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AtlantiCare celebrates National Doctors' Day *Hospital recognizes contributions of more than 550 physicians*

AtlantiCare recognized the contributions the more than 550 physicians on its Medical Staff make to patients, staff and the community with celebrations observing National Doctors' Day, Friday, March 28 and Monday, March 31. The days of recognition included a physician breakfast and lunch at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center's (ARMC) Mainland and City campuses. ARMC City campus volunteers and ARMC Mainland campus Customers Relations Department representatives greeted physicians with a red carnation - the official flower of Doctors' Day. Doctors' Day is marked annually across the nation March 30 in commemoration of the first use of ether anesthesia by Crawford W. Long, MD, on March 30, 1842. It was first formally observed in 1933.

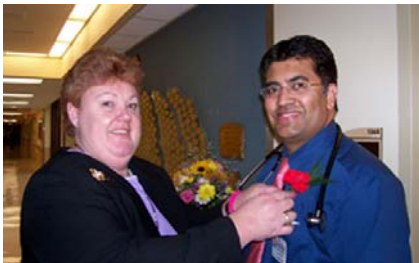


Photo Caption: Nancy O'Connell, director of Physician Services, AtlantiCare, presents Viren Vankawala, MD, a cardiologist with the Heart Institute at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center's (ARMC) Mainland campus, with a red carnation in recognition of National Doctors' Day at ARMC's Mainland campus.



Photo Caption: Zia Salam, MD, endocrinologist and program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at ARMC, stands with medical residents (left to right) Sara Ali, MD, Erum Jameel, MD, and Thanh Nguyen, MD, during the Doctors' Day luncheon at ARMC's City campus in Atlantic City.

(ARMC), the AtlantiCare Foundation, AtlantiCare Health Plans, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health and AtlantiCare Health Services. ARMC became the 105th hospital in the nation to attain status as a Magnet™ designated hospital in March of 2004.