education Center (the HEC) to discover how you can combine your personal strengths with others to plant the seeds of a positive, lasting legacy in the workplace. Special guest speaker Dr. Randal Pinkett will share strategies to expand beyond your comfort zone; recognize and demonstrate the four facets of excellence; identify different mentors; and build beneficial relationships and powerful networks.

Seating is limited. Register here: [Building Your Virtua Legacy—A Special Event with Dr. Randal Pinkett](#) or send an email request [here](#).