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Yale New Haven Health leaders receive United Hospital Fund's Excellence in Healthcare Award

NEW HAVEN, CT (May 11, 2022) – Christopher Bussiere, safety and quality specialist at Bridgeport Hospital, is among the eight Yale New Haven Health staff members recognized with a 2022 United Hospital Fund Excellence in Healthcare Award for Quality Improvement Champions.

The award honors extraordinary leadership in improving quality of care, patient safety and patient experience. Honorees are selected for their vision and accomplishments by participating healthcare organizations from across the greater New York metropolitan region.

A total of 73 honorees were recognized at an in-person event in New York City after two years of virtual ceremonies. The honorees – physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists and a broad range of other health care workers – were each selected by a senior executive at their institution. They represent all five boroughs of New York City, as well as Long Island, Westchester, the Hudson Valley, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and were drawn from hospital systems, long-term care facilities, home care organizations, independent practice associations, federally qualified health centers, medical groups and behavioral health organizations.

Beside Bussiere, Yale New Haven Health recipients are:

- **Greenwich Hospital** – Christopher M. Davison, MD, FACEP, medical director, Department of Emergency Medicine
- **Lawrence + Memorial Hospital** – Carin Gutelius, MSN, RN-C, director of inpatient Nursing and Critical Care
- **Northeast Medical Group** – Karen E. Brown, MD, medical director, Primary Care and co-chair YNHHS Care Signature Ambulatory Council
- **Westerly Hospital** – Robin Heard-Albert, RN, CIC, Infection Prevention, site lead
- **Yale New Haven Health System** – Rebecca McCray, MS, RN, director, vaccine enterprise and Nancy Hamson, MBA, director, Community Health Improvement
- **Yale New Haven Hospital** – Adam L. Ackerman, MD, physician lead and co-chair of Opioid Stewardship, Yale New Haven Health

The Tribute to Excellence in Health Care was initiated in 2019 to recognize healthcare innovation and improvement aimed at achieving the highest quality patient care by UHF, an independent nonprofit organization with a mission to build a more effective and equitable health care system.

Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS), the largest and most comprehensive healthcare system in Connecticut, is recognized for advanced clinical care, quality, service, cost effectiveness and commitment to improving the health status of the communities it serves. YNHHS includes five hospitals – Bridgeport, Greenwich, Lawrence + Memorial, Westerly and Yale New Haven hospitals, several specialty networks and Northeast Medical Group, a non-profit physician foundation with several hundred community-based and hospital-employed physicians. YNHHS is affiliated with Yale University and YSM's clinical physician practice, Yale Medicine, which is the largest academic multi-specialty practice in New England. YNHHS and Yale partner on clinical care, education and research, bringing the latest discoveries, technology and therapies to patients. www.ynhhs.org