

# THE SPECIALIST

## EDITION HIGHLIGHTS

**4** **COLLABORATION**  
NYCBS & Advantage  
Care Physicians Unite

**8** **FROM**  
COVID to  
Vaccine

**16** **FRANK'S STORY**  
TLC and NYCBS  
A patient's story



NEW YORK  
CANCER & BLOOD  
SPECIALISTS

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

## My Friends,

It is so easy to connect Spring with hope, as it is the most positive season of the entire year. It is a time when we feel awakened to invite action, inspiration, and new commitments into our lives.

After a challenging year, I am so proud of our staff, who successfully launched a COVID-19 vaccine clinic, bringing a total of vaccinated employees and patients to more than 500. The vaccines offer hope for a brighter future and to our family and friends so that we can get back to safely doing the things we love with the people we love.

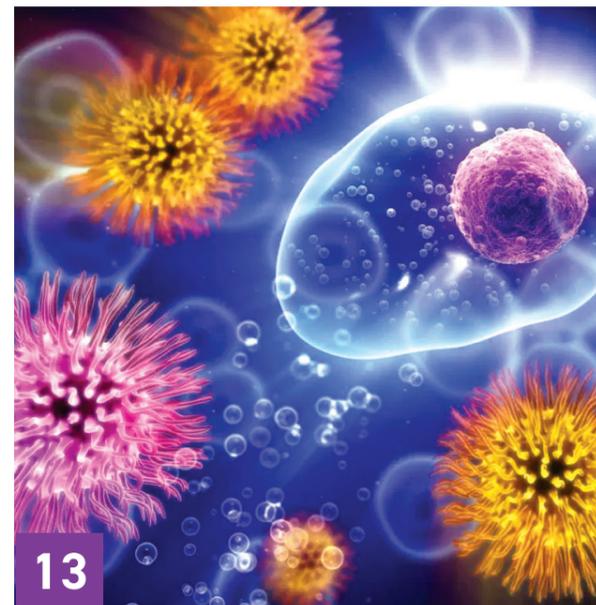
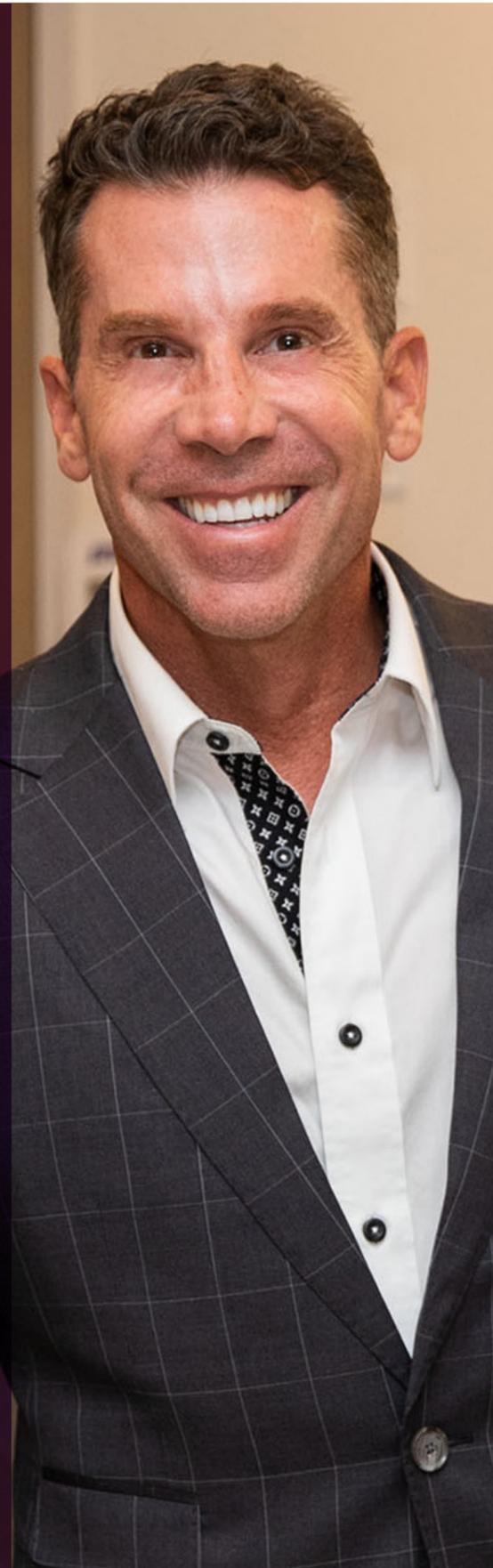
It is an exciting time as we look forward to upcoming events, like our Clinical Education Conference and our annual Patient Appreciation Day at Bald Hill this summer when patients and their families have a chance to mingle with friends old and new. Hosting this event is just one of the ways to show how much our patients mean to us.

Taking care of our patients is the best feeling in the world. The relationships we build extend outside the exam room and often lead to showing up for one another in surprising ways. In this edition of The Specialist, two patients share their uplifting stories of compassion, communication, and a lot of tender, loving care. It's stories like these that inspire us every day to provide the best cancer care.

With so many ways to embrace the hopeful nature of April, elevate your outlook and allow Spring's positivity to rejuvenate you with each nourishing rain shower, blooming bulb, and sparkle of green.

