

Margaretville Hospital & Mountainside Residential Care Center

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Michael Doyle, MD

A Note from Michael Doyle, *Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, HAHV*

Spring into Spring! As we dig out of the snow and put our skis away, we look forward to longer stretches of daylight and new activities. Spring is historically a time for rejuvenation and growth. At Margaretville Hospital, our growth continues.

WMCHealth's Heart and Vascular Institute has expanded cardiology services at Margaretville Hospital. Interventional cardiologist **Niki Kantrowitz, MD**, will start seeing patients at Margaretville Hospital at the end of April. To learn more about Dr. Kantrowitz, visit <https://rb.gy/eiocti>. To schedule an appointment, please call **845.334.4248**.



Niki Kantrowitz, MD

Cardiovascular health is vital for your health and wellbeing. If you can, get outside, walk and take care of your heart. Your family will thank you for it.

Hear from Margaretville Hospital's *Executive Director*



Edward McNamara

I am continually impressed by the dedication and compassion of our workforce at Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center. Our patients are treated like family! If you are looking for a career change or are in the job market, I encourage you to see what opportunities exist and join our team.

An update from Mountainside Residential Care Center's *Facility Administrator*



John J. Edwards Jr, LNHA

We have some very exciting news for our community! New York State Department of Health has granted us the

opportunity to conduct our own Nurse Aide Training Program. With this program, we will be able to recruit people from our community to learn how to become certified nursing aides. This allows for Mountainside Residential Care Center to give back to the community by offering careers in healthcare that increase the continuity of care a resident receives.

Mountainside Residential Care Center continues to maintain its **five-Star rating with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**, placing us above 90% of other facilities in New York. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.



Visit from Congressman Marcus Molinaro

United States Congressman Marcus Molinaro visited Margaretville Hospital. Rep. Molinaro was newly elected in 2022 and his Congressional District includes Delaware County and Margaretville Hospital. The Congressman had never previously been to Margaretville Hospital and in his effort to better understand the healthcare needs of his constituents and the ongoing challenges faced by healthcare providers, visiting Margaretville Hospital was one of his first priorities. We look forward to working with the Congressman and his team on federal issues that impact Critical Access Hospitals such as Margaretville Hospital as well as more overarching issues of Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement.



Left to Right: E. McNamara, Exec Dir, Margaretville Hospital | K. MacMillan, WMCHealth SVP Government & Community Relations | D. Marcy, WMCHealth Dir Government & Community Relations | M. Doyle, MD, HAHV Exec Dir & Chief Medical Officer | Congressman Molinaro | K. Coppage, Margaretville Hospital Dir of Nursing | F. Davis, WMCHealth Northern Region VP of Nursing | C. Sickler, HAHV Chairman of the Board

Interested in becoming a part of the team? Margaretville Hospital is hiring! Check out job postings at:

[WMCHealthJobs.org](https://www.wmchealthjobs.org)

Community Paramedicine

WMCHHealth and Margaretville Hospital are excited to announce the creation of a new community paramedicine program based at Margaretville Hospital.

Community paramedicine is a relatively new field with local programs emerging as a response to the healthcare crisis. This program's model increases access to basic healthcare services through the use of specially trained Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel, who provide enhanced care with the assistance of physicians.

The goals of the community paramedic program are twofold: 1. To improve health outcomes among medically vulnerable populations and 2. To save healthcare dollars, by preventing unnecessary ambulance transports, emergency department visits, and hospital readmissions.

Paramedics will now be able to provide more services to the communities they serve. Telemedicine technology would provide a medical caregiver (on-site and "virtual") with advanced diagnostics, facilitating a remote virtual medical consultation rather than transport to a hospital emergency department. Patients could avoid inpatient hospitalizations and receive treatment at a lower cost.

Telehealth communications will be available through a program that would include emergency medicine providers, certified emergency medical technicians, 911 dispatch and patients for the purpose of triaging a patient's level of severity and determining appropriate next steps of care when an acute medical issue arises. This can include assessment, diagnosis, referral and treatment.

In conjunction with WMCHHealth, paramedics will also be able to assist in providing vaccinations to community members and to those that are homebound or without transportation.

Want to help out your local community?

Margaretville Hospital offers EMT and AEMT trainings as well as scholarships for students studying paramedicine. To learn more, contact Adam Billingslea at Adam.Billingslea@hahv.org.

Community Relations



Daniel Marcy, *Director of Government and Community Relations for WMCHHealth*, attended the **Complete Streets Summit** in March. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County along with the Bassett Healthcare Network convened a Complete Streets Summit at the Sidney Memorial Public Library on March 9th to discuss community needs and partnerships as well as an affiliated grant to aid in implementation.

The **Complete Streets Coalition** is an avenue that facilitates design groundwork to enable safe access for all users regardless of mode of transportation, age, or ability. Successful application of Complete Streets health equity among communities, reduces barriers to underserved populations. A robust discussion was held regarding county demographics, current challenges and potential initiatives that would mitigate or improve upon existing conditions and help create more uniform accessibility for Delaware County residents.

Margaretville Hospital, a member of WMCHHealth, is deeply committed to health equity and looks forward to continued collaboration with Delaware County community partners to ensure that all residents have access to information, education and resources.

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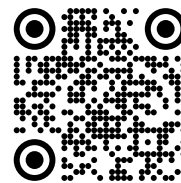
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