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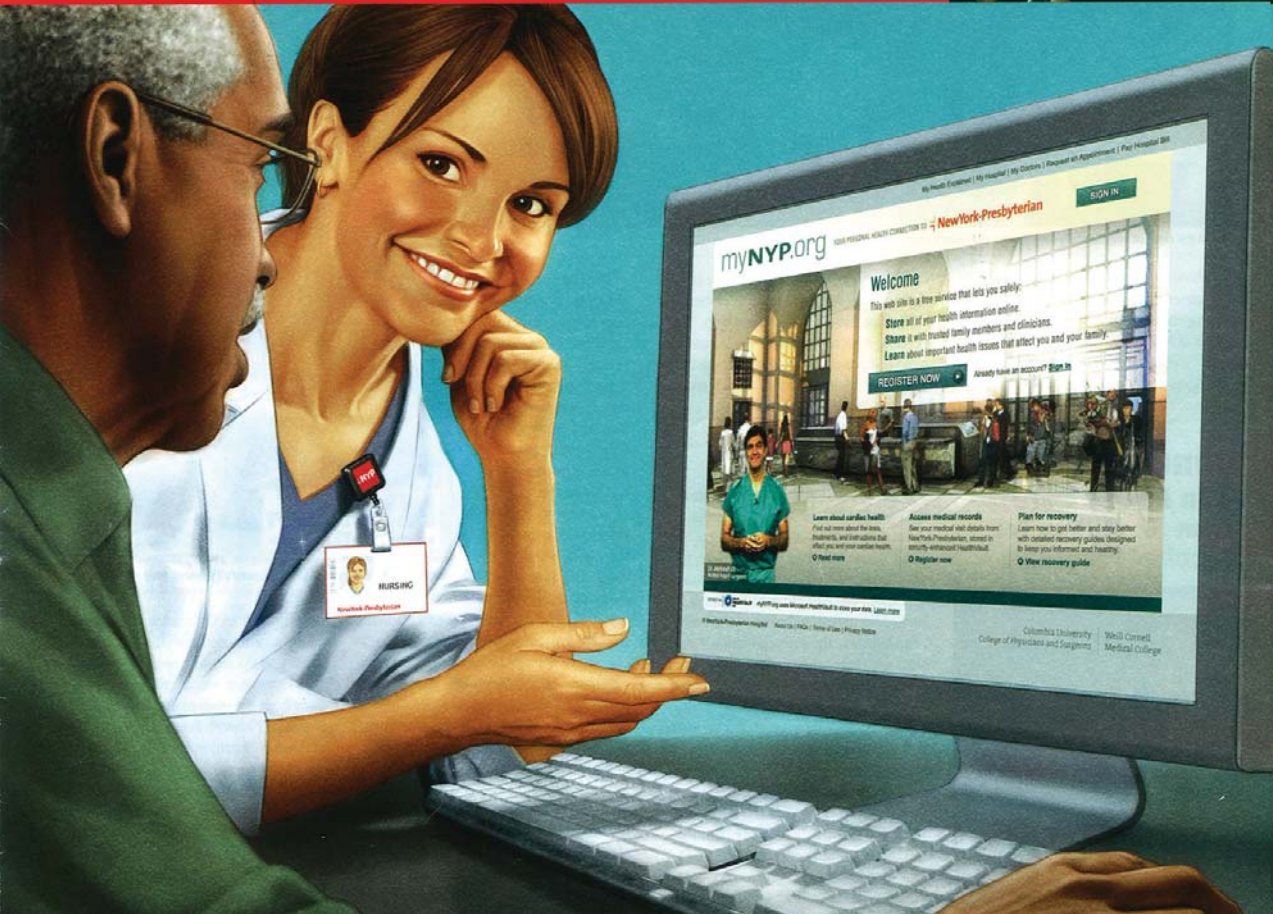


A Message from
Dr. Pardes and Dr. Corwin

An important dimension of Advancing Care, one of our six Strategic Initiatives, is improving the patient experience through information technology that revolves around the easy sharing of information among care providers, and the needs, safety, and convenience of our patients. Health care information technology has the ability to save lives, as well as empower patients, reduce errors, and lower costs.

We are excited to report that NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital has launched an innovative technology that is a critical milestone in our journey, and the first of its kind to be offered by an academic medical center. myNYP.org, an electronic personal health record NYP developed with Microsoft, went live at NYP/Columbia on April 6. It is initially being offered to cardiac inpatients so that they can access, store, and manage their own medical information. Our Chief Information Officer, Aurelia Boyer, announced this at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society conference held in Chicago last month. myNYP.org is just one way that we are fulfilling our commitment to We Put Patients First, and furthering our role as a leader in health care information technology. Additionally, we have been working closely with our physicians, nurses, and staff to further refine NYP's electronic medical record to ensure better patient outcomes.