Warm regards,

**Dr. V**



<b>Collaboration</b>	<b>04</b>
NYCBS and AdvantageCare Physicians Unite	
<b>Esophageal Infographic</b>	<b>06</b>
A detailed chart showcasing numerous esophageal cancer facts	
<b>From COVID to Vaccine</b>	<b>08</b>
Article written by Sarah Gould	
<b>Taking Care of Your Immune System</b>	<b>13</b>
Article written by Sarah Gould	
<b>Mike's Story - The Gift of Gab</b>	<b>15</b>
A cancer patient's story with a Twist	
<b>Franks Story - TLC and NYCBS</b>	<b>16</b>
A cancer patient's story	
<b>Legacy Review</b>	<b>19</b>
What all of us can leave behind for those that follow	

<b>The Bulletin</b>	<b>20</b>
A quick look at what is going on	
<b>NY Imaging's New Equipment</b>	<b>22</b>
proud to announce the addition of AIR Recon DL to their MRI system	
<b>What's New in IT?</b>	<b>24</b>
connect with the technicians who connect us all	
<b>Employee of the Month</b>	<b>25</b>
See who took the top spot	
<b>New Hires</b>	<b>26</b>
See who joined the team Conquering Cancer	
<b>Open Positions</b>	<b>27</b>
Know anyone who wants to joining a winning team?	

# NYCBS and AdvantageCare Physicians COLLABORATE to Advance Comprehensive Oncology Care

New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS), one of the leading oncology practices in the nation, announced it has teamed with AdvantageCare Physicians (ACPNY), one of New York's largest primary and specialty care practices, to strengthen the comprehensive care model for hematology-oncology in the New York area.

"We are proud to team up with NYCBS, which has committed to providing patients with quality, comprehensive cancer treatment," said Dr. Navarra Rodriguez, Chief Medical Officer of ACPNY. "Our aim of caring for the community directly connects with the NYCBS' mission of conquering cancer close to home. Together, we have the opportunity to serve our communities better."

ACPNY's comprehensive care model, which focuses on "caring for the whole patient"- from wellness and preventative care to chronic disease management all under one roof aligns with NYCBS's value-based and patient-centered approach. By joining forces, ACPNY will find a unique path to treatment with comprehensive support. NYCBS will further its mission to exceed comprehensive care initiatives across the entire cancer care continuum.

"We look forward to building a great collaboration with ACPNY," said Jeff Vacirca, MD, CEO of New York Cancer & Blood Specialists. "This will ensure the continuity of care that the ACPNY patients have come to expect from their wonderful providers, and at the same time, enable their patients to have the advantages brought to them by one of the nation's largest oncology networks and the region's most dedicated cancer care providers."

NYCBS will begin providing health care services at ACPNY's Forest Hills office and will then roll out across other ACPNY sites throughout New York.

## About New York Cancer & Blood Specialists:

New York Cancer & Blood Specialists is committed to our patients. We are dedicated to providing each patient with a unique path to treatment and unmatched support. We strive to make quality, comprehensive cancer care available to each and every patient throughout New York.

## About AdvantageCare Physicians:

AdvantageCare Physicians, one of the largest primary and specialty care practices in the New York area, provides quality, personalized care that is focused on the whole patient. With more than 40 medical offices across the five boroughs and Long Island, AdvantageCare Physicians takes a team-based approach to care where physicians work with nurses, social workers, nutritionists, behavioral health specialists, and other professionals.

\*BronxDocs is an affiliate of AdvantageCare Physicians in the Bronx.



**NEW YORK  
CANCER & BLOOD  
SPECIALISTS**

**AdvantageCare**  
PHYSICIANS



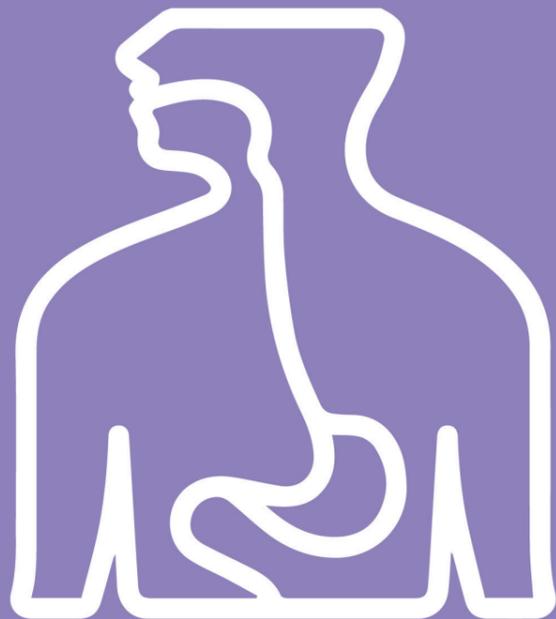
**COMPREHENSIVE WITHOUT COMPROMISE**



## ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

Esophageal cancer occurs when cancer cells develop in the esophagus, a tube-like structure that runs from your throat to your stomach. Food goes from the mouth to the stomach through the esophagus. The cancer starts at the inner layer of the esophagus and can spread throughout the other layers of the esophagus and to other parts of the body.

### RISK FACTORS



SMOKING



ALCOHOL



GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GERD)



STEADY HABIT OF DRINKING VERY HOT LIQUIDS



BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

### PREVENTION TIPS



NO SMOKING



BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE



EAT HEALTHY



STOP DRINKING

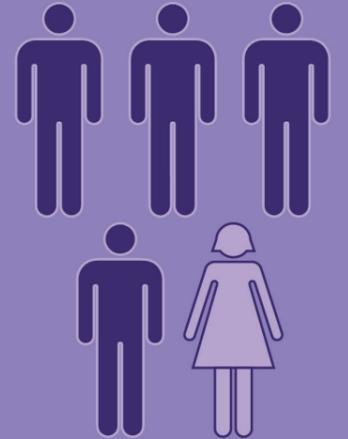
**1 IN 125 MEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED IN THEIR LIFETIME IN THE UNITED STATES**

### THE NUMBERS

# 18,440

ESTIMATED NEW CASES WILL **BE DIAGNOSED BY 2020**

**4 OUT OF 5** ESOPHAGEAL CANCER DIAGNOSES OCCUR IN MEN



### TREATMENT



TARGETED DRUG THERAPY



SURGERY



CHEMOTHERAPY



IMMUNOTHERAPY



RADIATION THERAPY

FROM

# COVID *to* VACCINE

The coronavirus was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. Among the patient groups who were at the highest risk for severe illness were immunocompromised cancer patients. Amid the challenges, COVID-19 presented New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS) with an opportunity to demonstrate resilience in the face of change.

