

COVID-19

Patient Care Services

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In appreciation for your selfless work and dedication during these extraordinary times



Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, CCC-SLP

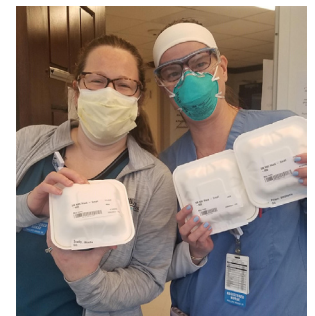
“Working with the extraordinary members of our Speech, Language & Swallowing, Medical Interpreter, and Spiritual Care departments, we are providing tools, resources, and services to ensure on-going high-quality care.

“I am privileged to witness the exceptional work, collaboration, creativity, and commitment of every individual in this organization. My sincere gratitude to each and every one of you.”

As the Dalai Lama reminds us in, *The Book of Joy*, “The hard times knit us more closely together.”

—Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, CCC-SLP, director, Medical Interpreters, Spiritual Care, and Speech, Language & Swallowing

Masks returned!



Phillips House 20 nurses, Jen Scully, RN, and Stephanie Prisco, RN, receive their N95 masks back after decontamination and re-processing, provided by Batelle.

Munn Center weekly research article review

Below is a listing of research articles and abstracts that may be useful as you work to care for COVID 19 patients, their families and yourself. The abstracts below are printed or adapted from the original articles published. They are to be used by nurses and staff for educational purposes only. They are not to be not to be reproduced or sold without the expressed permission of the Authors.

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- Reflections on nursing ingenuity during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Prayer and the registered nurse (RN)/nurses' reports of ease and dis-ease with patient-initiated caregiver request
- Acute respiratory distress syndrome and prone positioning AACN Advanced Critical Care
- Support for caring and resiliency among successful nurse leaders
- Pressure Injury Prevention PIP Tips for Prone Position

Starting today, April 15th, every Wednesday, The Munn Center for Nursing Research will post research articles and abstracts of interest to clinicians caring for COVID-19 patients, families, and co-workers. Articles can be accessed at: www.mghpcs.org/munncenter/research-update.asp. (Click here.)

PCS launches proning teams

Research is showing that in addition to ventilator support, turning COVID-19 patients to a prone position improves their oxygenation. To help caregivers, MGH has created proning teams to turn patients to and from a prone position.

Last week, 75 OR nurses, OR assistants, and physical and occupational therapists participated in training, and to date have turned more than 80 patients.



Proning assistance is available 24/7 by paging #2-6943. For more information, contact Karen Miguel or Colleen Snyderman in the PCS Office of Quality, Safety & Practice, at 617-643-0435.