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# NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Comes to Lower Manhattan

**O**n July 1, 2013, NewYork-Presbyterian welcomed its sixth campus – NewYork-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital, located at 170 William Street at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge and a few blocks from City Hall, South Street Seaport, and One World Trade Center.

Formerly New York Downtown Hospital – a member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System since 2006 – Lower Manhattan Hospital is the only full-service, acute care, and emergency medicine facility south of 14th Street. The 180-bed hospital has long served the diverse business and residential communities of Wall Street, Chinatown, SoHo, TriBeCa, Battery Park City, the Lower East Side, and surrounding neighborhoods.



“As the only acute care hospital serving lower Manhattan, this campus is vital to meeting the health care needs of many populations,” says **Steven J. Corwin, MD**, CEO, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. “We are working closely with the community, as well as with Weill Cornell Medical College and Weill Cornell physicians, to create a

first-class campus that provides the highest quality and most compassionate care and service for patients and their families.”

“With the merger, the Hospital serves as a resource for the community in and around lower Manhattan, which continues to evolve with the growth of residential neighborhoods, as well as an influx of corporate and commercial businesses,” says **Robert E. Kelly, MD**, President, NewYork-Presbyterian.

“We are delighted to bring the state-of-the-art health care services of NewYork-Presbyterian to the 750,000 people who work and live in lower Manhattan,” says **Laura L. Forese, MD, MPH**, Group Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and President, NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System, who

oversees Lower Manhattan Hospital. “It is an honor for NewYork-Presbyterian to be a part of such a rich and vibrant community.”

Lower Manhattan Hospital is affiliated with Weill Cornell Medical College and its physicians are credentialed members of the Medical College faculty.

“There’s a tremendous amount of enthusiasm among our medical staff,” says **Anthony J. Gagliardi, MD**,

Vice President and Associate Chief

Medical Officer. “The beauty of the merger is that we will be able to offer the great depth and resources of the other campuses of NewYork-Presbyterian with its specialties, subspecialties, and super-subspecialties. This will produce a seamless delivery of care to the most important constituent of the Hospital – the patient.”

Lower Manhattan Hospital offers a broad range of clinical and surgical services, with comprehensive programs in:

- Allergy
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology and Colorectal Surgery
- Hematology/Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology and Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Pain Medicine
- Pulmonology
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

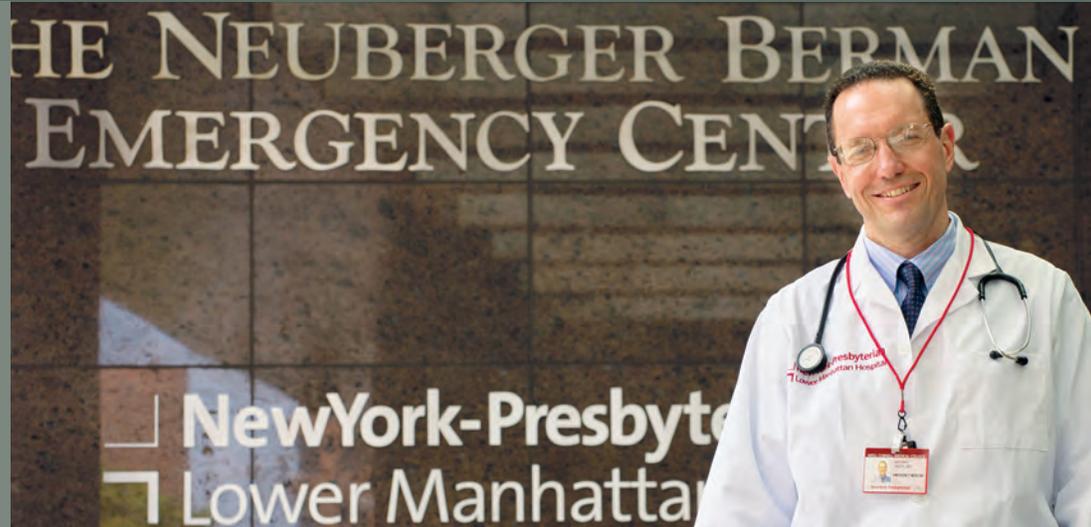
These services are complemented by major programs in emergency medicine and radiology, and a burgeoning hospitalist service.