Ensuring the continuity of care for patients was NYCBS's priority. By rapidly adapting to expand capabilities and infrastructure to advance clinical services, patients never had to forgo treatment. The office lobbies displayed large COVID-19 signs, showing compliance with State and Federal regulations. NYCBS provided branded masks to staff and on-site COVID-19 testing to patients and staff. Drive-up testing was also offered outside of the offices so that patients could get tested safely in their cars.

The practice took preventive measures such as temperature checks, sanitized station areas, and launched a Telehealth program for patients, allowing them to communicate with their provider in the comfort of their own home using a personal computer with a webcam or smart mobile device.

In December, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the first emergency use authorization for a vaccine to prevent the coronavirus disease. The distribution process began in phases, and the practice patiently awaited their first allotment to start administering the vaccine to patients and staff.

Nearly four months later, NYCBS received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and vaccinated over 200 employees and patients in two days. The appointment registration process was simple; patients could book an appointment for their first dose through an online portal. Patients at the office were able to scan a QR code to check for appointment availability. Patients made their second dose appointments on-site.

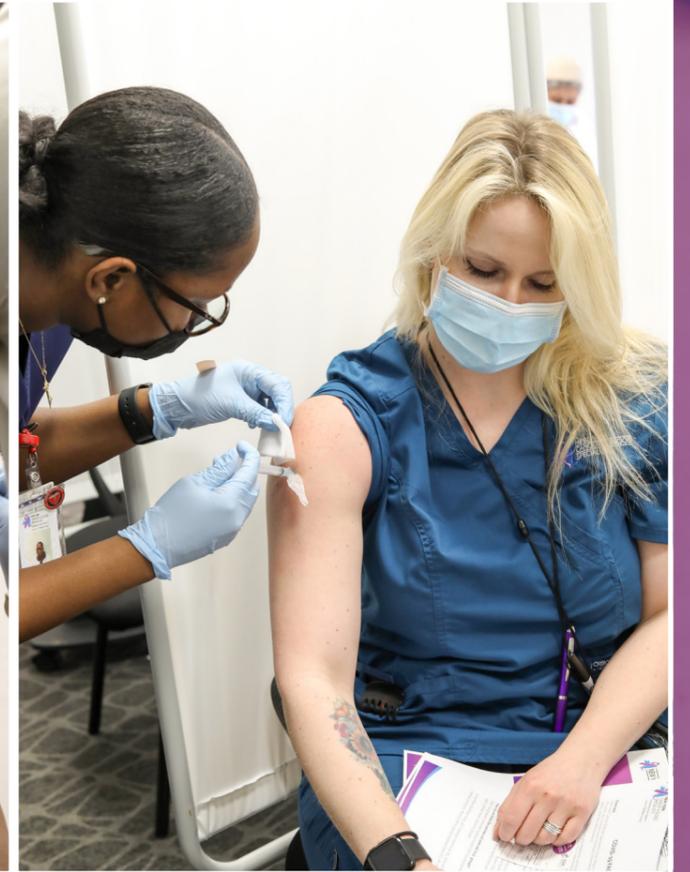
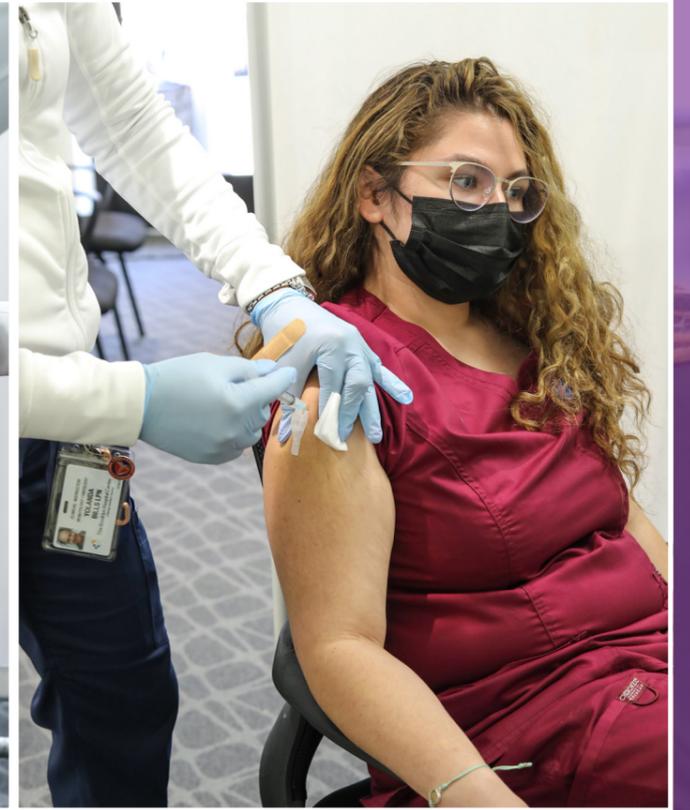
NYCBS thoroughly cleaned the vaccination stations between patients and fully complied with state guidelines and regulations. After receiving their shots, patients celebrated by taking vaccine selfies and photos at the provided selfie station, turning the vaccine from a faceless and scary thing into hope.

The company displayed excellent teamwork from doctors, MAs, NPs/PAs to everyone who played a role in making the vaccine distribution successful because of their diligence and hard work.



**TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR VACCINE**  
PLEASE SCAN





TAKING CARE OF YOUR

# IMMUNE SYSTEM

Is there something you can do nutritionally to boost your immune function? The idea of this is universally appealing. Even before the pandemic, people searched for a superfood or supplement to boost, supercharge, and build up immunity. Now amid a pandemic, it's even more prevalent.

