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MAGEE REHABILITATION PARTNERS WITH CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR PEER & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

This spring, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital’s Spinal Cord Injury Peer Mentor Program began a partnership with The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation’s Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP). Both organizations are committed to providing more continuity for our patients and potentially reaching a larger geographical SCI community.

Magee’s Peer Mentor Program, founded in 1995, is designed to offer newly injured patients and their families the opportunity to speak with a specially selected and trained person who has faced life circumstances similar to their own—and are living full lives. To date, Magee has trained 250 people with spinal cord injuries and their family members as Mentors. In addition to Magee’s Spinal Cord Injury Peer and Family Mentor groups, the Hospital also offers peer support for people with brain injuries, strokes, addictions and amputations.

"The Peer Mentor Program at Magee is excited to begin this new partnership with the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation," said Nancy Rosenberg, Psy.D., Director of Magee’s Peer Mentor Program. "While our program is thriving and has been offering support to patients and families for many years, we believe this partnership only strengthens our mission."

The mission of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation’s PFSP is to provide critical emotional encouragement, as well as local and national information and resources to people living with paralysis, and their families and caregivers.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Magee to our Peer & Family Support Program," said Steve Coleman, Vice President, Peer & Family Support Program for the Reeve Foundation. "The partnership will continue to expand the Reeve Foundation’s efforts to reach the broader paralysis community in need. Magee has been part of our NeuroRecovery Network since 2004 and now we are thrilled to have collaborated with them again for such a critical program."

The Reeve Foundation and Magee are actively recruiting new clients: people living with paralysis, family members and caregivers who are in need of guidance by a Certified Mentor. The benefits of talking to a Certified Mentor include a clear understanding of the realities of paralysis, how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, confidence building and motivation, understanding of the science and progress in research of paralysis, how to avoid secondary conditions, and more.

On October 29, 2013 Magee Rehabilitation is hosting a one day Peer Mentor Training for the Reeve Foundation. This is the only training scheduled in Philadelphia.

For more information about the Peer Mentor Program at Magee, please call Ruth Black, LCSW, Reeve Liaison at (215) 587-3030 or rblack@mageerehab.org.

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SPINAL CORD RESEARCH & EDUCATION

UPPER EXTREMITY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Upper Extremity (UE) Reconstruction Program of the Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of the Delaware Valley (RSCICDV) is available for anyone with ANY neurologic diagnosis that presents with a problem in their upper limb. Magee Occupational Therapy staff are collaborating with Dr. Charles Leinberry of the Rothman Institute and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, to provide a clinical program that focuses on problems with upper extremity neurologic dysfunction. Monthly clinics are held at Magee Rehab's Main Hospital in the first floor Follow Up Clinic, and include evaluations and recommendations from Dr. Leinberry and Magee's Occupational Therapy staff. Magee's Case Managers also play a critical role in helping individuals sort out the resources necessary to benefit from this program. The UE Reconstruction Program will focus on issues related to skeletal reconstruction, tendon releases, or possibly tendon transfers covering the shoulder down through the hand.

If you would like more information on accessing this Clinical Evaluation program, please contact the Outpatient Follow Up Clinic at (215) 587-3394.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH STUDY

Title: The Role of Cognitive Distortions in Adaptation to Disability and Perceived Quality of Life in Spinal Cord Injury Survivors

Participants Needed: If you are 18 or older, able to read and understand English, and have suffered a traumatic spinal cord injury, you may qualify as a participant.

Description of the study: The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of how one's thoughts might impact the ability to adapt to life post-injury as well as impact one's quality of life. The information gained will help psychologists and other medical staff identify ways to help survivors successfully adjust to life post-injury and add to the growing research on rehabilitation psychology.

Procedure: Participation is completely voluntary and all participants will remain anonymous. If you choose to participate in the present study, please go to the following link: http://goo.gl/p3jeAU

The questionnaire will require that you consent before beginning. While some of the questions may cause emotional reaction, it is believed that there is no risk to participating in the study. The questionnaire will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete. You may have a caregiver present with you to assist if needed.

