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MGH HOTLINE

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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

The MGH files a letter of intent with the city of Boston to construct a new state-of-the-art building, featuring 12 levels of clinical inpatient and outpatient space, support services and six levels of underground parking.

The Mass General Research Institute reaches a major milestone of \$1 billion expenditure in a single fiscal year.

The hospital receives \$200 million from Phillip T. and Susan M. Ragon to endow the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard.

MGH receives a \$50 million gift from James S. and Carol J. Herscot to support the Herscot Center for Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, capital projects and other hospital initiatives.

The MGH launches the Center for Gun Violence Prevention, dedicated to advancing the health and safety of children and adults through injury and gun violence prevention research, clinical care, education and community engagement.

Hospital staff address national shortages of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) and heparin.

The MGH names its inaugural vice president and chief equity officer, Joseph Betancourt, MD.

In an ongoing effort to address capacity constraints within the hospital, staff from a number of disciplines work together throughout a three-phase bed-reallocation project.

The LVC celebrates its 150th anniversary.

MGH debuts its Writer in Residence program, offering staff reading and writing workshops and special events.



As we usher in a new decade, *MGH Hotline* looks back at some of the many momentous milestones celebrated at Massachusetts General Hospital in the past 10 years.



2010

- More than 50 MGH staff – as part of various local and national relief organizations – respond to a 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Haiti.
- The inaugural Run to Home Base takes place at Fenway Park.
- MGH Nutrition and Food Services launches the Choose Well, Eat Well color labeling system.
- The My Giving Helps Employee Campaign launches.



MGH FUND EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN



2011

- The MGH celebrates its 200th anniversary.
- The 530,000-square-foot Lunder Building opens for patient care.
- The MGH Learning Laboratory is unveiled.
- The MGH Breast Imaging Division scans the first patient in the country using breast tomosynthesis, a revolutionary 3D mammogram imaging technology.



2012

- The hospital is ranked No. 1 in the nation on the *U.S. News & World Report* 2012-13 Best Hospitals list.
- MGH performs its first hand transplant.
- The Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation opens.
- The Henri and Belinda Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies is established.



2013

- The MGH is redesignated as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
- The hospital treats 31 patients following the Boston Marathon bombing.
- Padihershef, the hospital's resident mummy, undergoes a full-body X-ray and CT scan.
- The hospital performs its first combined heart-lung transplant surgery.
- Cooley Dickinson joins the MGH family.



2014

- The MGH/MGPO begins using the Epic revenue cycle system for administrative processes.
- The MGH Vascular Center is renamed the Fireman Vascular Center.
- A patient is admitted to – then medically cleared and discharged from – the MGH suspected of having Ebola virus disease.
- The MGH/MGPO presents its updated strategic plan to help guide the next decade of the hospital.



2015

- The MGH is again ranked No. 1 in the nation on the *U.S. News & World Report* 2015-16 Best Hospitals list.
- The MGH Research Institute launches.
- MGH joins *The Boston Globe*, MIT and Harvard University as founders of HUBweek.
- MGH is designated as an Ebola and Special Pathogens Treatment Center.



2016

- MGH staff perform the country's first genitourinary vascularized composite allograft (penile) transplant.
- The Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service is awarded to the MGH.
- The MGH/MGPO Opioid Task Force is formed.
- The MGH is the first hospital in the country to perform a liver transplant using "liver in a box."
- The Epic electronic medical record system becomes fully implemented.
- The Clinical Data Science Center launches.



2017

- Wentworth-Douglass Hospital becomes part of the MGH family.
- An MGH Gun Violence Prevention Coalition is formed.
- The hospital presents its 100th Endowed Chair and Scholar Program award.
- Jonny Kim, MD, then a resident in the combined MGH-BWH Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency program, is named to the NASA class of astronaut recruits.

2018

- MGH is again redesignated as a Magnet hospital.
- The hospital responds to the national IV fluid bag and IV opioid shortages.
- The MGH Transgender Health Program is established.
- MGH joins the National Institutes of Health All of Us Research Program.

Regardless of the weather, MGH Buildings and Grounds staff keep the hospital campus safe for employees, patients and visitors.

Photo courtesy of MGH Photography

2020

2020 MGH Observed Holidays

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
 Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Feb. 17 - Presidents Day

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NASA astronaut Jessica Meir, PhD – a former researcher in the Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine who worked closely with Warren Zapol, MD, chief emeritus of the department – flies the MGH flag aboard the International Space Station during her six-month mission.

Photo courtesy of NASA

2020

2020 MGH Observed Holidays

May 25 - Memorial Day
 July 4 - Independence Day

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In the Stott Lab at the MGH Center for Cancer Research, scientists are exploring using microfluidic devices to analyze circulating tumor cells – cells that are shed from the primary tumor into the bloodstream – at a single cell resolution. These tools offer insights into the presence and status of cancer within the body, which can help in developing personalized treatment plans.

*Photo courtesy of Rohan Thakur, PhD
 Stott Lab at the MGH Center for Cancer Research*

2020

2020 MGH Observed Holidays

Sept. 7 - Labor Day
 Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
 Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
 Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

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