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“Burke to Host Free Presentations on Speech and Language Disorders for Better Hearing & Speech Month”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – May 13, 2016 – Speech and language disorders are common after the diagnosis of a neurological-based disease or injury, such as Alzheimer’s disease. Family and friends are often unaware of the cause of their loved ones’ communication challenges and may feel they are unable to help. In honor of Better Hearing & Speech Month in May, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, NY will be hosting two free community education presentations on communication following the diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer’s diseases, as well as information on the management of hearing loss. These presentations will offer education and suggest strategies to improve communication and will be given by Burke’s certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

The presentation “Hearing Loss: Tip and Strategies” will take place on Monday, May 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will review the benefits of routine hearing screening, new technologies available to assist individuals who are hearing impaired and strategies individuals and family members can use to facilitate communication.

The following Monday, May 23, will feature the presentation, “Cognitive Communication Strategies and Dementia.” Held from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., this presentation will review communicative changes that may be expected following a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer’s disease, technologies that may improve daily life for individuals with dementia and strategies family and caregivers can use to help with communication.

Both presentations will be taking place in the Patient Dining Room of the main hospital building (building #7) on Burke’s campus at 785 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. To reserve a seat, RSVP by calling (914) 597-2398. For more information on Burke’s speech and hearing programs, as well as a calendar of community events, visit our website at www.burke.org.

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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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