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“Montefiore Health System and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Awarded Multi-Year Grant to Establish Alzheimer’s Disease Center of Excellence”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – June 15, 2016 – In an ongoing commitment to delivering quality, compassionate care to those experiencing the effects of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, The Montefiore- Einstein Center for the Aging Brain (CAB) in conjunction with Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s Memory Evaluation and Treatment Services Programs (METS) has been awarded a 5 year, \$2.1M grant from the New York State Department of Health, designating its programs as a Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease.

The grant creates a new clinical partnership between Montefiore’s Center for the Aging Brain and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s Memory Evaluation and Treatment Service. Together, the two organizations will expand cognitive screening efforts, establish a satellite clinic in the Hudson Valley, provide telephone and video consultation services to area healthcare providers, conduct educational programs on cognitive and functional screening and increase the availability of clinical trials for patients with dementia/Alzheimer’s disease.

Launched in June 2014, Montefiore’s Center for the Aging Brain provides evaluation and treatment for illnesses and quality-of-life issues associated with aging. The Center serves both older individuals and people who fall outside the traditional "geriatric" category, with assessment for cognition, gait and function, psychological state, complex disease management, end-of-life issues, caregiver stress, long-term care planning and need for additional resources.

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Opened in 1979, Burke’s Memory Evaluation and Treatment Services (METS) program provides comprehensive outpatient assessment and treatment of memory disorders. While some types of problems with memory are “normal” as one grows older, others are the first signs of disease, such as dementia, stroke, Parkinson’s disease or Alzheimer’s disease. An evaluation, which can be done through the METS program, is necessary whenever memory problems interfere with relationships, work, finances, and other routine activities of daily living. Memory may be improved in some cases or the progression of memory loss slowed with early treatment of disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

According to Jessica Zwerling, M.D., Associate Director of the Center for the Aging Brain at Montefiore, “The Center for Alzheimer’s Excellence will allow us to further break down the walls between our outpatient practice and the community based organizations. It will continue to focus on the caregiver-patient dyad but provide additional means for a seamless process. We are looking forward to expanding our comprehensive services in the Hudson valley region.”

Co-director of the planned Center of Excellence for Alzheimer’s disease, Barry D. Jordan, M.D. who is Assistant Medical director and director of the METS program at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital believes, “The new grant will allow Burke to continue its longstanding commitment to providing services to patients with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. We will be working collaboratively with Montefiore to build upon the solid foundation both organizations have established in this area over the years.”

The \$2.2 million grant will begin in July 2016 and continue through February 2021. For additional information about the Alzheimer’s Disease Center of Excellence, please contact The Montefiore Center for the Aging Brain at (914) 375-4880 or Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s



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About Montefiore Health System

Montefiore Health System is one of New York's premier academic health systems and is a recognized leader in providing exceptional quality and personalized, accountable care to approximately three million people in communities across the Bronx, Westchester and the Hudson Valley. It is comprised of 10 hospitals, including the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and close to 200 outpatient care sites. The advanced clinical and translational research at its' medical school, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, directly informs patient care and improves outcomes. From the Montefiore-Einstein Centers of Excellence in cancer, cardiology and vascular care, pediatrics, and transplantation, to its' preeminent school-based health program, Montefiore is a fully integrated healthcare delivery system providing coordinated, comprehensive care to patients and their families. For more information please visit www.montefiore.org. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and view us on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital in White Plains, NY. Founded in 1915 through an endowment from philanthropist John Masterson Burke, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to adult rehabilitation medicine. As of 2016, the hospital is now a part of the Montefiore Health system, Inc. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or surgery. Burke serves patients from around the metropolitan New York area and throughout the world. The hospital's renowned physicians, clinical researchers and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment and all share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit burke.org.

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