



Mended Hearts

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4-6pm Martins Conference Room, Cape Cod Hospital
February Meeting:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Dan Loberman, MD, Cardiac Surgeon

Mitral Valve Repair

March Meeting:

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

Karl Stajduhar, MD, Hospitalist

What is a Hospitalist??

From the President

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Dr. McAuliffe, our medical advisor and a champion of the education, peer-to-peer support and advocacy work of Mended Hearts, addressed us at our November 20th meeting. Read a summary of his presentation, *What's Up Doc? The Latest News in Cardiology*, on the next two pages of this newsletter.

Have you noticed all of the changes to Mended Hearts? The national organization is no longer an affiliate of the American Heart Association or the American College of Cardiology. It is an independent entity. Mended Hearts can now form coalitions, approach advocacy, seek funding and address a research agenda to support the mission of Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts. National's five year plan includes using technology to: reach members, send publications, conduct training through webinars and chats on line as well as send and obtain reports and required documents from chapter officers. The use of electronic communication will improve the consistency, clarity, timeliness and accuracy of information dissemination, educational programming, annual and financial reporting. It is also expected to significantly reduce expenses. As you know, we have already transitioned into mailing newsletters electronically with great success and more timely delivery.

Our February meeting will feature Dr. Dan Loberman, rescheduled from last September due to an emergency, who will discuss Mitral Valve Repair. Dr. Karl Stajduhar will address us in March on the role and duties of hospitalists and how they interact with our personal physicians.

Time at the February meeting will be spent on national and regional elections for Mended Hearts officers. Please review the vision statements of the candidates in the most recent Mended Hearts publication, *Heart-beat*, at <http://www.mh-resources.com/hb-winter-2015/#/16/>. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please see page 6 for instructions on how to complete and mail the enclosed ballot to Tom Henry. Ballots must be received by 2/16/15 in order to be included in the chapter's election.

Tom