New York Cancer & Blood Specialists' Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Wendy Kaplan weighs in on immune boosters' reality. "Your immune system needs key nutrients to function at its best, but it's so incredibly complex and not as simple as eating a single superfood or taking a supplement. A single food or supplement cannot boost your immune system and prevent or cure illness," Kaplan said.

Good nutrition is vital during cancer treatment to improve immune response. While there's no shortage of products claiming to help, buzz marketing mixed in with fragments of scientific truth makes it easy to fall victim to false claims of hope. "Cancer patients are especially vulnerable to such promises as they seek ways to counteract their immunosuppressive treatments. They may not realize that taking supplements during cancer treatment can lessen the treatment's efficacy or cause toxicities, warns Kaplan.

Simply stated, the best thing to do is to include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, and seeds along with lean proteins, low-fat dairy, omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, sardines, mackerel), and probiotics (Kefir, yogurt, kimchi) most days. Plant foods also contain phytochemicals, and when you eat them, you receive their immune-supporting bioactive compounds.

Bottom line? Choose a variety of healthy foods most of the time and take care of your body and soul! Excess stress, in addition to a poor diet, can wreak havoc on your immune system. The new 2020-2025 Dietary Guideline for Americans recommends striving for an 85/15 pattern and consuming nutrient-rich foods at least 85% of the time vs. "discretionary" foods 15% (or less). There are no guarantees for a better immune system, but good nutrition is a surefire way to arm yourself with the best possible immune defense.

**FUN FACT:** The immune system is a complex fighting system powered by five liters of blood and lymph (a clear and colorless liquid that passes throughout the tissues of the body). Together, these two fluids transport all the elements of the immune system so they can do their jobs.

## THE GIFT OF GAB

## MIKE'S STORY

By Sarah Gould

**Mike Twist has had his fair share of doctor visits. The 62-year-old former smoker has experienced quite a few health scares, surgeries, and nine days of being in a coma. So when his pulmonologist was unsure of findings at a regular follow-up visit, Mike was sent to New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS), where the gift of gab would be one of the foundational secrets to his success.**

"I've been lucky, and the doctors that I find have great senses of humor and personalities. Sometimes I talk a lot, and we connect," Mike said.

Mike remembers meeting NYCBS oncologist Dr. David Chu for the first time. Dr. Chu told him why he got into the profession due to his personal history of losing his grandmother and how embedded he was in helping patients with cancer. He didn't want another family to go through what he did. To that end, Mike said to himself, "I like this guy," and instantly, they formed a deep personal relationship.

Diagnosed with advanced-stage lung cancer, Dr. Chu referred him to a thoracic surgeon, but he was not a surgical candidate, given the tumor's location. So, Dr. Chu instructed Mike to undergo six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, where he met chemo infusion nurses Laura and Jaime. And once again, he connected with them. "Their loving, caring nature set me at ease. They were abundantly professional," he recalls.

When Laura met Mike, he came in for his first chemotherapy treatment and immediately made her laugh. She could tell he was nervous, so she tried to do whatever she could to make him feel more comfortable. They talked about their lives, families and tried to see who could make the other laugh the most. They would fist bump whenever they saw each other, and even if he were not her patient that day, she would make sure she took the time to chat with him. His positive attitude and his great sense of humor won her over right away.

Jaime also recalls the instant connection. "He's a jokester with a contagious laugh, and he's not shy," she said. "I remember the day of his last treatment, I was his nurse, and I happened to bake cookies for the infusion staff. Laura walked right up to him and said, "You HAVE to have one of her cookies." Mike proceeded to rub his stomach and say, "Well, bring it on over. I never say no to a cookie." He wound up having three!"

After experiencing multiple surgeries, coma, and now cancer, Mike takes notice of the meaning of his relationships with family and friends, like Dr. Chu, Laura, and Jaime. He believes there are no coincidences in life but rather a reason for everyone you meet. Mike was acutely aware of the difference in the care he received from NYCBS. Previous places treated him poorly. "NYCBS treated me like a human being instead of a burden," he expressed.

Mike's wife had been a cancer patient at an academic medical center, where they treated her with an attitude of indifference. Her treatments began while he was in a coma. "She was fighting cancer trying to save her own life while trying to keep me alive," he said. "My life is a testament to my wife and the folks who have touched me like Dr. Chu, Laura, and Jaime."

Mike's gift of gab has turned strangers into acquaintances and acquaintances into friends and family, which he now considers NYCBS. His relationship with his care team has extended outside of the exam room.

