

Questions & Answers:**DKH's Community Partnership with Yale New Haven Health***5/12/2017***1. Is this partnership a merger or an affiliation?**

No, it is neither. Our designation as a community partner of Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS) is just that: a partnership between two independent organizations for the betterment of both. Much in the same way that DKH's clinical partnership with UMass Memorial Medical Center for emergency cardiac and stroke care has served our patients well for years, this partnership with YNHHS will allow us to enhance our services and expand access to care in the communities we serve.

2. Is DKH still an independent, non-profit hospital and health system?**What will happen to donations made to DKH?**

DKH will remain the independent, non-profit community hospital and healthcare system that it has always been since it was founded by the community of Northeast Connecticut 122 years ago. As such, the support of the community remains a significant component in DKH's ability to maintain and grow services and to provide care to those in need in the communities we serve. All donations made to Day Kimball Healthcare, the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, and all other DKH services or facilities will remain with DKH to be used for their intended purpose in the care of our patients.

3. Will DKH receive financial support from YNHHS?

This partnership does not include any financial support from YNHHS. However, it is expected that having access to YNHHS's clinical and administrative services through this partnership will allow DKH to strengthen its own finances through cost savings as well as expansion of services.

4. What does it mean to be a "community partner" of Yale New Haven Health?

It means that DKH now has access to certain clinical and administrative services of YNHHS and can choose to utilize those services, or not, according to DKH's own needs. Through this arrangement, DKH will work collaboratively to identify opportunities where YNHHS's administrative systems and clinical resources can be leveraged to enhance and expand the care that DKH provides to our patients.

5. What will the partnership entail?

The partnership includes our participation in YNHHS's purchasing network, an agreement that has already been in place for about a year and has allowed our organization to save more than \$300,000 through economy of scale in the purchase of materials.

Moving forward, the partnership will also include expanding access to specialty care and other medical care providers that are currently in need in our service area. We will do this by working with YNHHS to leverage the services of providers who are part of their Northeast Medical Group as well as through YNHHS's association with Yale Medicine, the clinical practice of the Yale School of Medicine. The first evidence of this can already be seen at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield, where a Yale New Haven Health affiliated Yale Medicine cardiologist now maintains an office.

YNHHS and DKH are also working to incorporate an eICU clinical service at Day Kimball Hospital. This would allow specially trained eICU critical care nurses and physicians at Yale to provide patient monitoring and consulting support to the critical care nurses and physicians at Day Kimball Hospital's Intensive Care Unit through the use of advanced telemedicine technology. Ultimately, the integration of this service would mean that patients who are more seriously ill can continue receiving the highest quality care close to home at Day Kimball Hospital instead of having to be transferred to a larger and more distant tertiary care center.

It is expected that other collaborations such as these will continue to develop in the future.

6. How does this partnership benefit Day Kimball Healthcare?

The benefit of this partnership for DKH and Northeast Connecticut is that it will allow DKH to save money through economy of scale in purchasing, gain access to new technologies and expand access to specialty care services and providers that are currently in need in our region; all of these are benefits that would otherwise be difficult for a small community hospital and healthcare system such as DKH to attain. The ultimate benefit is that this then allows DKH to enhance clinical care and expand access to high quality services and providers close to home for our patients, right within their own communities.

7. How does this partnership benefit Yale New Haven Health?

For YNHHS, the benefit of this partnership is that, with DKH's assistance and with the use of our facilities, they can more easily expand their reach in terms of the areas and number of patients their providers can serve. Our participation in programs such as their purchasing network also serves to bring more value and impact to those programs for all participants.

8. What makes YNHHS a good match as a clinical/community partner?

The partnership also serves and strengthens the mission of both DKH and YNHHS, which share very similar vision and values. Yale New Haven Health was formed in 1995 to "focus on enhancing the lives of those we serve by providing access to integrated, high-value, patient-centered care in collaboration with others who share our values." In addition, Yale New Haven Health has an excellent reputation for quality of clinical care as well as the manner in which that care is delivered. What YNHHS is known for on a larger scale, DKH is proud to have also embodied in the community hospital and provider setting.