Letter from the President  

JERRY J. FEDELE

I would like to welcome you to this very special edition of Making Rounds. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Born out of tragedy in 1967, Boca Regional has evolved from a capable community hospital into one of South Florida’s premier academic medical centers. We take great pride in our transformation and hope you enjoy learning more about this compelling journey.

In the following pages, you will find articles that lend credence to our growing reputation for excellence within both medical and patient communities. Specialists with impeccable credentials and experience continue to gravitate to us as a place to practice. Our physicians continue to be recognized as the best-of-the-best. And residents in the region continue to cite us as their provider of choice.

What Gloria Drummond envisioned over five decades ago when she began her quest to establish a hospital in Boca Raton has become a shining reality. The promise she made galvanized a city then… and motivates and drives our doctors, employees, volunteers and philanthropists today.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s 50th Anniversary. Keeping the Promise.

Sincerely,

Jerry J. Fedele  
President & CEO

As part of this year’s festivities surrounding the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl, players from the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers visited Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s Toppel Family Place. There they met our new moms and dads, saw newborns in the nursery and learned about the maternity unit from our doctors, nurses and staff. Everyone enjoyed our time with the Hilltoppers…and 2016 Marmot Boca Raton Bowl champs.

New Specialists Join Boca Raton Regional Hospital

Boca Raton Regional Hospital announces the appointment of three specialists to the staff of the Hospital and its BocaCare® physician network.

Elizabeth Babin, MD, MS, FACOG, FPMIS, CGE, has joined Boca Regional’s Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute’s Barbara C. Gutin Center for Pelvic Health. Dr. Babin is a board-certified Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgeon and a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. 

Elizabeth Babin, MD
David Taub, MD
Marc Taub, MD

Father and son urologists are also now on staff at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Marc Taub, MD, FACS, a board-certified urologist, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. His son, David Taub, MD, MBA, FACS, is also a board-certified urologist and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has authored and co-authored articles in such prestigious peer-reviewed publications as Journal of Urology, Urology and Journal of Clinical Oncology.

“We welcome these three outstanding physicians to the Hospital,” said Jerry Fedele, President and CEO at Boca Regional. “Their clinical expertise and experience adds to Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s expanding capabilities.”

For a complete list of Boca Regional’s awards and accolades, visit brrh.com/accolades.

For more information, visit brrh.com.
On the day before Easter, April 21, 1962, a tragedy of profound magnitude occurred in Boca Raton when two of Robert and Gloria Drummond’s children were poisoned by a neighbor boy and died at the closest hospital, which was then more than 30 minutes away.

Yet even while mired in fresh, unspeakable grief, Gloria made a decision — a vow — that would change Boca Raton forever. During the services for her children, she requested that donations be made to build a hospital in Boca Raton. “Send funds, not flowers,” she said.

And so it began — a quest that started with Gloria and a small group of women who called themselves the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League in honor of her deceased children, Debra and Randall.

They set out on a mission that many considered out of reach. But not for long. Members of the community, as committed to sharing their good fortune and resources as the League was to giving of themselves, joined the effort. As these donors and volunteers multiplied, so did their resolve.

Less than five years after Gloria made her promise, Boca Raton Community Hospital rose from imagination and became a four-story testimonial to a town’s tenacity and generosity. The “Miracle on Meadows Road” had become a reality.

While the Hospital now stood, it could not stand still. Boca Raton, a town now turned modern city, required a hospital to anticipate and meet ever-evolving medical needs. Within a year of its opening, the fledgling hospital announced a multi-million dollar expansion. Within three years, six floors capped the building. Within 10 years, coronary care and medical and surgical intensive care units swelled capacity to more than 300 beds.

And now, 50 years later, the dream of a grieving mother has evolved from a capable community hospital into an advanced, academic medical center that is in the vanguard of medicine today.
“The growth of what is now Boca Raton Regional Hospital, in terms of our clinical skills, programs, technology and facilities, has been nothing short of spectacular,” commented Jerry Fedele, President and CEO of the Hospital. “It is not an overstatement to say that we are the equal of or better than most any other provider in the nation.”