If you have any further questions about this research, feel free to contact me at Kerrrie@pcom.edu

HELP MAGEE HELP PATIENTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY!

Veterans with SCI needed to help volunteer at Magee!

If you are a veteran with a spinal cord injury – or know someone who is- we want your help. Magee is developing a new patient health education program to begin in 2014.

To make this new program as effective as possible, we are asking individuals with SCI to help us plan and test this new education program. Your input is needed! We are hoping to recruit veterans with SCI to this project and we welcome non-veterans with SCI, as well.

Contact Marci Ruediger, Director of Performance Excellence, at (215) 587-3454 or at mruediger@mageerehab.org by November 22, 2013.
NEW PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS BY RSCICDV STAFF


RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Are you:

- A person with a spinal cord injury?
- 18 years of age or older?
- Able to answer questions about your ability to complete different functional activities?
- Able to give 45 minutes to an hour of your time to participate in this paid research study?

The goal of this research project is to develop a new computer-based survey instrument that will be used by researchers to measure the functional abilities of persons with spinal cord injury. This new instrument will be used to measure changes in functional abilities over time so that we can learn more about the effects of rehabilitation and other treatments for spinal cord injury.

For more information or to determine if you are eligible to participate, please contact Brittany Hayes at Brittany.hayes@jefferson.edu or by phone at (215) 955-6579.
CAPABILITIES OF UPPER EXTREMITY – ONGOING RESEARCH

The Spinal Cord Injury Center has received a two-year grant from the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation to continue development of an objective evaluation of arm and hand function in people with cervical spinal cord injury. Currently there is not an accepted standard test for upper extremity function to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions. We have already developed a standardized assessment, called the Capabilities of Upper Extremity Test (CUE-T), which has demonstrated good test-retest reliability in people with chronic spinal cord injury. Now we will test people who have recently been injured or who are about to have surgery to improve arm or hand function, in order to determine how well the CUE-T detects changes in their ability to use their arms and hands. We have recruited researchers from Case Western - Metro Health in Cleveland, OH; Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA; and Frazier Rehabilitation Center in Louisville, KY to work with us on the project. Thank you to all the participants who volunteered for preliminary testing of the CUE-T; we couldn’t have gotten to this point without you. For any questions concerning this research, please contact the RSCICDV at (215) 955-6579.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED!

As part of the Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of Delaware Valley’s current research, a small team of researchers and research assistants are conducting interviews with people who are at least 60 years old, and have been living with spinal cord injury for 5 years or more. We are also interested in interviewing your family caregiver or paid caregiver, too. Finally, we would also like to interview 5 individuals who’ve been injured for less than 5 years, too. The interview will occur at your home and will take less than 90 minutes. In this research project we are interested in improving our understanding, in your words, of the experience of aging with a spinal cord injury, the changes in your abilities to participate in activities, the care you need and receive, and your satisfaction with your routines. Your experiences and those of your caregivers will greatly help us learn about any changing health needs and develop programs to meet those needs. The interview is audiotaped and you will have the opportunity to review your transcribed interview to make sure it captures what you’ve told the researcher. As a thank you, you will receive a gift card in the amount of $25.00.

If you are interested in participating in the research by being interviewed by one of the research team members, please call Dr. Stephen Kern at (215) 503-8010, or email Stephen.kern@jefferson.edu

SPINAL CORD SOCIETY

The Spinal Cord Society is a large grass roots organization with thousands of members throughout North America and other countries. Its goal is cure of chronic spinal cord injury paralysis. The Spinal Cord Society puts 100% of its funding into research for the cure of spinal cord dysfunction. The Spinal Cord Society meets at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital on the 6th floor at 1 pm on the first Saturday of every month. If you would like to support this research, consider attending one of these meetings.