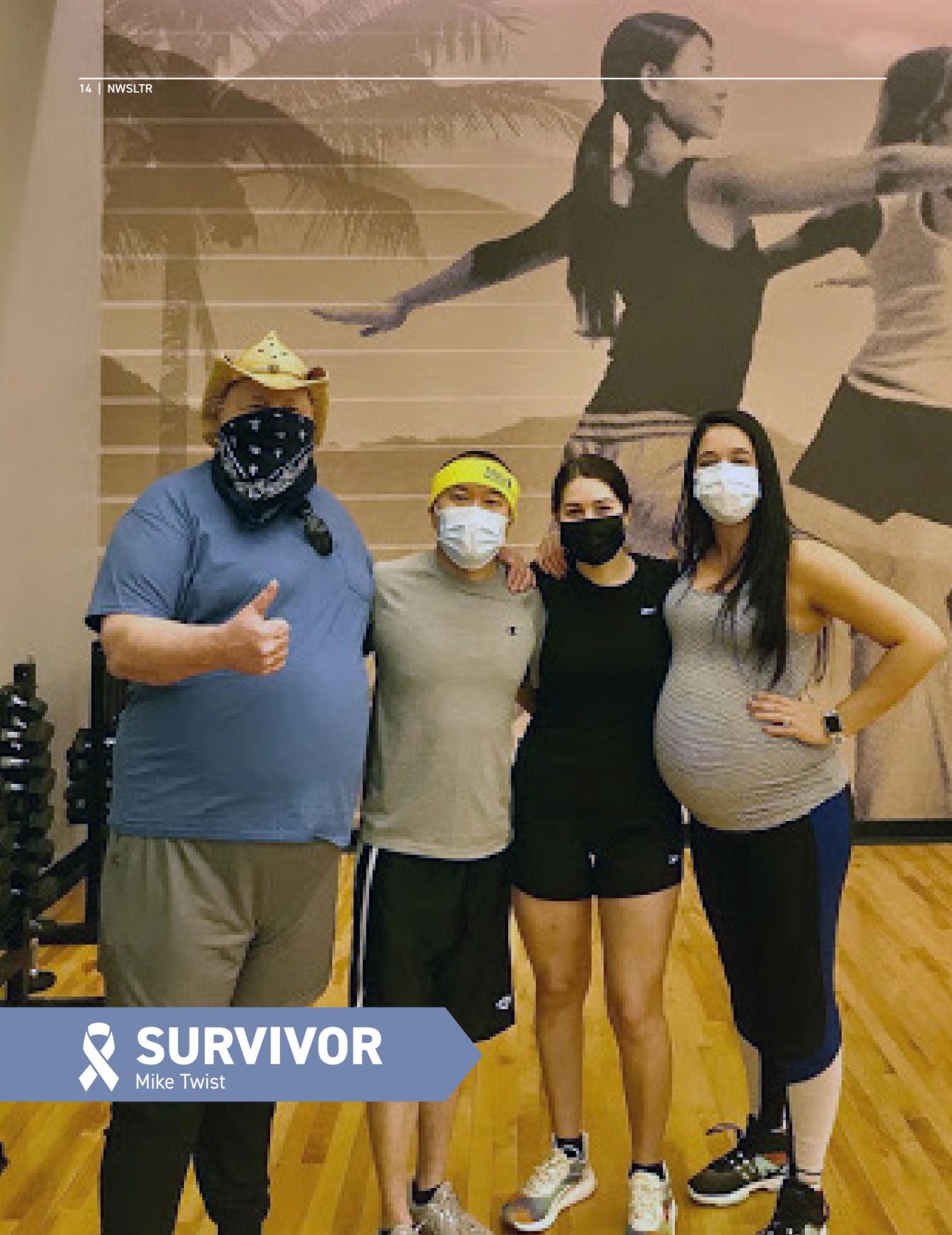
Mike is a LA Fitness member, where he takes advantage of the water aerobics class and swimming pool. One day he talked to Dr. Chu about his fitness regimen, and Dr. Chu informed him that Laura, who is 33 weeks pregnant, also instructs a Zumba class there and that they should get Jaime in on a surprise visit.

The week it was planned for, Mike came to infusion, and as soon as Laura was out of earshot, he called Jaime over, gave her a fist bump, and said, "Are you excited for Sunday?"

On the Zumba class day, Jaime got Laura out of the room so Dr. Chu and Mike could get in there undetected. When they walked back in, they doubled over laughing. They saw Dr. Chu in a signature gym headband, and Mike had on a straw hat with chips and salsa in his hands. He asked everyone, "Is this the salsa class?" His wife came too to record it and meet everyone for the first time.

Mike laughed at the hilarity of the situation. "I'm 6'2, 325 pounds," he said. "The women in the class had no idea why this clown was coming in wearing a cowboy hat, bandana, and sunglasses. It was awesome, and Laura was speechless."

The bond between Mike and his care team isn't something you can find at any cancer center. Still, it is the critical differentiator and care model of NYCBS: Treating patients like family and creating priceless moments to conquer cancer together.



**SURVIVOR**  
Mike Twist

TLC at NYCBS

# FRANK'S STORY

By Sarah Gould

**It's been 22 years since Francis (Frank) Martinis lost his wife to breast cancer. The high school sweethearts had a wonderful marriage, family, and everything they had ever hoped for until the dreaded disease took her life. For 25 years, prayers gave them the strength to get through the difficulties of her treatments at an academic medical center, often feeling lost in a big machine.**

Naturally, those vulnerable times have been turning over in his head ever since. The repressed memories resurfaced when the 75-year-old retired police officer was diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer.

Frank had a small lesion for about a year and a half that he noticed was itchy. He went to the dermatologist to get it checked out, and they performed a shave biopsy that came back consistent with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. His dermatologist referred him to New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS) oncologist Dr. Alfredo Torres for evaluation. After thoroughly reviewing Frank's blood work, Dr. Torres sent him for a PET scan. The scan showed a lung lesion, and the fears from all those years cropped up again.

Dr. Torres referred Frank to a thoracic surgeon for a lobectomy. It was the best-case scenario; the textbook surgery went well, and the surgeon removed the lobe. The only concern was a cell that could turn cancerous in the future, so Dr. Torres recommended four chemotherapy sessions. Frank looked at Dr. Torres and said, "I thought you said there was no cancer." Dr. Torres reassured him that he would be fine; the treatments would be mild.

