

## Clinician Update

### May 30, 2024

With your busy schedules in mind, we are experimenting with a way to expedite the delivery of this important clinician messaging to you. **If you are interested in an abbreviated audio version of *Clinician Update*, [click here](#).**

## Epic and Clinical Updates Now Launching for Virtua Reconstructive Orthopedics

On **Monday, June 3**, Virtua Reconstructive Orthopedics practices will go live with Epic and other Virtua-standard applications and technologies. Virtua will also launch Imprivata PatientSecure palm vein scanning at all the same locations.

The transition means that all clinicians system-wide may soon notice converted Virtua Reconstructive Orthopedics data in their patients' charts. The conversion of the data is a standard part of the project as seen with previous additions to the network.

As for the palm vein scanning launch, PatientSecure is a biometric technology device that identifies each patient using the unique characteristics of their palm veins. Palm vein scanning provides a fast and safe way to correctly identify each participating patient and accurately link to their medical record.

Rollout of palm vein scanning will continue system-wide in a phased approach throughout 2024.

To learn more about palm vein scanning at Virtua, click [here](#) to download the FAQs.

## Cardiothoracic Surgery Today Now Posted to Digital 411

Our most recent issue of the *Today* series of physician education newsletters centers on the advancements in cardiothoracic surgery at Virtua. [Cardiothoracic Surgery Today](#) details a three-part total aorta repair recently performed at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

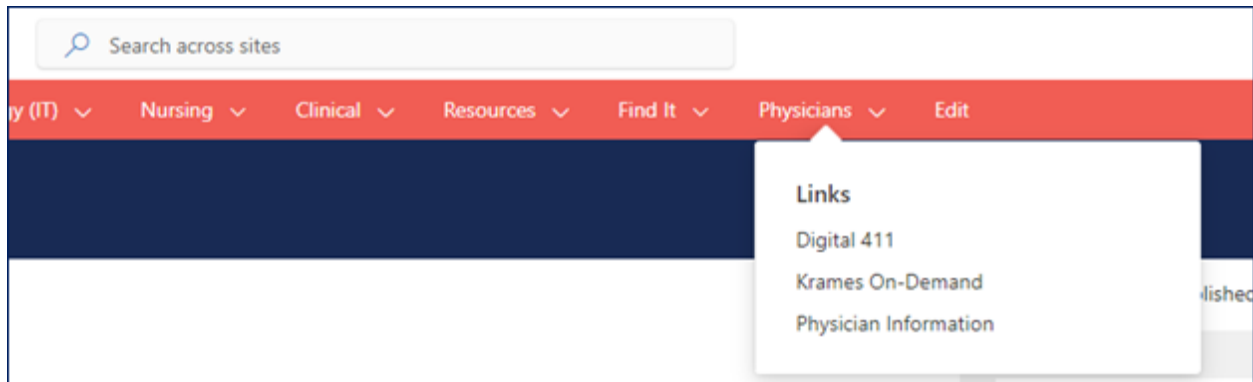
The issue follows the case of a 62-year-old patient who is now doing well, with dramatically less chance of the catastrophic aortic event that had threatened his life. "This case highlights how we can address the whole aorta in a stepwise fashion if needed, according to disease progression," said Virtua fellowship-trained cardiothoracic surgeon, Eden Payabyab, MD.

This issue also introduces the experienced cardiac surgeons who are advancing surgical capabilities at Virtua. Arthur Ng, MD, recently joined Virtua from Hackensack University Medical Center, and Michael Lee, MD, joined Virtua's heart care team after completing his cardiothoracic surgery and structural heart fellowships at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

To learn more, click here to view [Cardiothoracic Surgery Today](#).

Remember, our library of publications has a home base on [Digital 411](#), found under “Additional Resources/Clinician Publications.” There, you can find archived copies of *Clinician Update*, as well as the growing resource of the *Today* series.

As mentioned in previous editions of *Clinician Update*, the [Digital 411 website link and Physician Information](#), previously found on the VINE, is now readily accessible under a new and dedicated "Physicians" tab in the Colleague Corner navigation bar.



## Physiologic Cardiac Pacing: Quarterly Cardiology Grand Rounds, June 19

Join us for the next Quarterly Cardiology Grand Rounds, to be held virtually on **Wednesday, June 19**, from 7 to 8 a.m. Kenneth Ellenbogen, MD, FHRS, director of clinical cardiac electrophysiology and pacing at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, will discuss physiologic cardiac pacing. We are pleased to note that Dr. Ellenbogen joins us as he assumes the presidency of the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), a leading resource on cardiac pacing and electrophysiology, representing medical, allied health, and science professional from more than 90 countries.

Objectives:

1. Understand the physiology of exercise and how patients with pacemakers can exercise
2. Identify the limitations of right ventricular apical pacing
3. Identify how to troubleshoot cardiac resynchronization therapy
4. Describe in detail cardiac conduction pacing

The target audience is physicians and interprofessional teams. To register for this online event, click [here](#). For continuing medical education accreditation information, and to learn more about the event, click to [view the flyer](#). For more information, please contact [VirtuaClinician@Virtua.org](mailto:VirtuaClinician@Virtua.org).

## Advancing the Patient Experience

As we continue our Practicing Excellence journey, we thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Advanced Patient Experience Program. This week, we invite you to focus on the invaluable insights provided for your track in the [Week 8 Guide](#).