For more information, please contact Chris Cellucci at cellucci@ursinus.edu or (610) 296-7429, or Dennis Ledger at dledger@csc.com or (856) 468-4401.
ONGOING RESEARCH OF THE RSCICDV

**Current**

1. Acute multi-center study on efficacy and safety of SUNI3837 injections in adults with acute spinal cord injuries. **Sponsor:** Asubio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

2. A new measure of neurological and behavioral recovery after spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** Craig H. Neilsen Foundation and Department of Defense

3. Modification of the ABLE (Activity-based Balance Level Evaluation) Scale: A factor analysis study. **Sponsor:** Team Reeve and NeuroRecovery Network

4. EQUATE: Equity and Quality in assistive Technology study. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

5. Zoledronic Acid to prevent bone loss after acute spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

6. Understanding the health care needs of individuals aging with spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

7. The Value of MRI and DTI as biomarkers for classifying acute spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** Department of Defense

**Completed**

1. Responsiveness of the Capabilities of the Upper Extremity Test. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

2. Effects of two Different Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) Cycling Paradigms. **Sponsor:** Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

3. A Phase 1 Safety Study of GRN051 in Patients with Neurologically complete, subacute, spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** Geron Corporation

4. Investigation of assistive technology for mobility used by individuals with spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

5. UAB Index of Motor Recovery – Validation of an outcome measure for motor recovery in incomplete spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

6. Development and validation of the thoracic-lumbar control scale to measure strength and coordination of trunk muscles. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

7. Development and validation of the Capabilities of Arm and Hand in Tetraplegia (CAHI) measurement for upper extremity function. **Sponsor:** NIDRR supported through SCI Model System of Care

8. Spasticity and Joint Position Testing in Individuals with SCI. **Sponsor:** Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of the Delaware Valley

9. A 15-Week, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Multi-Center Trial of Pregabalin for the Treatment of Chronic Central Neuropathic Pain After Spinal Cord Injury. **Sponsor:** Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

10. A United States multi-center study to assess the validity and reliability of the Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM III). **Sponsor:** Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

11. Restoration of walking after spinal cord injury – Reliability of the maximal WISCI level. **Sponsor:** National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

12. A phase II, double blind, placebo-controlled, multicentered study to access the efficacy and safety of HP 184 at 100, 200, and 400 mg doses administered orally once daily for twenty-four weeks in adult subjects with chronic spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** Aventis Pharmaceuticals

13. Peripheral denervation following spinal cord injury (Using MRI to study nerve function following spinal cord injury). **Sponsor:** American Paraplegia Society

14. Open-label extension of double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel group study to evaluate safety, tolerability and activity of oral Famipridine-SR in subjects with chronic incomplete spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** Acorda Therapeutics

15. Restoration of walking after spinal cord injury - validation of the Walking Index for Spinal Cord Injury (WISCI) scale for hierarchical ranking. **Sponsor:** National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

16. Study the effects of Body Weight Supported Treadmill Training in acute incomplete spinal cord injury. **Sponsor:** National Institute of Health (NIH)
SPINAL CORD INJURY SUPPORT

OSTOMY & SKIN PEER MENTORS
We recently started recruiting and utilizing peer mentors for two specialized situations. The first situation involves pressure ulcer mentors. These specially trained volunteers have experienced pressure ulcers and will work with patients who are struggling with or resisting pressure ulcer prevention strategies. It is our hope that the perspectives of these mentors will be helpful in motivating patients to adhere to recommended pressure ulcer prevention strategies. Mentors are also assisting with patient education classes run by our certified wound nurses. Family members may also benefit from working with these mentors in terms of learning strategies and tips for helping their loved ones promote skin health.

The second set of mentors are comprised of volunteers who have ostomies. They will work with patients who are considering an ostomy or who have recently had ostomy surgery. They will be able to answer questions from the perspective of someone who has “been there,” and should provide much needed reassurance and helpful tips to patients and their family members or caregivers.

For more information or to request a peer consultation, please contact Marie Protesto, RN, BSN at (215) 587-3174 or peers@mageerehab.org.

SCI PEERS, sharing experiences
SCI-Peers are trained volunteers who have learned to cope with their own spinal cord injuries. The peers are available to meet with you to answer questions regarding life after a spinal cord injury. SCI-Peers have various levels of injury, as well as various life experiences.