*(Near right)*  
*Antonio J. Dajer, MD*

*(Middle)*  
*Chin C. Tang, MD, and*  
*Daniel J. Crossman, MD*

*(Far right)*  
*David A. Boyajian, MD*



**Antonio J. Dajer, MD**, Director of Emergency Services, who joined New York Downtown Hospital in 1991, vividly remembers September 11, 2001, when the Hospital was on the front lines taking care of the majority of casualties from the attack on the World Trade Center. “We probably treated over 1,200 to 1,300 patients that day,” says Dr. Dajer. “We rebuilt the Emergency Department in 2005 with 9/11 in mind. After consulting with some hospitals

in Israel, as well as some other disaster preparedness experts, we constructed the ED to the highest standards to meet any future catastrophic events. We have one of the largest decontamination centers in the city and a surge capacity of approximately 50 beds, with other space that can be converted.”

Every year since 9/11, the Hospital’s Emergency Department has hosted a symposium on emergency preparedness, bringing in experts from around the world, including combat surgeons from the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters and experts in weather-related and other natural disasters. “As recently as Hurricane Sandy, many community residents relied on us for food, medicine, and support,” notes Dr. Dajer.

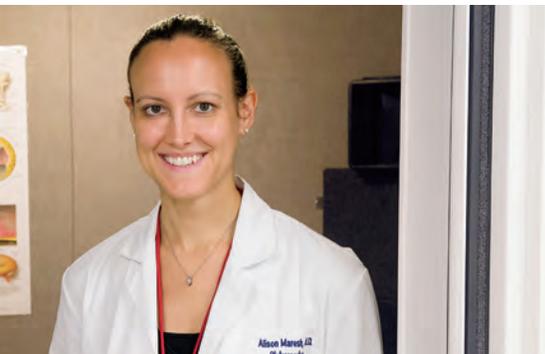
**Chin C. Tang, MD, and Daniel J. Crossman, MD**, both hospitalists from NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, are now developing a more comprehensive hospitalist program at Lower Manhattan Hospital that will benefit patients and community physicians alike. “We have an exciting opportunity to establish a department that will provide patients with high quality, coordinated medical care when they are admitted to the Hospital,” says Dr. Crossman, who completed his Internal Medicine

residency training at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. “Hospitals have found that using a hospitalist who has expertise within the system, and within inpatient medicine, can provide higher quality and more efficient care.”

“With this merger, it’s wonderful to be involved with the community to which I had ties in the past, but had not been active professionally,” says Dr. Tang. “I’m now able to take a more active role with the Chinatown community and help improve their access to quality care.

“The landscape of medicine has changed on both an inpatient and outpatient basis,” adds Dr. Tang. “It’s very hard to maintain a level of expertise in both – not just in terms of clinical expertise, but also in addressing the numerous regulatory issues and quality metrics that now exist. Having physicians who are solely focused on inpatient care allows them to stay up to date on those important aspects of care.”

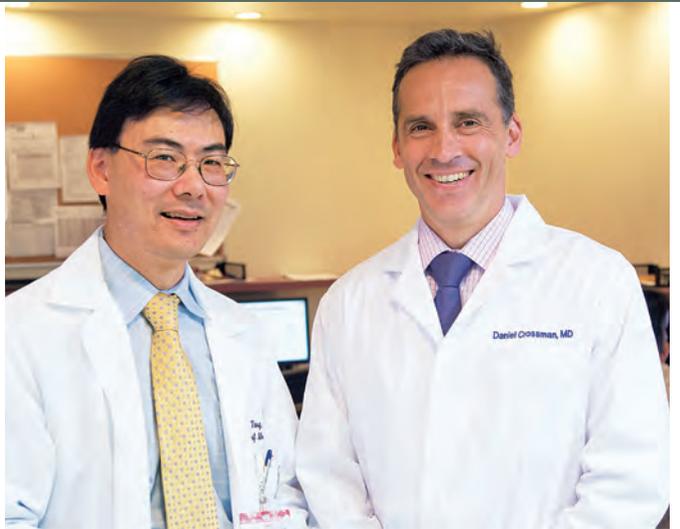
According to Dr. Tang, “To some extent, being a hospitalist enables us to be more of a quarterback and have more coordination between certain specialties. Sometimes we have very medically complex patients where we have multiple specialists involved. As hospitalists,



*Alison M. Maresh, MD,*  
*otolaryngologist, is*  
*among the specialists*  
*who practice in Lower*  
*Manhattan Hospital’s*  
*new outpatient facility*  
*at 156 William Street.*

*Eli Bryk, MD, is Chief*  
*of the Hospital’s*  
*Orthopaedic Surgery*  
*program.*





it is easier for us to manage the recommendations of different disciplines and engage the ancillary services.”

