MERCY AND IOWA HEART CENTER PHYSICIAN HONORED FOR SERVING “FROM THE HEART”

Liberato Iannone, M.D., Mercy and Iowa Heart Center interventional cardiologist, was recently named this year’s recipient of the From the Heart Award, presented by the American Heart Association. This award recognizes an individual in central Iowa whose achievements, advocacy, philanthropy and civic efforts have improved the lives of Iowans and Americans.

Dr. Iannone began with Iowa Heart Center in 1974 and has been a pioneer of interventional cardiology, performing a number of firsts, including Iowa’s first coronary angioplasty at Mercy in 1979 and more than 14,000 since. He has served as the medical director of the cardiac catheterization lab at Mercy since its inception and continues to perform hundreds of life-saving procedures every year.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Iannone has led the advancement of interventional cardiology techniques. He has published hundreds of articles, abstracts, papers and research studies – always improving the understanding of cardiac disorders, approaches to treatment, procedural techniques and devices.

Perhaps Dr. Iannone’s greatest achievement has been growing the expertise of practitioners. Countless cardiologists have benefited from his mentorship. A teacher at heart, he has trained 29 cardiology interventional fellows at Mercy and has served as the Director of Cardiology Fellowship Program Planning at the University of Nebraska.

“He has dedicated a lifetime to the care of others and the advancement of the profession and practice of interventional cardiology,” said Mark Tannenbaum, M.D., Iowa Heart Center chief physician officer. “Serving Iowans for more than 43 years, we would be hard-pressed to find another physician who has saved more lives and impacted the cardiovascular health of Iowans through their work as an interventional cardiologist as Dr. Iannone.”

“He has dedicated a lifetime to the care of others and the advancement of the profession and practice of interventional cardiology.”

MARK TANNENBAUM, M.D.

Dr. Iannone (left), interventional cardiologist, was presented the “From the Heart” Award by American Heart Association Executive Director Kayla Korvana on Tuesday, Feb. 6, during a reception at Mercy.
NEW SERVICE OFFERS ONLINE MEDICAL VISITS

Mercy Health Network (MHN) is offering an exciting new way to access health care day or night, from home, work or on-the-go. Mobile Care, which launched in Des Moines yesterday, is an online platform where visits with a physician are conducted through a secure video connection on a computer or mobile device. This new service is designed to diagnose and treat patients with minor illnesses, including cold and flu, sore throat, eye infections, cough and much more.

Mobile Care is provided by a team of physicians who are U.S. board-certified in internal medicine, family medicine, emergency medicine or pediatrics. These physicians can write prescriptions, if needed. If a patient has symptoms which cannot be treated via a video visit, the physician will direct the patient to visit his or her primary care provider, local urgent care clinic or the emergency room.

Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines colleagues and their family members can use this service for a discounted rate of $45. To receive this discount, you must enter the registration code MERCY45 during the account set-up process. Payments can be made using a credit, debit or Health Savings Account card.

You can access Mobile Care online at mercydesmoines.org/mobilecare, or you can download the mobile app by searching “Mercy Health Network” in at the Google Play or App Stores.

CREATIVITY IS THE PRESCRIPTION FOR IV BAG AND FLUID SHORTAGE

Last fall, Hurricane Maria disrupted lives in Puerto Rico and at U.S. hospitals. Companies that manufacture IV bags and solutions were heavily damaged, causing a decrease in supply while patient demand remained steady.

Mercy uses 1,800 IV bags daily. When facing the potential challenge of an IV bag shortage, creativity became key. Mercy Pharmacy business manager Stephanie Lingen and a team including physicians, nursing, administration, pharmacy and Mercy logistic center specialists meet weekly to determine a plan that would stretch supplies.

“Our work became very hands-on. We did extra research to find the best way to deliver medications,” said Stephanie. “The “recipe” for mixing our solutions often changes. Our pharmacists and pharmacy technicians have been key to making it through this challenging time. Their knowledge, skills and flexibility in dealing with these unprecedented shortages has been amazing.”

Pharmacy has become very accomplished at dividing large bags of fluids into multiple smaller portions. Bags are saved when possible. Some medications are preloaded in syringes for emergent use. This creates another challenge — a shorter time to use the medications before they expire.

“The shortage is challenging, but we’ll make it,” says Stephanie. “We’re committed to the needs of our patients and they shouldn’t notice any major changes in care.”

Stork Affair

Stork Affair is returning to Mercy on Saturday, March 17! This event, ideal for expecting parents and couples planning to start a family, will take place in the East Tower from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

At this year’s event, tours will be offered in the Mercy Women & Infants’ Center on Levels 3 and 2 in the East Tower. The Educational Expo will include a robust line-up of classes offered multiple times throughout the event so attendees don’t have to miss anything. The Vendor Hall will feature Mercy departments that cater to parents and children, local non-profit organizations and local vendors. Mercy will also have car seat technicians available to inspect or help install car seats.

BuyBuy Baby is sponsoring the Dream Nursery prize, which includes a crib, dresser, changer rail and chair – all valued at $1,600. There will also be lots of other door prizes, and attendees will receive a Mercy tote bag and memory book.

To see a complete schedule of events and pre-register, please visit mercydesmoines.org/storkaffair.

CONTACT US

The Bulletin is published weekly for staff and friends of Mercy Medical Center, 1111 6th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50314-2611

If you are interested in submitting information to be printed in the Bulletin, send it to PR and Marketing or call 515-247-3050.

FOLLOW US:

@MercyDesMoines