

Welcome New Staff



South Nassau Hospital has named Lisa Giron, R.N., nurse manager of D1/Surgical Step-Down Unit.

Lisa Giron, R.N.

Ms. Giron previously worked at North Shore-Long Island Jewish-Forest Hills Hospital as an assistant director of nursing in the medical/surgical and telemetry units and as a charge nurse in Women & Children's Health at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell Weill Medical Center.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Hunter College-Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing and an associate's degree from Catholic Medical Center School of Nursing in Fresh Meadows.



South Nassau Hospital has named Mary Pizzingrillo, N.P., director of Geriatric Program Development.

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As a geriatric nurse practitioner, Ms. Pizzingrillo directs the development of the geriatric program, including its palliative care component, and is responsible for the development of clinical pathways and educational inservice for nursing staff. Prior to joining South Nassau, she served as an adjunct instructor at Adelphi University.

Ms. Pizzingrillo brings to South Nassau 20 years of combined nursing, nurse practitioner and management experience.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Herbert H. Lehman College and a master's degree in nursing from the College of Mount St. Vincent. She was also certified as an adult and family nurse practitioner at Molloy College.

In her spare time she writes a column on senior health for *50+ LifeStyles*, a monthly newspaper for Long Island Seniors published by FCT Associates in Bellport.

Movin' On Up



South Nassau has promoted Lori Saunders, R.N., to nurse manager of the F3/Oncology Unit.

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Ms. Saunders began her nursing career at South Nassau as a staff nurse in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and subsequently assumed the role of assistant nurse manager for PACU and the D1/Surgical step-down unit. She has served as the assistant nurse manager on the Oncology Unit since 2007.

In her new role, she oversees the day-to-day operations of a 26-bed inpatient unit and a dedicated six-bed outpatient unit for chemotherapy and blood transfusions.

Ms. Saunders earned a bachelor's degree from Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York, graduating magna cum laude, and is certified in cancer chemotherapy and biotherapy from the Oncology Nursing Society.



South Nassau has named Susan Wu, M.D., chairwoman of the Department of Pathology and Clinical Laboratories.

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Dr. Wu has served as assistant director of the Clinical Laboratories since March 2008, and an associate pathologist since 2002.

In her new role, she oversees all seven divisions within the laboratory and defines, implements and monitors accepted standards of performance in quality assurance and cost effectiveness of the laboratory.

Dr. Wu completed a residency in pathology at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., where she served as chief resident. Additionally, she completed fellowship training in surgical oncologic pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and in cytopathology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

New Roles & Transitions



South Nassau Hospital has named Lori Edelman, R.N., assistant director of performance improvement.

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In her role, she will assist in South Nassau's initiatives to maintain high quality evidence-based practice in patient care while ensuring that the data collected to validate the hospital's processes meets the requirements of regulatory agencies such as the Joint Commission.

Ms. Edelman, who joined the South Nassau staff in 1977, worked in the Coronary Care Unit and Emergency Department until 1983. In 1987 she returned to South Nassau and worked per diem in the Emergency Department and IV Team until March 2002, when she was appointed assistant nurse manager of the Emergency Department. In July 2002 she was promoted to co-nurse manager of the department.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Molloy College.

In Memoriam

Ellen Novembre, Long-time Volunteer, 86



Volunteer Ellen Novembre

Ellen Novembre, a volunteer at South Nassau since 1995, who was known throughout the hospital for her cheerful readiness to take on tasks big or small, has died.

Ms. Novembre died February 17 at the age of 86 from kidney cancer at her Baldwin home, said her sister Dorothy Sharer, also a longtime South Nassau volunteer.

She grew up in Manhattan and in 1963 moved to Baldwin with her husband, Joseph, and their two children. A couple of years after her husband died in the early 1990s, she followed in her sister Dorothy's footsteps and donned the pink and white pinafore of the South Nassau volunteer.

"Any time we were working together at the hospital, she would always call me the boss," said younger sister Dorothy, also of