ADDICTIONS MENTORS
The Addictions Mentor Program at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital is designed to offer those who struggle with addiction issues the opportunity to talk with a specially selected and trained person who has experience as an addictions advocate. The Addictions Mentors are an exciting addition to the overall Peer Mentor Program. Addictions Mentors are currently available to inpatients at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital.

Addictions mentors can:
- Offer support
- Accompany patient to AA/NA meetings held at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital
- Share information and resources.
- Serve as a connection to the community for patients during the transition after Magee.

Addictions Mentors are needed! If interested in becoming an Addictions Mentor, you must be two years clean and/or sober and be willing to participate in Peer Mentor training. Please contact Ruth Black, LCSW at (215) 587-3030 or rblack@mageerehab.org.

SCI FAMILY PEERS
Family Peer Mentors are family members and/or loved ones of individuals who have sustained a SCI and have successfully transitioned to living life with a disability. They are volunteers who are specially trained to guide and provide SCI related information and experiences to families and loved ones of newly injured individuals.

Mentoring can be done in the form of participating in the family group which is held twice monthly at Magee or contacting a new family by telephone or face to face if possible. Given the geographic area Magee serves, we attempt to be creative and flexible with mentoring requests.

For more information or to become a Family Peer Mentor, please contact Ruth Black, LCSW at (215) 587-3030 or rblack@mageerehab.org.
MAGEE RECREATION RESOURCES

Physical activity is an integral part of physical and psychological well being. Everyone, regardless of ability or disability, should have access to recreation, we are actively recruiting new athletes to join our teams. If you already play a wheelchair sport and would like more information about our program, or if you are interested in a recreation activity that we do not yet offer, please contact us!

Magee Wheelchair Sports teams are always looking for volunteers who would like to learn more about wheelchair sports and help during fundraisers, at practices and tournaments. If you have any questions or would like more information on any of our teams, please email sports@mageerehab.org or call (215) 587-3412.

MAGEE CO-ED WHEELCHAIR SPORTS TEAMS

BASKETBALL: MAGEE SPOKESMEN
Practices are held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 pm—9 pm (Sept.—May).

Contact: sports@mageerehab.org or (215) 587-3412.

Location: Carousel House (corner of Belmont Ave. & Ave. of the Republic, Philadelphia, PA 19131)

RUGBY: MAGEE EAGLES
Practices are held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm—9 pm (Sept.—May).

Contact: sports@mageerehab.org or (215) 587-3412.

Location: Carousel House (corner of Belmont Ave. & Avenue of the Republic, Philadelphia, PA 19131)

TENNIS: MAGEE FREEDOMS
Practices are held each Sunday from 12 pm—2 pm (10 am—12 pm in the summer).

Contact: sports@mageerehab.org or (215) 587-3412.

Location: Cherry Hill Health & Racquet Club (1820 Old Cuthbert Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034)

RACING: Magee will sponsor hand-cycle and wheelchair athletes for the Rothman 8K or Full or Half Marathon on November 16 & 17. For more info contact sports@mageerehab.org or (215) 587-3412.

Currently our Power Soccer and Softball teams are not practicing, but if you would like more information about either of those activities, please contact sports@mageerehab.org or call (215) 587-3412.

Our wheelchair athletes recognize how fortunate we are to have a rehab hospital such as Magee fund our sports program, and we give back to the community by performing outreach events in the Philadelphia area. This season our teams performed demonstrations at many universities and organizations including: University of Pennsylvania, Rowan University, West Chester University, YMCA West Chester Wells Fargo Center, Radnor High School, University of the Sciences Philadelphia, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and a Boy Scout Camp.

We encourage everyone to become involved in physical activity, whether it is in a competitive sport or at an intramural level. Please join us as we add more recreational opportunities in the coming months and years.

UPCOMING ADAPTIVE SPORT EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST:

- **Magee Eagles Quad Rugby Tournament**—November 9-11, 2013; Riverwinds Community Center, West Deptford, NJ

- **Philadelphia Marathon**—Magee will sponsor hand-cycle and wheelchair athletes for the Rothman 8K or Full or Half Marathon on November 16 & 17. For more info, please call (215) 587-3412.

