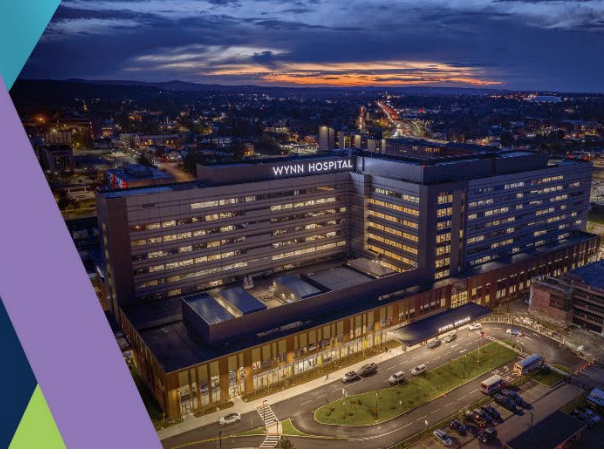


Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts is being reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

Spotlight: Phlebotomist Recognition Week

Phlebotomist Recognition Week, observed February 10-14, 2025, serves as an important reminder of the vital contributions phlebotomists make to our healthcare community. Their dedication and expertise are appreciated year-round.



What is a phlebotomist and what do they do?

Phlebotomists are specialists at drawing blood. They work in virtually all areas of the hospital system, and provide care for all of the patients who rely on MVHS for their healthcare. Some phlebotomists work in the hospital, visiting patients to collect specimens, as well as providing mobile phlebotomy for patients in the Emergency Department and other areas of the hospital.

They also visit residents in nursing homes to collect specimens and visit homebound patients. There are also phlebotomists stationed in the MVHS primary care offices throughout the Mohawk Valley.

How many phlebotomists work for MVHS?

MVHS Laboratory employs nearly 100 phlebotomists whose skill and training touch the lives of our patients on a daily basis.



Pictured from left to right: Chris Goldman, Jennifer Maine, Claire Griffiths, Mackenzie Currie, Yamile Joseph, Christine Carr, Admira Huskic, Paige Haggerty, Zaw Zaw Moe, Brianna Siliga and Nichole Supachana.

What is a typical day like?

Phlebotomists care for patients in all age groups, and in all situations. When a provider orders lab work, it is the phlebotomist's job to collect the specimen. They ensure the proper specimen requirements are met, as different tests require specimens collected in different tubes, and processed appropriately to ensure that the specimen is preserved and transported to the lab.

It is extremely important the bloodwork be collected and transported with strict adherence to the requirements to ensure that the laboratory can provide the most accurate results. The phlebotomist is the front line healthcare worker who gets the job done!