



## ► Important Changes to the ED



Under the supervision of Sylvie DeSouza, MD, Chair of Emergency Medicine, TBHC's Emergency Department provides quality services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**D. Buchbinder**

We are a Level 2 Trauma Center, a New York State-Designated Stroke Center, as well as a DOH-designated PCI/STEMI center. The entire staff is highly experienced, handling more than 70,000 emergency cases every year, treating the full scope of patient injuries and illnesses.

Last year, TBHC received a \$25 million grant from the New York State Department of Health to expand and upgrade our ED facilities. We are expecting that renovation to begin end of this year, early 2019. In the meantime, we are working with Hospital Physicians Advisors Group to implement some important changes:

- Changing and speeding up the process by which admitted patients are transported to their inpatient rooms.
- Adjusting resident rounds to facilitate patient discharges earlier in the day.
- Streamlining nurses' communication with the floors for admitted patients.
- Being dynamic in our provider portal.

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We anticipate additional changes with respect to pediatric ED and telemetry services, which will also improve ED performance and throughput.

I will keep you posted as we move along with these improvements. I can assure you, however, that one thing that will remain unchanging is our ED staff's dedication to our diverse community and a desire to pursue even higher levels of excellence as we continue with our mission: *Keeping Brooklyn Healthy.*

**Shalom Buchbinder, MD**  
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

## ► New Director of General Surgery Residency



Steven Burger, MD, FACS, recently joined the Department of Surgery as Director of the General Surgery Residency Program. In this capacity, Dr. Burger will oversee 23 residents in the program.

**D. S. Burger**

Dr. Burger trained residents at Albert Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center, where he was voted Attending of the Year in 2009. He brings more than 30 years of service working in a private practice setting while affiliated with Montefiore.

He will be instrumental not only in teaching the surgical residents, but also in providing quality care to our patients.

He received his BA from Johns Hopkins University and his medical degree from Albert Einstein

College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Dr. Burger did his residency at Albert Einstein/Bronx Municipal Hospital/Montefiore Medical Center. He is board certified in Surgery.

The Department of Surgery has experienced strong growth since 2010. The department's core teaching faculty currently consists of 15 fulltime faculty, 10 part-time faculty and numerous voluntary faculty who provide case volume and educational experiences. TBHC has the latest technology including the state-of-the-art daVinci XI robot, an advanced surgical robot system, and a multimillion dollar simulation facility, where residents receive training in laparoscopy, intubation, central line placement and code simulations.

Dr. Burger can be reached at [sburger1@tbh.org](mailto:sburger1@tbh.org). Please welcome him to TBHC.

## ► Epic Patient and Physician Portals at TBHC

The Epic EMR at TBHC went live on August 11, and offers many tools to streamline tasks, enhance productivity and improve the quality of care we provide.

**For our staff physicians:** Your participation in registering your patients for *MyChart at Brooklyn Health* is vital to your improved efficiency. Epic's patient portal gives 24/7 online access to tools that help patients complete the tasks that normally occupy staff, such as managing appointments, requesting prescription refills, and processing intake forms before a visit. The benefit to you: fewer phone calls and interruptions. Your leadership is vital to encouraging patient participation. *MyChart at Bgnyir inyeghHongkc HH.rgy ieieH*

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## ► Welcome!

**Anesthesia:** Neil Yang, MD. **Emergency Medicine:** Faizan Arif, MD; Mark Hug, MD; Pardeep Thandi, MD; Avomash Viswanath, MD. **Family Medicine:** Sasha Charles-Debrosse, NP. **Medicine:** Aymen Elfiky, MD, Hematology/Oncology; Denzil Etienne, MD, Gastroenterology; Luba Karlin, MD, Rehabilitation Medicine; Felix Raju, MD, Cardiology. **Obstetrics/Gynecology:** Cedric Olivera, MD, Urogynecology. **Pediatrics:** Snehal Akre, MD; Brinda Doraiswamy, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease; Majo Joseph, MD; Mona Saleh, MD; William Mitchell, MD. **Radiology:** Victoria Khalef, MD; Jonathan Weisiger, MD, Neuroradiology. **Surgery:** Steven Burger, MD, Director of Residency Program; Melanie Howell, MD, Bariatrics.