## What Patients Are Saying About Our Clinicians

Confidence in care is a common reference among our clinician reviews. Note the following recent examples and how the patient felt about the experience, and the clinician referenced:

“I felt very well cared for and like I was in good hands. She was very caring and worked hard to determine what had been making me ill for weeks. Asked a lot of questions and really listened. I trust that she will make sure I get well. She's wonderful.” (Mildred B. Randolph, DO)

“He saved my life. In 2017, I nearly lost my leg due to necrotizing fasciitis that I got while traveling abroad and was not able to get treatment until nearly a week of infection. Thanks to him, I am grateful to live a normal healthy life with my leg intact and even minimal scarring! I may not have been the easiest patient, but he took great care and empathy in my recovery. I was recently speaking of this life-saving surgery and felt compelled to give my praises and thanks to Dr Sadiq.” (Aziz Sadiq, MD)

“He saved my life. He and his amazing staff reassured me and gave me the confidence and education necessary to say YES to improving my life! I am down 100+ pounds and couldn't be happier. Thank you!” (Samuel Wasser, MD)

“She did a great job of listening to my problem and finding a solution.” (Kimberly Hagen, PA)

“She is an exceptional physician. She diagnosed my condition after a physical exam and treated me right away. She is very knowledgeable and explains the diagnosis and treatment in an understandable way.” (Linda S. Brecher, DO)

## LAST CALL: Top Physicians 2024 - *South Jersey Magazine*

In its August issue, *South Jersey Magazine* will highlight those physicians as voted by the public who have made an impact on the lives of people in our area. Each person can vote one time per day [here](#). Entries must be received by **Monday, June 3**.

## Spend a Day in the Life with Dr. Michael Lieb

Virtua vascular surgeon Michael Lieb, DO, recently shared a “day in the life” video now being shared on social media. What's his breakfast routine? At the end of the day, how does he decompress? To find out, click [here](#).

## Virtua in the News

### National Acclaim for Virtua's Brand

A national brand report has ranked Virtua among the top U.S. health system brands for the fourth consecutive year. This year marks Virtua's highest placement on the list, which is based on consumer opinion and engagement. By demonstrating empathy and creating more meaningful relationships, Virtua is providing better care, while also building loyalty among those we serve. Read more about what makes Virtua distinct on the [Virtua website](#) and consult the full list on [Becker's Hospital Review](#).

### Pediatric Mobile Program Offers Free Lead-Level Testing

Children in underserved areas are more likely than others to have high lead levels, which can cause lifelong health problems. Virtua's Pediatric Mobile Program is addressing this issue by providing free and convenient lead testing for young children in neighborhoods across South Jersey. Watch this two-part story, including insights from Maria Emerson, director of pediatric rehabilitation, on CBS 3 [here](#) and [here](#).

### Director of Psychiatry Consult Services Addresses Mental Health and Community Care

In this episode of "Here for Good: Inside Edition," President and CEO Dennis Pullin chats with Erin Tyson, director of psychiatry consult services at Virtua Health.

From adopting innovative technology to breaking down mental health stigmas, Erin has spent the past 15 years evolving our behavioral health program to serve our neighbors in need.

Click to view the [latest edition of the podcast](#).

### Next Week Is Well-Being Week

Our organization-wide well-being celebrations kick off **June 3 to June 7**. The [full schedule of virtual sessions](#) include cooking demonstrations, movement classes, and wellness presentations. Even if you can't attend live, you will receive a recording for the wellness presentations you signed up for.

Mark your calendar for the Kona Ice Truck visit to select locations. All colleagues are invited to partake in this refreshing treat and are encouraged to visit the location nearest them:

- **June 3:** Virtua Voorhees Hospital (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.)
- **June 4:** Virtua Marlton Hospital (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.) and 301/303 Lippincott (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- **June 5:** Virtua Willingboro Hospital (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.)
- **June 6:** Virtua Mount Holly Hospital (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.) and Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Berlin (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- **June 7:** Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.) and Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Camden (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

## Upcoming Events

### Relay for Life

Saturday, June 1, 1 to 10 p.m.  
Memorial Sports Complex, 1040 Tuckerton Road, Marlton

The Penn Medicine | Virtua Health Cancer Program is proud to once again sponsor the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Marlton. Relay teams will light luminaria bags that are dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Everyone is invited to join. For more information, click [here](#).

### Haddon Township Pride Events hosted by OUT at Virtua

Pride Parade: Thursday, June 6, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Community Night: Friday, June 7, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information about the Pride Parade or to volunteer at the Community Night, please contact [OUT@virtua.org](mailto:OUT@virtua.org). RSVP to ensure you receive a t-shirt. [RSVP here](#).

### Run With the Docs, June 9

Sunday, June 9, 8 a.m.  
Virtua Voorhees Hospital campus

The popular 5K run and 1-mile walk known as [Run with the Docs!](#) supports our programs for families who have experienced [pregnancy and infant loss](#). For more information, including registration details, [click here](#).

### Celebrating Wellness Month with the Women of Virtua

Tuesday, June 11, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Be Well Bistro, 303 Lippincott Drive, Marlton

This event will include a summer recipe demo and guided meditation and light stretching session, as well as several giveaways and prizes. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## IDEA – Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity for All

June is a vibrant month filled with opportunities to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures and identities:

- **Immigrant Heritage Month:** Did you know more than 2 million immigrants call New Jersey home? Their [stories and contributions](#) are woven into the very fabric of our state.

- **Caribbean American Heritage Month:** Proclaimed in 2006, this month provides a space to explore the diverse cultures and traditions of Caribbean Americans. [Dive deeper into their rich heritage.](#)
- **LGBTQ+ Pride Month:** June is also [Pride Month](#). Join the celebrations honoring the LGBTQ+ community. From parades and festivals to educational events, there are many ways to show your support. Contact the OUT at Virtua Colleague Community, [OUT@virtua.org](mailto:OUT@virtua.org), for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.