

HEALTH WATCH

Long Island Clinical Center

Sites in both Suffolk and Nassau Counties

Islandia: 3001 North Expressway Drive, Suite 200A • East Meadow: Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpk
• Hicksville: 380 S. Broadway

Our Clinic is Growing....

AS WE LOOK BACK over the past five years, we see the need for the highest quality health and mental health services for increasing numbers of WTC responders who live or work on Long Island. Our goals are to meet these needs by getting everyone in for their annual monitoring exam and by providing expert care by dedicated doctors and nurses.

Dr. Benjamin Luft continues to direct this clinical program. He remains actively involved with the clinical oversight and continued development of our Program. His program goal has always been to provide WTC responders with expert medical care within a compassionate, accessible, and professional medical environment.

Dr. Ramakrishna, known to many as “Dr. Ram”, is board certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary disease. He is devoted to getting to the root of his patients’ illnesses as well as providing sound diagnosis and treatment. His clinical interests include: WTC cough syndrome, reactive airways dysfunction syndrome, interstitial lung disease and sino-bronchial inflammatory diseases.

Susan Conaty, physician assistant, is an energetic member of our staff who remains committed to helping working men and women address their occupational health needs. She is a caring and dedicated individual whose medical interests include occupational medicine and skin disorders.

In September, we welcomed Dr. Paul Llobet. A native of Miami, FL, Dr. Llobet moved to New York City and completed his residency at Cabrini Medical Center (Mt. Sinai

School of Medicine). Dr. Llobet speaks both English and Spanish and he has a strong interest in improving patient care and services. His research experience involves the Latino Health Initiative and studies of coronary artery disease and angina. Since 2005, he is a member of a panel to evaluate the readiness of hospital facilities/staff in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack.

SPOTLIGHT on SOCIAL WORK

Janet Lavelle, MSW, coordinator of the social work services at the LI Clinic has over 25 years of experience. As a native Brooklynite, 9/11 had a deep impact on her and she is honored to work with the men and women who responded to this disaster.

Our dedicated team of social workers consists of Janet Lavelle, Allison Brons, Indra Rampersaud and Jessica Balsamo. We welcome our newest staff member, Eliza Markus. She is bilingual in Spanish and English.

We strive to provide the highest quality of services to our responders. Allison Brons recently had twins and has just returned from maternity leave.

Monitoring & Treatment services available in Islandia (Suffolk), East Meadow (Nassau) and Hicksville (Nassau)

For additional information, please call: 631-444-6436 or visit www.wtcexams.org.

SHAPING UP THIS WINTER



We invite all of our patients to get in shape this winter and check out one of our weight-loss workshops.

All of us could probably use a little guidance in this area and our registered dietician Alysia Ferguson is here to help.

We began these workshops this past spring and they have been a huge success. Upcoming dates are to be announced. Please call for more information.

I: Weight Management Basics

II: Nutrition 101

III: Follow-up sessions

LEGAL CLINICS

NEED HELP WITH workman's compensation, line of duty or disability claims?

Please inquire about our legal clinics, where you can get advice on your personal case from attorneys specializing in Workers' Compensation law. Receive assistance with filling out and notarizing WTC-12 (to register with NYS Workers' Comp Board as a 9/11 Responder) or NYCERS Notice of Participation. CALL 631-444-6436, for more information.

A FEW KIND ENDORSEMENTS...

The feedback we get from our patients is really the heart of what we do here at the WTC LI clinic. And we would like to share some of these encouraging words with you:

- ◎ Very professional and caring staff. Made me feel comfortable. Thank you.
- ◎ Outstanding personnel! Received an appointment immediately, walked right through the entire process. Great job!
- ◎ The staff is very helpful and wonderful. My condition has improved.
- ◎ Nice staff. Quick service with little wasted time.

WTC Workers' Compensation Registration Deadline Extended

New deadline is September 11, 2010

IN AUGUST, Governor David Paterson signed a bill into law that allows workers and volunteers more time to ensure their right to file a 9/11-related Workers' Compensation claim in the future.

As a worker or volunteer exposed to hazards on or after September 11, 2001, you can file for Workers' Compensation if you become sick in the future. *But to qualify, you must register by filling out a WTC-12 form. Registration forms must be received by the Workers' Compensation Board before September 11, 2010.*

Register now if you did rescue, recovery or cleanup work, either as a volunteer or for pay, between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 12, 2002, in any of the following locations:

☞ anywhere in Manhattan south of Canal or Pike Streets, or

☞ on the barge operation between Lower Manhattan and Staten Island, or

☞ at the Staten Island landfill, or

☞ the New York City morgue.

Register now, even if you have not gotten sick, or if you have already filed a Workers' Compensation claim. This will allow you to apply for Workers' Compensation for any WTC-related illnesses that may come up later in your life. *If you fail to register before the deadline, you will lose the right to file future Workers' Compensation claims for 9/11-related illness.*

For more information on how to register your WTC-12 form, call your WTC Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program clinic, or 888-702-0630. You can also visit our website to download the form at www.wtcexams.org.