As we strive to become one of the nation's top academic medical centers, we must continually embrace innovative information technology that will enable us to provide the highest quality and most reliable patient care and service. We are proud of NYP's progress in this area. It would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all of our staff. Thank you.



myNYP.org: Welcome to Your Personal Health Record

On Monday, April 6, NewYork-Presbyterian made an announcement that is likely to set a new standard in the field of electronic personal medical record management.

Called myNYP.org, this technology serves as an online portal for patients to access their personal health record in a safe and secure environment. Patients will have the ability to select and store personal medical information generated during their doctor and hospital visits using Microsoft's HealthVault. myNYP.org is currently in a pilot program phase with access

limited to cardiology and cardiac surgery patients at the Columbia campus. Future roll-out plans are being developed based on feedback that is collected during this pilot phase.

The April 6 announcement was made by Aurelia Boyer, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, at the 2009 HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) conference in Chicago, which is attended annually by an estimated 30,000 technology and healthcare professionals. The announcement capped off several months of intense collaboration

between several Hospital departments, including our doctors, nurses and nurse educators, patients, the IT, Marketing and Public Affairs departments, and the NYP Web Design Group.

The innovative system — which includes the use of readily available software and hardware platforms — is the first of its kind to be launched at a major medical institution and the only such system to provide security, privacy and portability to patients from all walks of life. Mehmet Oz, M.D., Director of NYP/Columbia's Cardiovascular Institute, is featured on the

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"Sage" Advice: Keep It Green



Shirts the color of sage identify the "green" cafeteria's staff.

Following a renovation, NYP/Columbia's cafeteria in the Milstein Hospital Building reopened on April 6. Formerly "The Streets of New York," the cafeteria is now "Sage," a completely re-envisioned and remodeled dining site, based on principles of wellness and environmental sustainability.

While NYP/Columbia has been composting kitchen waste since December 2008, Sage now lets customers help. "Our recycling stations empower our customers to make a positive impact by responsibly managing their food waste," says Jessica Prata, NYP's Sustainability Officer.

In addition to recycling plastic and glass, Sage is using paper products that are compostable, meaning that when customers use the recycling stations, their food and paper waste will be converted back to soil, reducing NYP's carbon footprint.

Low-energy lights and low-flow faucets reduce the use of electricity and water, and Sage is the first food service operation at NYP to use "green" chemicals in the kitchen. Because of these changes and others, Sage will likely be certified as a "green restaurant" by the Green Restaurant Association in the coming months.

The entire menu has also been re-created to include healthier, organic choices. An omelet and waffle station will be available for breakfast, and customers will find gourmet sandwiches from the "Corner Deli" and hot entrees with upscale, healthy side dishes at the "Carver's Board." The salad and soup bar has been doubled in size, and Sage features a "Kid Zone" with specially selected sandwiches, comfort foods and healthy snacks that appeal to kids.

The theme of sage, an aromatic herb,



Veggies play a starring role in the cafeteria's expanded salad bar.

Dancing the Night Away Gala Raises More Than \$2 Million for Hospital Programs



Richard Cook

Singer Natasha Bedingfield entertained nearly 1,000 NYP supporters at the annual Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 16. The event raised over \$2.2 million for the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery.

Dinner co-chair Howard Solomon donated \$1 million in honor of the evening. A highlight was the story of Patricia Hermida, who suffered from disabling dystonia until the Neurological Surgery team cured her using implantable electrodes.

Sharing the dinner co-chair role with Mr. Solomon and his wife, Sarah, were Marianne and John K. Castle and Phyllis and Ivan Seidenberg.

Gala co-chairs were NYP/Columbia's Timothy Pedley, M.D., Chair, Department of Neurology, and Robert Solomon, M.D., Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, as well as NYP/Weill Cornell's Philip Stieg, M.D., Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, and Matthew Fink, M.D., Acting Chair, Department of Neurology. ■



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(Top) Natasha Bedingfield lit up the stage. (Bottom left) Patricia Hermida (second from left) and her husband, Joseph Hermida (far left), chatted with Dr. Pardes and Nancy Wexler, Ph.D., Higgins Professor of Neuropsychology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. (Bottom right) Gala guests included NYP Trustees John K. Castle and David Koch.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the process of providing meals and snacks for staff, patients, and visitors, NYP/Columbia's Food Service generates some impressive numbers.

- Number of customers expected per day at Sage: **1,270**
- Amount of food waste currently composted each month at NYP/Columbia: **10-12 tons**
- Pounds of vegetables eaten at the salad bar last year: **30,094**
- Cups of coffee consumed last year at NYP/Columbia cafeterias: **150,000**
- Gallons of milk added to coffee each day: **16**