“A hospitalist has a window into patients and their families during a brief episode when they come in acutely ill and we do everything we can to get them better,” says Dr. Crossman. “Communicating clearly to the patient and the family to make sure that everyone is on board is one of the most important aspects of my job.”



**David A. Boyajian, MD**, Clinical Director of Radiology at Lower Manhattan Hospital, spent his formative training in radiology as a resident and chief resident at Weill Cornell, followed by a fellowship there in MRI. “During my fellowship year, I was asked to come to a small hospital in the financial district to oversee the initiation of the hospital’s first MRI magnet,” recalls Dr. Boyajian. “It was a tremendous opportunity so early in one’s career to be involved in the establishment of something like a new magnet. While that was being set up I was told that a permanent presence was needed and was asked if I would be interested in heading a group of radiologists who would be permanently stationed there. I jumped

at the opportunity. We’ve been here every day since July 2010.”

In addition to certification by the American Board of Radiology, all of the on-site radiologists at Lower Manhattan Hospital are fellowship trained in various subspecialties. Two are breast imaging specialists, one is a neuroradiologist, and Dr. Boyajian specializes in musculoskeletal and abdominopelvic MRI. “We are very much a part of our department at Weill Cornell,” he says. “Since I’m an alumnus of the residency and fellowship programs and know everyone in the department, it has really facilitated our transition to Lower Manhattan Hospital and enhanced our ability to perform high quality work. For me and my colleagues, this has been an incredible opportunity to build a new practice location of our department, with the full support of our colleagues uptown. We will continue to expand and shape the department to meet the needs of the dynamic population in this area.”



“Our goal is for Lower Manhattan Hospital to grow to more than 200 beds and serve as a health care source for

patients who want access to primary and specialty care in the area,” says **Michael J. Fosina, MPH**, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “The NewYork-Presbyterian name brings with it a sense of confidence to the community that our institution provides the same level of high quality care and service to our patients. At the same time, the merger with NewYork-Presbyterian makes it attractive for health care practitioners who are considering a place to admit their patients. It will be a win not only for our staff, but also for the patients we care for.”



*Michael J. Fosina, MPH, and Anthony J. Gagliardi, MD*

# LOWER MANHATTAN HOSPITAL: AT A GLANCE



- Only acute care medical facility south of 14th Street
- Affiliated with Weill Cornell Medical College
- 24-hour private ambulance service
- Full-service, 24-hour adult and pediatric emergency department
- Designated Stroke Center
- Certified Chest Pain Center
- One of the largest decontamination units in New York City, fully equipped to respond to both individual and community-wide emergencies
- State-of-the-art maternity center, newborn nursery, and neonatal intensive care unit
- Women's Health Center

## FAST FACTS

Beds	180
Inpatient Discharges	11,535
Births	2,790
Surgical Procedures	6,239
Emergency Department Visits	40,578
Clinic Visits and WIC Program	42,431

(2012 Data)

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**Breast Cancer Management 2014**

Date: January 31, 2014  
Location: NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia  
Vivian and Seymour Milstein Family Heart Center  
173 Ft. Washington Avenue  
New York, NY 10032

For more information and registration, contact Nina Scatton, Events Coordinator, at (201) 346-7009 or [njs2144@columbia.edu](mailto:njs2144@columbia.edu).

**Brain Attack and Cerebrovascular Disease Update 2014**

Date: March 7, 2014  
Location: New York Academy of Medicine  
1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029

For more information and registration, contact Jessica Grajales, CME Coordinator, at (212) 585-6800 or [nypcme@nyp.org](mailto:nypcme@nyp.org).

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