- **PA Center for Adaptive Sports**: Promotes adapted recreation, and sport opportunities for persons with physical and neurological disabilities. Rowing and Cycling. www.centeronline.com

- **IM ABLE Foundation**: Created to build on the active lifestyles that founder, Chris Kaag, promotes for individuals with disabilities. www.getupandmove.org
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE DISABLED

The Legal Clinic for the Disabled provides free legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania.

Since 1990, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with offices at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, has helped thousands of people. We help victims of domestic violence get legal protection from their abusers. We represent victims of identity theft and consumer fraud. We help parents and caregivers access healthcare for their children. We write wills, powers of attorney and living wills. Most of our clients experience physical limitations in their daily activities, and many have suffered catastrophic injuries or illnesses like stroke, spinal cord or brain injury, multiple sclerosis, cancer, advanced diabetes, glaucoma, AIDS, amputation or epilepsy. Our services help them overcome legal problems and continue living comfortably and independently in the community.

For more information about our clinic, please visit our website at: www.lcdphila.org.

LEGAL CLINIC TOPICS: HEALTHCARE REFORM - HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

There has been a lot of talk over the past couple of years about healthcare reform – if it’s good for Americans, what it will cost, and the list goes on and on. For most of us, trying to figure out what’s actually going on and what it means for ourselves and our families has been difficult. Thankfully, we have reached a major milestone where it is time for action instead of just trying to decipher all of the chatter.

Millions of Americans will be eligible for new health insurance options in 2014 through the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace opened on October 1st and will offer health coverage that fits a variety of budgets and needs. Individuals will have one, streamlined process to determine their eligibility and enroll in coverage, as well as to determine eligibility for an insurance affordability program that will provide many families with reduced out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments.

The attorneys and staff at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled (LCD), in partnership with Resources for Human Development (RHD), are gearing up to help people understand and use the Marketplace enrollment process. RHD is a comprehensive, nonprofit, social service organization based in Philadelphia that seeks to empower people as they build the highest level of independence possible. RHD received a “Navigator” grant from the federal government to provide health insurance navigator services in ten Pennsylvania counties with the highest rates of uninsured. LCD is one of RHD’s local partners that will provide outreach and education to raise awareness about the Marketplace and assist people in getting the insurance-related information and services they need.

For more information and to determine your eligibility for insurance coverage and affordability programs, visit HealthCare.gov or CuidadoDeSalud.gov, or call the Health Insurance Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.
PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Patient Resource Center is located on the 6th floor. Feel free to stop by. We have tons of interesting fiction, a number of best seller books including notable books that made Oprah Winfrey’s Book Club list. There are about 600 leisure/romance/mystery novels to choose from as well as a broad selection of relevant professional periodicals. You may have noticed that we have three computers spaced just right for patient, visitor and staff access and to supplement these resources, we also have an assortment of DVDs.

Please allow us the opportunity to provide you with extraordinary customer service and an enviable user friendly environment.

You may contact Venus Bradley at (215) 587-3146 with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

GRANT AWARDED TO RESOURCE CENTER!

MAGEE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL’s MEDICAL LIBRARY – PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER has been awarded a Technology Improvement Grant in the amount of $5,107 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine – Middle Atlantic Region. The grant will allow the Patient Resource Center to acquire three new touchscreen computers with adaptive technology devices such as a remote controlled touch mouse pad, large format keyboard, Dragon software and a headset/microphone.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is supported by the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System, which serves as the Regional Medical Library for NN/LM of the Middle Atlantic Region. The Middle Atlantic Region is one of eight regions in the NN/LM and includes Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Their purpose is to provide all US health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improve the public’s access to information so they can make informed decisions about their health.

To accomplish this, the Middle Atlantic Region forms partnerships with libraries and other organizations, and offers a variety of in-person and online training for health professionals, community organizations, health information centers, and public, hospital and academic medical libraries throughout Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Additionally, the Middle Atlantic Region provides funding opportunities to assist regional libraries and information centers in educating and supporting unaffiliated health professionals and consumers in their local areas.