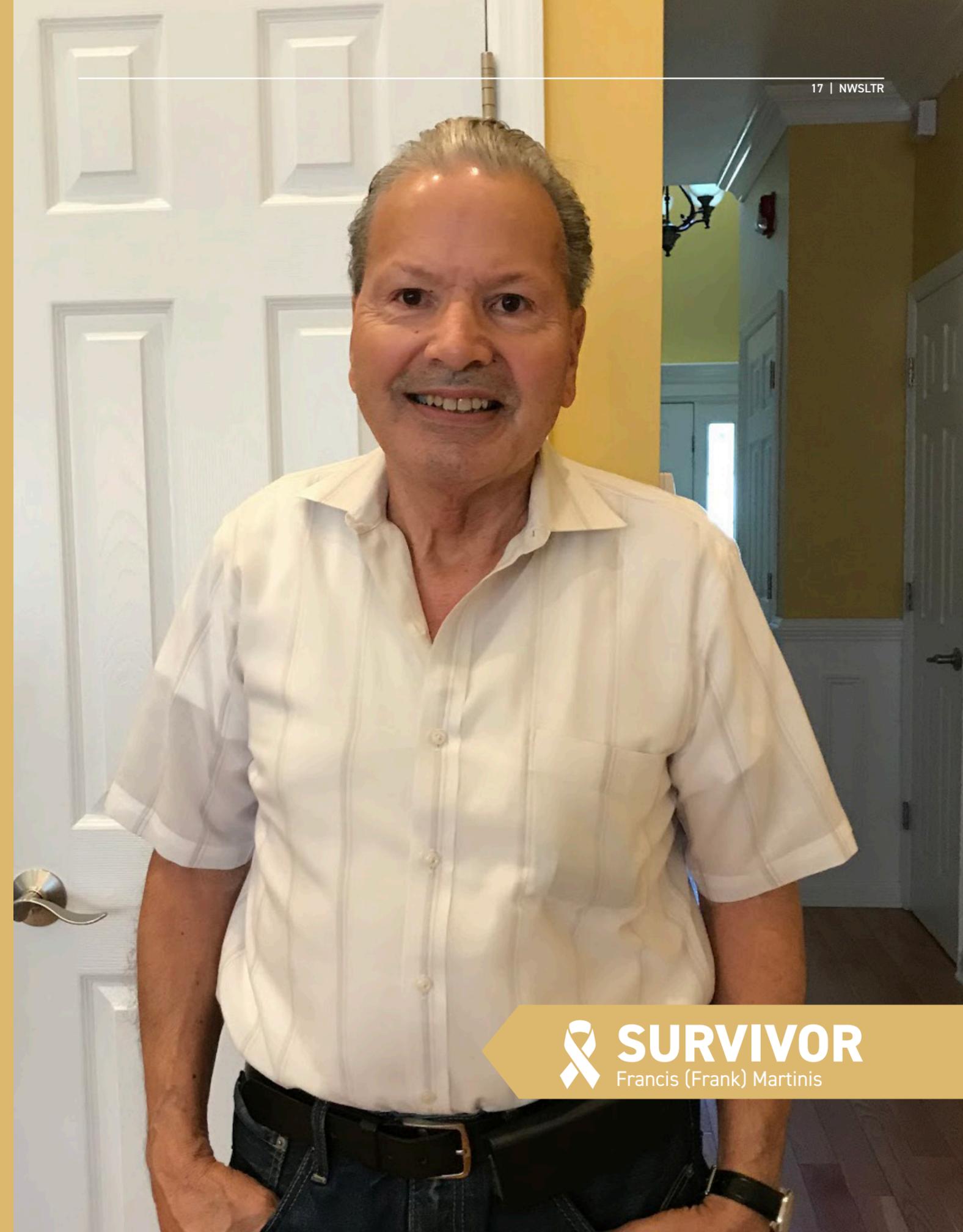
Frank, a nonsmoker, tried to find a reason for its happening. He thought back to all his years standing in the middle of a big intersection of the city directing traffic for four or five hours inhaling exhausts and, by the end of his tour, blowing his nose into a tissue, black from the soot. "We used to laugh about it like it was a joke," he remembered.

So, every three weeks, Frank would go to NYCBS for treatment. He felt as relaxed as he would at his own house. He explained, "It was very unusual because when I was with my wife, I could feel the hair on my neck. At NYCBS, I feel like I'm dealing with my family. They make you feel like you're the only patient they have."

He continued, "Dr. Torres was so kind. He spoke to me very calmly, listened to everything I was scared of, and had a wonderful bedside manner. I felt safe with him. Everybody in the office cared, and I'll tell you, you can go to the best doctor in the world, but you might not survive it mentally if he's like a machine. You need 'TLC,' and that's what I found at NYCBS."

Now that Frank has finished treatments, he receives calls every month to see how he's doing. "I can't say enough about NYCBS, how grateful I am that my doctor sent me there, and how lucky I was to have Dr. Torres," he said. "I was so glad to be treated close to home in an environment where I felt relaxed. They made it doable. They made it survivable."

Though Frank still struggles with the fear of cancer, prayers give him the strength to power through his days. He doesn't need many bells and whistles to be happy. He finds joy running errands, doing stuff around his house, spending time with his children and girlfriend, and just enjoying the little things in life.



 **SURVIVOR**  
Francis (Frank) Martinis



**“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy” - unknown**

# Legacy Review

By MaryAnn Fragola, DNP

Patients diagnosed with serious illnesses often contemplate their purpose and meaning in life. They frequently mention worry for their family members once they are gone. As individuals face end-of-life thoughts, it is not uncommon for them to question whether others will remember them and if their life or death has had any meaning.

Patients want to know that their spirit will live on; they desire to leave their mark with funny stories and good recollections. They continue to have transcendental hope that their lives will last beyond death in the memories they have created. Existential or spiritual matters tend to have more importance in the face of serious illness. Exploration of life's purpose brings thoughts about leaving a legacy. These feelings elicit a search for meaning and establishment of one's reason for being. It is essential to them that they know that their life mattered. We all have a purpose in life, and a life review allows reflection on just that.

A legacy is the need or desire to have others remember you for what you have contributed to the world after you have passed away. Legacy work allows the opportunity for seriously ill patients to tell their stories. A legacy review is somewhat of a new approach to therapeutic healing in palliative care.

Legacy work is a tool to mitigate distress, one that provides a valuable sense of contentment, gratitude, hope, meaning, and resilience for patients. It can address unfinished business and create a sense of connectedness among patients, families, and loved ones.

