

Westchester Health Physicians Attain Key Posts at Northern Westchester Hospital

Katonah, NY - Four physicians from Westchester Health Associates, based in Katonah and with offices throughout most of Northern Westchester, were appointed to key posts at Northern Westchester Hospital. James W. Catanese, MD, a cardiologist with offices in Katonah, Yorktown and Mt. Kisco, was re-elected to be President of the Medical Staff. Robert Pitaro, MD, a pediatrician in Somers, was elected to be secretary and treasurer. Peter Richel, MD, a pediatrician in Mt. Kisco, was appointed to be Chief of the Department of Pediatrics and Jerry Weinberg, MD from Katonah to be Chief of the Department of Urology. All four physicians belong to the newly formed multi-specialty group, Westchester Health Associates.

“We are pleased to serve the hospital and our community and we are honored by the vote of confidence from our peers,” stated Dr. Richel. “Northern Westchester Hospital is a vital part of our community and we will work hard to maintain and continue to improve the services provided by the hospital and by the doctors in the hospital.”

Dr. Catanese is one of five cardiologists, formerly known as Northern Westchester Cardiology. Along with his three partners, George Berk, MD, Peter Mercurio, MD, and Robert Pilchik, MD, the group joined and helped to found Westchester Health Associates last July. Dr. Berk previously served as Chief of Cardiology and was one of the first cardiologists practicing in Northern Westchester. Dr. Mercurio is a former President of the Medical Staff, a former member of the hospital’s Board of Directors and currently serves as CEO of the newly formed Westchester Health Associates.

Pediatricians Peter Richel, MD and Robert Pitaro, MD are also co-founders of Westchester Health. Dr. Pitaro continues to practice in his current Somers office, formerly known as Somers Pediatrics, along with Rose Ghersin, MD, Ellen Lestz, MD and Jane A. McSweeney, CPNP. Likewise, Dr. Richel continues to practice out of his Smith avenue office along with Nicholas Germanakos, MD and Vicky Zouzias, MD.

Westchester Health Associates was formed last July in order for physicians who were already well-established in our area to combine talents and resources. Fortunately, for the patients they serve, all the physicians who joined the group continue to see patients in their current offices. About 32 of the physicians, representing nine specialties, also see patients in their state-of-the-art, new Katonah office, in the former Coldwell Banker building on routes 35 and 22.