“Gloria set out to galvanize a community through philanthropy and volunteerism,” Fedele said. “On both these fronts, Boca Regional has been the beneficiary at levels I have never witnessed in my 30 years in healthcare. It was wonderful that Gloria lived to see what she envisioned blossom and grow in such magnificent fashion. Her dream, along with the efforts of those who shared it, has impacted the lives of literally millions of people who have turned to us for care.”

A look at the campus of Boca Regional today reveals that transformation in no uncertain terms.

The Christine E. Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute was established in 2006, making it the first open-heart program started in Palm Beach County in 22 years.

In 2007, the $73 million, 98,000 square-foot Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute in the Harvey & Phyllis Sandler Pavilion opened its doors.

Two years ago, the $52 million, 57,000 square-foot Marcus Neuroscience Institute in the Schmidt Family Pavilion was created.

July of 2015 saw the building of the $22 million, 46,000 square-foot Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute.

And fittingly, in 2017, the golden anniversary of the Hospital, the completion of the new Gloria Drummond Physical Rehabilitation Institute will occur.

It’s hard to imagine that 50 years ago it all started so small. Now, with 400 beds, more than 800 primary and specialty-care physicians, 3,000 employees, nearly 1,200 volunteers and $36 million in philanthropic support in the last year alone, Boca Raton Regional Hospital is nationally recognized for its clinical expertise, depth and breadth of technology and quality of care.

It is a place where the promise to give the people of Boca Raton a hospital of their own became a community’s hope made real — and now its treasure.

RECENT ACCOLADES

2016–2017 Again, listed by U.S. News & World Report as a Top-Ranked Regional Hospital in South Florida and the highest ranked hospital in Palm Beach County


2016–2017 Only hospital in Palm Beach County to receive the Consumer Choice Award by National Research Corporation

2016 Boca Regional had the most primary-affiliated physicians of any hospital in Palm Beach County recognized as Top Doctors by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.
Staff Additions Reflect Growing Clinical & Programmatic Depth

With the addition of two prominent local neurosurgeons, Evan M. Packer, MD, and Lloyd Zucker, MD, the Marcus Neuroscience Institute (MNI) at Boca Raton Regional Hospital continues to broaden its clinical capabilities and programmatic depth.

“We are thrilled that Drs. Packer and Zucker have joined our team,” said Frank D. Vrionis, MD, MPH, PhD, Director of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute. “They bring impeccable credentials and superb surgical skills to MNI. Moreover, their hires are indicative of a growing interest by leading regional clinicians in the neurosciences to practice at the facility.”

The two neurosurgeons now complement a growing cadre of specialists at the Institute. MNI is led by Dr. Vrionis, a nationally recognized expert in brain and spinal tumors who came from the renowned Moffitt Cancer Center where he was Chief of Neurosurgery. The staff at MNI includes: Patricio Espinosa, MD, MPH, a Harvard Medical School fellowship-trained neurologist who serves as the Institute’s Director of Neurology; Saeel Chowdhary, MD, also fellowship-trained and from the faculty of the Moffitt Cancer Center, heads the Institute’s Medical Neuro-Oncology program and Sameea Husain Wilson, DO, who performed a fellowship at the prestigious Barrow Neurological Institute, directs MNI’s Movement Disorder program.

Joining the Institute in May will be Roy Katzin, MD, ABPN, a highly regarded and respected neurologist in the region.

All of these clinicians are supported by a host of other professionals including emergency medicine physicians, radiologists, interventional radiologists and specially trained nurses and imaging technologists. A look at the backgrounds of Drs. Packer and Zucker reveals impressive training and experience. Dr. Packer, a board-certified neurosurgeon, attended the University of South Florida Morsani College Of Medicine in Tampa, Florida and performed his general surgery internship and neurological surgery residency at the University of South Florida Affiliated Hospitals and Clinics.

