



## **Teamwork Makes a Difference at Medford Multicare Center**

One of the most important goals at Medford Multicare Center is to provide proactive care for all of their residents. This is especially important on the respiratory/ventilator unit where many of the residents have significant health concerns which may make them unstable. In an effort to keep the residents from having frequent hospitalizations because of their medical condition, Medford Multicare is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Igor Gutnik to their medical staff. Dr. Gutnik is a primary care physician who has a role as an on-site primary care physician coordinator on the Respiratory / Ventilator Unit at Medford Multicare Center.

Dr. Gutnik not only addresses acute medical issues of the residents, but he keeps a watchful eye on all of the residents on the unit. Although it is not possible to eliminate all re-hospitalizations, Medford Multicare's goal is to provide continuity of care so the residents can stay at the facility instead of having to go to a hospital. Dr. Gutnik skillfully coordinates Medford's medical specialists and interdisciplinary team of respiratory therapists, nurses, aides, social workers, physical, occupational and speech therapists, recreation staff, and dietitians who tend to the residents on the Unit. He noted that, for the convenience of the residents and to provide quality of care, diagnostic tests are performed in the facility. Dr. Gutnik noted that this testing included lab tests, x-rays, sonograms, EKGs – everything with the exception of CT Scans and MRIs which require special equipment. He spoke of several instances since his arrival in July, only a short time ago, where residents were able to be weaned off ventilators to be discharged from the unit and return home. He noted that this is a frequent occurrence at the facility.

Dr. Gutnik has over 10 years experience as an attending physician in skilled nursing facilities providing primary care and wound care. He believes in the facility's mission to enhance the quality of care and

quality of life of all residents in the facility and address the special needs of residents on the ventilator unit. Dr. Gutnik was excited to talk about the wonderful team to which he now belongs. “The care at Medford Multicare Center is not just provided by one person. In my experience, this is the greatest team, from the Medical Director, to the Nursing Staff, to the Administration, that I’ve worked with. I’m very happy to be here,” said Dr. Gutnik.

“We continuously look for ways to improve our amazing team of caregivers,” said Christine Boylan, RT, Director of Respiratory Therapy at Medford Multicare. “With the addition of Dr. Gutnik, residents have even more oversight and proactive medical intervention. Our goal is to give the resident and their family the best, most convenient care experience possible”, she continued.

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Medford Multicare Center provides short-term restorative rehab, skilled nursing, long term geriatric services, respiratory /ventilator care, tracheostomy care, oxygen therapy, IV therapy, wound care and offers a secure dementia unit. Medford Multicare Center is located at 3115 Horseblock Rd in Medford, LIE exit 64. Please call 631-730-3000 to schedule a tour or visit [www.medfordmulticare.org](http://www.medfordmulticare.org) for additional information.