There are many ways to create legacy projects or a legacy life review. Typical methods can include art, music, photo albums, writing stories, or poetry. Scrapbooking, letter writing, video recordings are also ways to create a legacy gift. Making keepsake gifts, shadow boxes, collages, and even cookbooks will keep memories alive. Planting a memorial garden can be very therapeutic to someone knowing that it will last for years. It can be personalized or professional, based on the individual's wants and needs. Creating legacy projects can provide shared, beautiful moments for patients, families, and friends even when joyful moments may seem limited.

Most importantly, these legacy projects can remind patients that they are more than just the illness they battle. Assisting in preserving personal memories is essential. Patients process ideas such as their meaning in life, maintaining their sense of control, and fostering acceptance and reconciliation.

Research has noted that reminiscing impacted psychological resources such as social support, control, coping, meaning in life, and self-esteem. This type of work is a form of therapy demonstrated to increase well-being effectively and decrease depression. It promotes social interaction, family communication and focuses on positive times or events in their lives.

Patients create a legacy document that records their most cherished memories, their lessons learned in life, as well as their hopes and dreams for loved ones in the future. For the bereaved, legacy work or tangible objects can be a way to hold onto the memory of a lost loved one physically.

The primary principle in palliative care is the holistic treatment of the whole person and family, encompassing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. Interventions such as those described here are necessary for the holistic approach of palliative care to improve patients' well-being.

We all have a part in helping patients to accomplish this. Listen to their stories, allow them to reflect on their life, and create positive, meaningful experiences in the face of illness.

# The Bulletin Board

## Social Work Highlights

As National Social Work Month is coming to a close, the social work department has increased outreach services addressing each patient's emotional and social needs. This has fostered a supportive treatment plan. Additionally, the social work department has expanded with a new Palliative Care Social Worker, Jason Blecher. We are excited for him to join our team. There are ongoing referrals to the New York Cancer Foundation, and we are working to identify additional resources and linkages for patients. Last, we have 22+ medical marijuana certifications completed in March.

## Supportive & Palliative Care

This month, the Supportive and Palliative Care team has gained our dedicated social worker, Jason Blecher, LCSW. He will be starting to see patients in the middle of April. We are excited to have him join our team, to improve support to the patients and their families.

## Quote of the Month

*"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have." - Cayla Mills.*

## Review of The Month

"Donna Caceres, one of the nurses, is amazing and kind. She has such good people skills and makes you feel so relaxed before she gives you a shot. Ask for her!" - Anna J.

## New Faces and Colleagues Moving Up!

**Madison Nelin** is moving from the Call Center to Reception.

**Quartul Sultan** (Annie) is moving from the Call Center to TCM/Hospital Coordination for PCP.

**Elizabeth Day, LCSW**, Director of Social Work

**Yaakov Perlstein, MSN, FNP**, was a chemo nurse at CPHO and will now be an NP at our ACP/ Brooklyn sites.

**Tammy Bloom, RN, MSN, FNPc**, our new rounding NP at NSLIJ for the evening shift.

**Lisa Persico, PA-C**, will join our Breast Health division in Great Neck.

**Karen Belleh, MS, RPA-C** - has joined our oncology team and will be working with Dr. Yelda Nouri.

## Upcoming Holiday Events

Oncology Nursing Month (Month of May)

Mother's Day (May 9)

NYCBS Clinical Education Conference (May 1)

National Receptionists' Day (May 12)

National Nurses Day (May 6)

Memorial Day (May 31)

National Nurses Week (May 6-12)

## Years of Service with NYCBS

**DELEO, DAWN E.**

**23**

**CRAFA, THERESA M.**

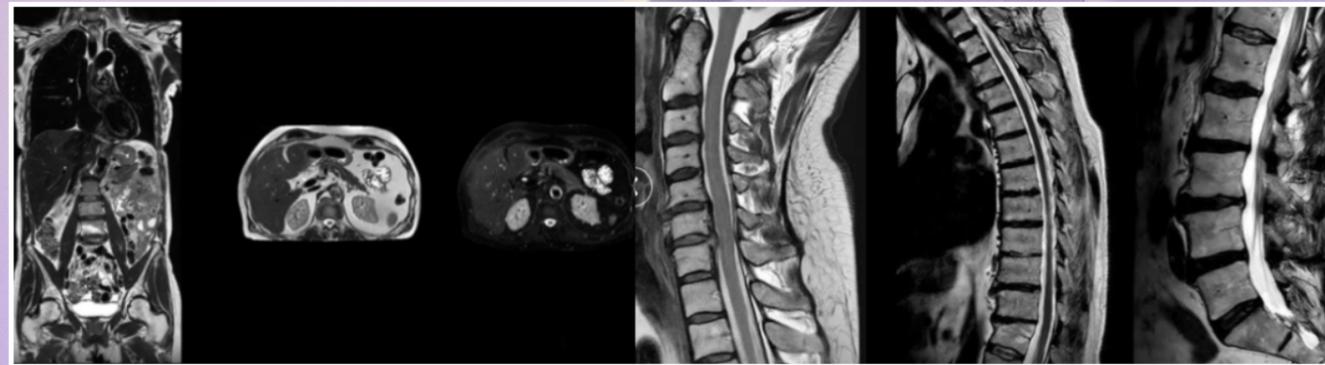
**11**

**CURRIE, CARISSA A.**

**10**

**NY Imaging is proud to announce the addition of AIR Recon DL to their MRI system.**

This state-of-the-art upgrade is only in a select few imaging centers across the country. Air Recon DL enables higher resolution of images, thinner slices, and shorter scan times. In cases where breath holds are prescribed, these times can be reduced to a more tolerable duration, of the total number of breath holds can be reduced. Patients that have severe back pain are required to be on the MRI table for substantially less time. This upgrade is a phenomenal option we get to offer our patients.





