BOSTON MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO joined MGH President Peter L. Slavin, MD, MGPO Chairman and CEO David F. Torchiana, MD, and MGH surgeon and transplant pioneer Paul S. Russell, MD, on April 10 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation. The museum, which features exhibits highlighting the evolution of medicine and clinical practice throughout the MGH’s 200-year history, will open its doors to the public April 17.

“Through the lens of the MGH, the museum tells the story of the evolution of medicine and the innovation underway today that will shape the fabric of medicine long into the future.”

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which provided one of the first major gifts to the museum – as well as gifts from many MGH clinical departments, physicians and trustees.

In tribute to the museum’s celebration of the past and present, Russell and Menino used surgical tools from the 1800s – including enterotomy scissors, an amputation saw and an ivory-handled cartilage knife – to cut the “ribbon,” a special gauze made with clotting powder developed by MGH trauma surgeon Hasan Alam, MD. The gauze is featured in one of the museum exhibits.

Menino praised everyone involved in the museum’s creation, calling the end result “perfect.” He noted that the museum not only documents the rich legacy of the MGH but the remarkable progress of medicine throughout the years, both of which can serve as inspiration to future generations. “We are so fortunate to have the best health care in the world right
NIH director to speak at annual Celebration of Science

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER at the 2012 Celebration of Science, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the MGH Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), will be Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Collins will discuss “Research: Essential for Medicine, Good for the Economy” April 18 at 4 pm in the Simches Center, Room 3.110.

The annual celebration will get underway with the SAC poster session from 11 am to 1:45 pm on the 15th floor of the Holiday Inn Beacon Hill at 5 Blossom Street.

Starting at 2 pm in Simches 3.110, recipients of the hospital’s major research awards – Jodie Babitt, MD, MGH Renal Unit, recipient of the Goodman Award; José Baselga, MD, PhD, chief of Hematology/Oncology, associate director of the MGH Cancer Center and recipient of the Martin Prize for Clinical Research; and Bradley Bernstein, MD, PhD, MGH Pathology, recipient of the Martin Prize for Basic Research – will present their award-winning work. More information on their presentations will appear in an upcoming issue of Hotline.

The April 19 SAC meeting will begin at 8 am in Simches 3.110 with departmental research reports from Robert Martuza, MD, chief of the Department of Neurosurgery; Harry Rubash, MD, chief of the Department of Orthopedics; Ramnik Xavier, MD, PhD, chief of the Gastroenterology Unit; and Dennis Ausiello, MD, chief of the Department of Medicine. The afternoon session will address strategies for applying computational biology to biomedical research, with presentations by Mark Daly, PhD, chief of the MGH Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit; Aviv Regev, PhD, of the Broad Institute; and Zak Kohane, MD, PhD, of Children’s Hospital Boston; followed by a panel discussion.

The full schedule of both day’s events – open to all MGHers – is available at http://mghresearch.partners.org/ECOR/SACAgenda2012.pdf.

AMBULATORY ASSISTANCE: From left, Luann Sweeney, RN, and Alice Peck, RN, of the Practice Support Department, speak with staff during the fair.

room – even if only for a moment – because inadvertent contact may occur. Although using gloves and gowns at appropriate times may seem simple enough, there is a right and wrong way to wear protective equipment. The following is a reminder about proper usage:

1. Before putting on gloves or gowns, always use hand hygiene.
2. Put on the gown with the opening at the back. Tie it at the neck to ensure it covers clothing completely and stays securely in place.
3. Put on the gloves, and pull them over the cuffs of the gown to prevent wrist exposure. It is now OK to enter the room.
4. When leaving the room, gloves are removed first. Pull one glove off, avoiding contact between the glove and skin and gathering it into the hand that is still gloved. Slip a bare finger inside the wrist of the remaining glove and slide it off so that it is inside-out over the first glove. Discard the gloves immediately.
5. To remove the gown, untie it and pull it forward, away from the body and clothing. Holding the gown away from the body, fold or roll it into a bundle so that the contaminated side faces inward, and place it in a linen hamper. Do not save gowns for reuse.
6. Use hand hygiene immediately after removing gloves and gown. When leaving a Contact Precautions room, disinfect hands with Cal Stat. When leaving a Contact Precautions Plus room, wash and dry hands first to remove spores and then disinfect with Cal Stat.

Wright notes that visitors should use hand hygiene before and after visiting a patient’s room and although visitors are not required to wear gloves or gowns when visiting a patient on precautions, they are encouraged to do so, especially if assisting with the patient’s care or visiting more than one patient.

For more information about personal protective equipment, call 617-726-2036. For more information about other Excellence Every Day topics, access http://intranet.massgeneral.org/excellenceeveryday.

here on Cambridge Street,” Menino added. Following the ceremony, attendees toured the museum’s permanent exhibits – which include interactive, engaging displays – as well as the second-floor gallery and the rooftop garden.

“We’ve been around for 200 years, and we hope that the MGH may be able to offer some perspective on how medicine got to where it is today and where it might be going in the future,” said Torchiana. “We want to make that perspective accessible and available, and that’s what this museum is all about – learning about medicine, past, present and future.”

The Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation will be open weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm starting April 17. For more information, visit www.massgeneral.org/museum.
Stress reduction sessions will be held April 12, 18 and 24 at noon and 12:35 pm in Haber Auditorium, and laughter yoga will be held April 20 from noon to 1 pm in the Blum Center. For more information, contact Sue Clough at 617-643-6054 or sclough@partners.org.

**Mind Body Program for Health and Fertility**
The Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine will host an eight-week program starting April 30 from 5 to 7 pm to help women struggling with infertility. The program will teach meditation, yoga, deep breathing and imagery techniques and will help participants learn the latest information on how lifestyle behaviors can affect fertility. For more information or to register, contact Sue Clough at 617-643-6054 or email sclough@partners.org.

**‘Celebrating Women’**
The MGH Community Health Centers in Chelsea, Charlestown, Revere and Everett; the North End Waterfront Health Center; and the MGH Center for Community Health Improvement will host “Celebrating Women: Living a Vibrant Healthy Life” May 2 from 5 to 9 pm at Everett High School, 100 Elm Street in Everett. The free event will offer health education, prevention and screening services, ballroom dancing demonstrations, and raffles. For more information, call 781-485-6400.

**Research subject privacy**
The MGH Clinical Research Program, Health Information Services and the Partners IRBs will host “Maintaining Research Subject Privacy and Information Security: What Clinical Researchers Must Know.” May 8 from 3:30 to 5 pm in the Simches Center, Room 3.110. Register at http://hub.partners.org. For more information, email smipowell@partners.org.

**Choosing child care**
Partners Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Partners Child Care Services will offer an educational roundtable discussion for those new to parenting and child care May 15 from noon to 1 pm in Bulfinch 222. Allison Lilly, LICSW, CEAP, Partners EAP operations manager, will review child care options, costs and how to find and evaluate care. Sheryl Lauber Weden, director of Business Development at Partners Child Care Services, will discuss internal resources for back-up child care. For more information, contact Maureen Gauvin at 617-732-6017 or mgauvin@partners.org.