His areas of specialty include brain hemorrhages, brain tumors, spinal injuries and conditions including stenosis, disc bulges and herniation and compression fractures. He currently serves as an Assistant Professor at Florida Atlantic University’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Department of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Zucker has authored and co-authored articles in such prestigious peer-reviewed publications as Journal of Neurosurgery and New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Zucker is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and a Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Created in 2015, MNI provides clinicians with technology that is considered the gold standard in neurological and neurosurgical care. Included are: four dedicated operating rooms with one equipped with intraoperative MRI and two with intraoperative CT capability, a flash CT scanner and a Biplane Angiography Suite. Each of these technologies provide for greater precision during surgery, reduced surgical times and enhanced patient safety.

In addition, the $52 million facility houses a 20-bed Neuro Intensive Care and Stepdown Unit. The rooms, all of which are private, are equipped with special monitoring capabilities that provide vital information on both a patient’s neurological and cardiovascular function. Each room features an abundance of natural light and an antechamber where family members can stay during a loved one’s hospitalization.

“By any measure, the Marcus Neuroscience Institute continues to advance the landscape of care in the neurosciences in our region,” said Dr. Vrionis. “Be it the addition of specialists like Drs. Packer, Zucker and Katzin to our program, having or acquiring the most sophisticated technology in our field or establishing new and exciting research relationships, the Institute is making a material difference in the way we care for patients who turn to us in time of need.”

For more information on the Marcus Neuroscience Institute or to schedule an appointment, call 561.955.4600.
Orthopedic Institute

**AT BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s Orthopedic Institute offers the most sophisticated and innovative care in a variety of sub-specialties, including arthritis treatment, hip and knee replacement, spinal surgery, shoulder surgery and sports medicine. The dedicated team of physicians, nurses, physical therapists and other healthcare professionals is focused on improving the lives of patients by alleviating pain, promoting speedy recoveries and returning patients to a state of independence.

The Orthopedic Institute provides state-of-the-art total knee replacement and minimally invasive surgical techniques like anterior hip replacement, which provides patients with a faster recovery, less pain and enhanced mobility. The Institute specializes in hip arthroscopy, a surgical procedure that gives doctors a clear view of the inside of a hip joint to better diagnose and treat hip problems. Its advanced preoperative navigation system gives surgeons added precision in the operating room. Pain management protocols and a team approach to care are considered best practices in the field. All in an orthopedic unit that features private rooms with patient amenities such as flat-screen TVs and WiFi.

For additional information, visit brrh.com/orthopedics.

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For four years in a row, Boca Raton Regional Hospital has had the most primary-affiliated physicians of any hospital in Palm Beach County recognized as “Top Doctors” by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a research firm specializing in providing consumers with information about the nation’s best doctors and hospitals. As can be found on Castle Connolly’s website (castleconnolly.com), the complete list of our doctors honored is in the following tables.*

*As of February 6, 2017

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Claims Most “Top Docs” in Palm Beach County

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For more information on Castle Connolly’s “Top Doctors,” visit castleconnolly.com.

The Castle Connolly selection process for the Top Doctors listing begins with peer recognition through surveys that are given out to thousands of physicians nationwide and other healthcare leaders. They are asked to identify who they believe are highly skilled, exceptional doctors. This peer-recommended list is then reviewed by Castle Connolly for standards, including medical education, training, hospital appointments, professional achievements and any disciplinary or malpractice history.

“The while entire medical staff at Boca Raton Regional Hospital is committed to clinical excellence, these physicians deserve the additional praise that comes with such a prestigious accolade,” said Jerry Fedele, President and CEO of Boca Regional. “It is a reflection of the quantity and quality of our physician expertise.”

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- Breast Health
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