

Media Tip Sheet

Stories and Events for August 2019



- **Mark Your Calendars: Barrow Expert to Discuss Latest Concussion Findings**

Barrow Neurological Institute will hold its annual press briefing to announce new state-wide concussion findings on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. The news conference comes just as Arizona's high school fall sports season begins. Barrow continues to lead the nation in concussion education, detection and prevention. *Please mark your calendar for this press briefing and stay tuned for more details.*

- **St. Joseph's Lung Transplant Patients to Participate in World Transplant Games in Newcastle this Month**

After receiving life-saving lung transplants at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Norton Thoracic Institute, Valley residents Deb Lofgreen and Irene Marra are set to participate for the first time the World Transplant Games which will take place in Newcastle Gateshead, UK, from August 17 to 24. The unique and inspiring Olympic-style event has representation from more than 60 countries, celebrating successful transplantation and the gift of life. Lofgreen received a lung transplant at St. Joseph's in 2011 and is an avid volunteer in the transplant community. Determined to stay healthy, the 73-year-old Surprise resident has already won three silver medals, as well as a bronze and gold while participating in past American Transplant Games. This year, she will compete in darts at the World Games. Sixty-year-old Tempe resident, Marra, received her lung transplant in 2015 at St. Joseph's. At the 2019 World Games, she will compete in bowling, darts, and the track and field softball throw. For more information, photos of the patients, or to schedule interviews, please call 602.406.3312.

- **Barrow Using 3D Printers to Treat Scoliosis and Other Spine Disorders**

The Barrow Innovation Center has created a groundbreaking technology involving 3-D printing to revolutionize spine surgery. The cutting-edge technology produces exact 3D replicas of patients' spines to allow surgeons to plan for and create new surgical techniques and pathways specific to each patient. The personalized medicine tool decreases the length of surgery and provides patients with better outcomes and shorter recoveries. The technology is being used for a variety of spinal disorders, including scoliosis. To learn more or schedule interviews with a doctor and patient, please call 602.406.3319.

- **Construction of Chandler Tower Addition Now Underway**

McCarthy Building Companies has broken ground on construction of a new 220,000-square-foot medical tower at Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center. Slated to open in spring 2021, the tower addition and expansion project will add 96 patient beds and is expected to also add approximately 200 jobs. Chandler Regional's fourth patient tower will bring the medical facility's total bed count to 429. The hospital originally opened in 1961 with just 42 beds. A live video feed of the construction efforts can be viewed [here](#). For more information or to schedule an interview, please call 602.406.3312.

- **New Pavilion at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center Takes Shape**

The new Women's and Children's Pavilion at Dignity Health Mercy Gilbert Medical Center continues to take shape, recently reaching an exciting construction milestone as the final steel beam of the structure was set into place. With an anticipated opening of spring 2021, the state-of-the-art 378,000 square-foot facility is a joint project between Dignity Health and Phoenix Children's Hospital. The strategic expansion will allow experts from both organizations to work under one roof, providing the best care possible to growing families in the East Valley. B-roll of the beam raising can be downloaded [online](#), and drone footage can also be downloaded [here](#). For more information, please call 602.406.4734.