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NEW YORK HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS JOIN NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT TO IMPROVE OLDER ADULTS' CARE

March 29, 2021 - Health systems in New York are recognizing the importance of addressing the health needs of the state's rapidly growing number of older adults by participating in a movement to better identify and address their unique care needs. Currently, 64 hospitals, medical practices, convenient care clinics, and/or nursing homes in New York have joined [Age-Friendly Health Systems](#).

Funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation (JAHF) and led by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)—in partnership with the American Hospital Association and the Catholic Health Association of the United States—the Age-Friendly Health Systems movement prioritizes what matters most to an older adult. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the urgency among health systems to prioritize age-friendly care; from March 2020 through December 2020, 1,671 U.S. health care sites joined the effort, including all approximately 1,100 MinuteClinic locations, the retail medical clinic of CVS Health. This brings the total number of sites to 1,956.

“The rapid growth of the age-friendly care movement means that older adults in New York have a better chance at receiving high-quality, evidence-based care that is tailored to what matters most to them,” said Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, president of JAHF. “As COVID-19 has demonstrated, we must prioritize the care of older adults across all care settings to ensure coordinated, evidence-based, age-friendly care is delivered to those who need it most. We are incredibly grateful to IHI, our other partners, and all Age-Friendly Health Systems participants for their work to make health care age-friendly, especially during this terrible pandemic.”

Health care treatment decisions that help older adults achieve what matters most to them—like daily walks without pain, having the energy for gardening, or talking with grandchildren while feeling clear-headed—result in healthier aging, according to the movement. When health care providers focus on the 4Ms of age-friendly care for older adults—what Matters, Medication, Mentation (memory and mood), and Mobility—they reduce harm, improve health outcomes, and lower health care costs, according to JAHF and IHI.

“There has never been a more critical time to prioritize adoption of evidence-based care of older adults,” said Kedar Mate, MD, president and CEO of IHI. “We are learning and improving care daily through the Age-Friendly Health Systems movement, and that will fortify our health care systems for the future. I am heartened by the increase in Age-Friendly participants and their commitment to better care for older adults.”

Participants in the Age-Friendly Health Systems movement in New York as of Jan. 2021 include:

- Adirondack Health
 - Adirondack Medical Center, Saranac Lake
- Bassett Healthcare Network
 - Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown
 - Fox Hospital, Oneonta

- Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center
 - Primary Care Practice, Brooklyn
- Catholic Health
 - Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo
- Jamaica Hospital
 - Ambulatory Care Center/Family Medicine Center, Jamaica
 - Flushing Hospital Medical Center, Jamaica
 - Jamaica Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department, Jamaica
 - Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Jamaica
 - Trump Pavilion/Jamaica Hospital Nursing Home, Jamaica
- Loretto Health and Rehabilitation
 - PACE CNY, Syracuse
- Montefiore
 - Montefiore Medical Center: Geriatrics Ambulatory Practice, Bronx
- Mount Sinai Health System
 - Mount Sinai Morningside, New York
- New York Presbyterian Hospital
- Northwell Health
 - Glen Cove Family Medicine Group, Glen Cove
 - Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove
 - Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital, Forest Hills
 - Mather Hospital, Port Jefferson
 - Northwell Health Physician Partners Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park
 - Northwell Health Physician Partners Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Phelps, Sleepy Hollow
 - Phelps Hospital, Sleepy Hollow
- NYC Health + Hospitals / Kings County
 - Adult Primary Care, Brooklyn
- NYU Langone Health
 - Langone Hospital Brooklyn, Brooklyn
 - Langone Orthopedic Hospital, New York
 - Tisch Hospital, New York
- PopHealthCare
 - Upstate New York CareSight, Pittsford
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo
- Saratoga Hospital Medical Group
 - Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs
- St. Johns Riverside Hospital
 - Andrus Pavilion, Yonkers
 - Dobbs Ferry, Yonkers
- Stony Brook Medicine
 - Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook
- SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease
 - Geriatric Psychiatry, Brooklyn
- Trinity Health
 - Trinity Health PACE – Catholic Health LIFE, Lackawanna

- Trinity Health PACE – Eddy Senior Care, Rotterdam
- University of Rochester Medical Center
 - Highland Hospital, Rochester
 - University of Rochester Medicine Geriatrics Group (URMGG), Rochester
 - Geriatric Fracture Center, Rochester
 - Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester
- Wyoming County Community Health System
 - Wyoming County Community Hospital, Warsaw
- 25 MinuteClinic locations

To learn more about the movement, visit <http://bit.ly/2MGcpLR>.

Interested healthcare organizations can participate by joining the next Action Community, a free opportunity to learn more about age-friendly care, beginning March 2021: <http://bit.ly/3b9fiHE>.

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