

# MORNING CMO REPORT

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## Valuing Opinions

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This weekly “Morning CMO Report” is now in its sixth month. I’ve received positive feedback on creating this communication channel. But as we move to the next six months, I would welcome more bilateral communication on issues of importance to doctors. So, just a reminder that physicians are always free to contact me with questions, comments, concerns, outcomes; anything that will help move the organization in the positive direction we aspire to.

## Chief Resident Council (CRC)

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The first Chief Resident Council (CRC) kicked off on July 29. The overwhelming sense from the conversation was positive not only for improving relationships between the Hospital and Residents, but between departments as well. There was strong interest among the Chief Residents in using CRC as a forum for concerns and questions as well as an opportunity to dialogue across departments on matters that affect more than one department. CRC also identified areas of interest to them including if there are any major plans or upcoming activities on the hospital side relevant for residents as well as an interest in having conversations about the use of the electronic medical record, hand off tools and participation on quality projects.

CRC will continue to meet monthly through the end of the calendar year. We will revisit, at that time, to evaluate its value to all involved

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## Excellence in Health Care

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Nominations are open for the *Excellence in Health Care Awards*. This award/recognition event honors our region's top healthcare industry leaders, innovators and companies that have a significant impact on the quality of health care and services in our communities.

### AWARD CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

- **Education in Health Care:** Honors an individual or organization in health education making a difference in their community and in health care.
- **Practice Manager of the Year:** Manages the business activities and the practice's internal promotions, has direct authority, and/or decision-making responsibilities.
- **Community Partner/Advocate of the Year:** Honors a company, and/or organization that has successfully implemented a program that has addressed and acknowledged problems in health care administration or in the delivery of health care.
- **Dentists of the Year:** Honors a dentist whose job performance is considered commendable by patients and colleagues.
- **Innovations in Health Care:** Honors a company, and/or individual primarily responsible for a medical science discovery or for development of a new procedure, device, service, program or treatment that can save lives or improve the quality of life for a large number of people.
- **Physicians of the Year:** Honors a physician whose job performance is considered commendable by patients and colleagues.
- **Physician Assistant of the Year:** Honors an individual who is an authorized practitioner of medicine, whose job performance is considered commendable by patients and colleagues.
- **Nurses of the Year:** Honors an LPN, RN, and/or nurse, whose job performance is considered commendable by patients and colleagues.
- **Health-Care Volunteer of the Year:** Honors an individual who contributes time and/or expertise to patients or healthcare issues, and whose volunteer efforts have made a substantial positive impact on the community.
- **Health-Care Facility of the Year:** Honors a facility that excels in care management and quality of life for their residences. Examples are: nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities.

I encourage you to visit the following link to complete your nomination. The nomination deadline is August 18, 2014.

<http://www.cnybj.com/bizeventz/upcomingevents/tabid/116/ctl/viewdetail/mid/511/ite/mid/1523/d/20141016/Excellence-In-Health-Care-2014.aspx>

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