THINK FIRST

To help prevent disabling head and spinal cord injuries among children, teens and young adults, Magee’s Think First Program holds dynamic presentations at schools. Our program is part of the nationally coordinated Think First program. Presentations consist of a video, injury prevention lessons and testimonials from adults with disabilities.

If you have a spinal cord injury or brain injury and are interested in changing behaviors and saving lives, please consider joining Think First and speaking to students. Since Magee values your experience we will reimburse you for your time.

If you are interested or know of a school that would like to host one of our assemblies, please call Joe Davis or Keith Newerla, Think First Coordinators, at (215) 587-3400.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON THE MAGEE BLOG!

Magee is offering fans a new way to connect. In April Magee launched the Magee blog: believe@Magee. The blog covers a range of topics related to disability, health and prevention, and includes photos, videos, interviews and great information about things happening at Magee and beyond. The blog also includes a special Ask a Peer section where users will have the opportunity to ask our peer mentors questions about living with a disability, from travel tips to advice to caregiver support.

Visit believe@Magee today at blog.mageerehab.org.
YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!

We are recruiting new members to the Patient and Family advisory Council. The mission of the Magee Patient and Family Advisory Council is to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities by helping foster and continually improve the culture of patient- and family-centered care at Magee. The council focuses primarily on customer service, with the intent to improve things such as the admission and discharge processes and the general level of collaboration between patients, families and staff.

Goals of the Council

- Promote patient- and family-centered care and improve satisfaction with services
- Help to enhance patient safety by channeling information, needs, and concerns to staff and administration
- Serve as an advisory resource to administration and staff
- Promote improved relationships and communication between patients, family, and staff
- Provide a venue for patients and families to collaborate as partners with staff, physicians, and administration in the planning and operation of specific programs and in the development of new facilities and programs
- Provide input into the educational program for staff
- Provide opportunities for staff to listen to their customers
- Further enhance the relationship between our facilities and the communities we serve

Membership

The council shall be comprised of a diverse group of 8-10 patients and family members, who represent a variety of clinical experiences, and 6-10 staff members, representing administrative and clinical areas. The length of council term for patients and families will be limited to a maximum of 2 years. Terms for half of the members will expire each year, and terms should end within four years of discharge, at the longest. The intention is to bring on a group of 5 new members every 6 months, so that feedback is always reflective of recent patient experiences. If a former patient and his or her family member are both on the council, then they will collectively register one vote.

The group is led by a chairperson and an assistant chairperson who are elected by the entire group from among the patient and family participants. Magee provides a group facilitator who remains “content neutral” and assists the group by encouraging collaborative decision making and providing other logistical support such as scheduling meetings, recording decisions, and tracking open agenda items.

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled six times per year in the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November, on dates and times that are convenient for the majority of the members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council, or for additional information, contact Meg Rider, Guest Relations and Volunteer Services Manager, at 215-587-3186 or mridor@mageerehab.org. To download an application to be considered for the Council, please visit www.mageerehab.org and click on the Caregivers & Patients tab.

WANTED: COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAGEE’S INFECTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE

If you have interest or expertise and are able to assist our Infection Prevention Committee in the prevention of infection at Magee, we would love to hear from you. Input from former patients and other community stakeholders is needed. Your perspective as a health care consumer is invaluable to us, as we work to determine the best courses of action in the prevention and treatment of infections at Magee.

The committee meets six times per year at the Hospital, usually on the first Thursday of the month, from 1-2 pm. (Feb, Apr, June, August, Oct, Dec.)

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carol Vinci at 215-587-3333 or cvinci@mageerehab.org.

WANTED: COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAGEE’S SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

We are looking for community members with interest and/or experience in performance improvement or safety to participate on our Safety and Quality Committee. This inter-disciplinary committee meets monthly, usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 12-1:30. The perspective of community members is extremely valuable as we review safety data and make decisions about process changes and priorities.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Karen Ayres at 215-587-3451 or kayres@mageerehab.org.