## What's new in IT?

Our IT department has been upgrading numerous items throughout the month, including:

- Hiring a city intern to help with the daily IT tasks.
- Recently refreshed the Bronx office at ECCC with brand new computers.
- Updated all the phones in CPHO and currently replacing all the old computers and laptops.
- We are replacing old network equipment to match our current standard equipment.
- We are preparing to test new network technologies to enhance internal network connectivity.
- Evaluating Two-Factor Authentication vendors to help strengthen company security remote access.

# Employee of the Month



## *Congratulations to Michelle Sta Cruz as our Employee of the Month!*

The April Employee of the Month goes to Patient Navigator Michelle Sta Cruz. Michelle began working at NYCBS in September of 2016 as Dr. Vacirca's Executive Assistant. Before joining the team, Michelle worked in New York City for 15 years as an Executive Assistant for Luxury Goods and Jewelry.

Michelle loves working for the practice and the continuous room for growth. When the Wellness/Physical Therapy Department began, Michelle was offered the position and gladly accepted. Every day Michelle learns something new and feels like she is making a difference.

Michelle is responsible for the White Glove infusions, scheduling appointments for patients from other practices such as Stony Brook and Gastro offices. She is happy to have a wonderful mentor in Nicole Gregory (CAO), who trusts her with new projects and assignments that helped broaden her knowledge of the practice. Michelle has been an asset at NYCBS for 4.5 years and feels like part of the family.

Michelle said, "Being recognized as Employee of the Month is amazing. I go to work every day knowing I am making a difference in someone's life. The patients are wonderful! They may be going through so much in their lives, but they show up for their treatments, doctor's appointments, wellness appointments. I know all their names, and they like that."

She has a Bachelor's in Business Administration from The University of Santo Tomas. In her free time, she likes to travel the world and hang out at the beach with her son and husband. Michelle believes it's best to smile, be happy, be kind, and wear something fun! (Can't take fashion away from her after all!)

# New Hires

## March



**Alice Corwin** (Office Manager)

**Alisha Ortiz** (Call Center)

**Alyssa Amonte** (RN)

**Angela Beauzile** (LPN)

**Angela Joseph** (RN)

**Ashante Jackson** (Call Center)

**Arianna Castagna** (Navigator)

**Beverly Diamante** (Lab MA)

**Caleb Bowcock** (Call Center)

**Chelsea Walters**

(Receptionist)

**Christine Alexander**

(Financial Counselor)

**Christine Hollander** (Lead MA)

**Crystal Kalil** (Lab MA)

**Elizabeth Day** (Director)

**Emelin Santana** (Lab MA)

**Erika Torres** (Receptionist)

**Evelyn Aponte** (Lab MA)

**Folashade Griffin** (LPN)

**Gul Khan** (PA)

**Hannah Major** (Lab MA)

**Jason Bleacher**

(Palliative Care)

**Joselyn Velasquez** (MA)

**Joyann Boxill** (Lab MA)

**Katherine Hickey**

(Ultrasound Tech)

**Karen Belleh** (PA)

**Latia Stewart** (Lab Assistant)

**Matthew Bowden**

(Receptionist)

**Monica Guaraca** (Lab MA)

**Maria Econs** (Call Center)

**Michael Yagual** (Call Center)

**Neddy Ramos** (Lab MA)

**Nicholas Della Rocca**

(Call Center)

**Nicole Dixon** (LPN)

**Rebecca Robles** (LPN)

**Rejeana Dorcin**

(Triage RN)

**Renay Morgan** (LPN)

**Ruth Morgan**

(Chief of Research)

**Stephanie Au** (RN)

**Tanya Gonzalez** (MA)

**Tiffani Roman**

(Receptionist)

**Victoria Marshall**

(CT Technologist)

# Open Positions

## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## CAT SCAN (CT) TECHNOLOGIST

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPN)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## MEDICAL FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## REGISTERED NURSES (BSN/RN'S)

Contact: Julia Harwood  
[jharwood@nycancer.com](mailto:jharwood@nycancer.com)

## MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST PM SHIFT

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[akinstler@nycancer.com](mailto:akinstler@nycancer.com)

## PET/CT SCANNER (FULL TIME/PART TIME/PER DIEM)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## FLOW TECHNICIAN

Port Jefferson Station Medical Oncology  
Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## STAFF HEMATOLOGIST/MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST

Needed Brooklyn, NY at our Brooklyn Hospital Location  
Contact: Eric Jackson  
[eric.jackson@oneoncology.com](mailto:eric.jackson@oneoncology.com)

## MEDICAL FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST (NEW YORK HEALTH)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS (New York Health)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (NEW YORK HEALTH)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## ONCOLOGIST/HEMATOLOGISTS

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## HEMATOLOGIST/ONCOLOGIST (GREEK SPEAKING)

Bayside Medical Oncology  
Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## NURSE NAVIGATOR, LPN

Port Jefferson Medical Oncology  
Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## RESEARCH COORDINATOR, REGISTERED NURSE

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## Healthcare Administrator

Contact: Mike Klein  
[mklein@nycancer.com](mailto:mklein@nycancer.com)

## Infusion LPN

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## Benefits Analytics Manager

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## CORPORATE CONTROLLER

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)

## CREDENTIALING SPECIALIST

Contact: Michael Mitrani  
[mmitrani@nycancer.com](mailto:mmitrani@nycancer.com)

## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Eastchester Cancer Center  
Contact: Megan Stahl  
[mstahl@nycancer.com](mailto:mstahl@nycancer.com)

## NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) / PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS (PA)

Contact: Robert Nicoletti  
[rnicoletti@nycancer.com](mailto:rnicoletti@nycancer.com)



# OUR PATIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Our patients and their families tell the story of conquering cancer like no other. They help us connect, inspire, and empower. If you know a patient or have a family member who would like to make an impact and share their experience with us, please have them contact [marketing@nycancer.com](mailto:marketing@nycancer.com).