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Our attachment to devices is associated with higher stress levels. In fact, the generation most comfortable with technology—millennials—is the most stressed out. Since 2014, millennials have had the highest stress level of all generations and are the most concerned about the impact of social media on their health.

If you are concerned about your stress level, be sure to mention it to your primary care provider so he/she can help with ways to reduce and manage stress. If you need help finding a provider, call Overlake Medical Clinics at 425.635.6600 or visit overlakehospital.org/clinics.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 3.4 million people in the United States live with epilepsy. A chronic condition of recurring seizures, it is the fourth most common neurological disease.

To address the need for epilepsy care on the Eastside, the Overlake Neuroscience Institute now provides advanced care and monitoring by neurologists specially trained in epilepsy (also called epileptologists).

Unlike stroke, which is a loss of brain function, a seizure is caused by excessive brain activity. Our brains generate electrical signals that control our emotions, senses and body functions. Seizures occur when abnormal electrical impulses occur. Seizing can happen anywhere in the brain and affects the area of the body that part of the brain controls.

“Epilepsy isn’t always a convulsive seizure,” says Nicholas Jonas, MD, of the Overlake Neuroscience Institute. “There are many types of seizures that can affect speech, vision and even our behavior.” That’s why it is often not recognized as epilepsy and misdiagnosed as other conditions such as migraine, mental health disorders, certain cardiac conditions or sleep disorders, among others.

Epilepsy treatment isn’t a one-size-fits-all approach. Seizure types vary widely, as do epilepsy medications. It starts with an accurate diagnosis—based on a patient’s symptoms, test results and seizure type—and from there, providers at the Institute tailor a patient’s treatment plan to control seizures and optimize their daily life. The type of treatment depends on the type of epilepsy diagnosed.

“Much like other chronic conditions such as diabetes, people with epilepsy live with the disease daily,” says Emily Fan, MD, also of the Overlake Neuroscience Institute. “I work closely with my patients so they are able to continue their normal, day-to-day activities.”

For more information, please call 425.635.6560 or visit overlakehospital.org/neuro.
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For ages 10 to 12 years and a parent/guardian. $80 per child/parent. Visit seattlechildrens.org/classes to register.

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Held regularly on Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m.–2 p.m. $45. Visit seattlechildrens.org/classes to register.

SAFETY

CAR SEAT CHECKUP

One-on-one consultation with a trained technician to learn correct car seat installation and usage. Sat., Feb. 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

FIRST AID + CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Earn a two-year certification. Includes infant, child and adult CPR, and basic first aid with an emphasis on childhood-related injuries. Sat., Feb. 17, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. $80.

INFANT SAFETY + CPR

Completion cards not awarded. Classes held regularly on Saturdays, 9 a.m.–noon or weeknights, 6:30–9:30 p.m. $40 per person; $70 per couple.

CPR FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Mon., Mar. 5, 6–9:30 p.m. $60.

SPANISH-SPEAKING CPR + FIRST AID CLASSES

Call 206.356.5887 (bilingual) for information.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

HIP + KNEE PAIN RELIEF

Orthopedic surgeon James Bruckner, MD, will discuss nonsurgical options as well as joint replacement surgery. Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30–8 p.m.

HYPNOSIS FOR WEIGHT LOSS

Three-part series taught by certified hypnotherapist Robert W. Felix. Thu. Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and 8, 7–9 p.m. $95.

BACK PAIN: Diagnosing + Treating

Overlake neurosurgeon Frank Bishop, MD, FAANS, will help you understand back dysfunction and treatment options, including nonsurgical therapy and minimally invasive surgery. Tue., Jan. 30, 6:30–8 p.m.

MIGRAINE HEADACHES: Understanding + Managing

Overlake neurologist Daniel Fosmire, MD, will discuss causes and triggers of migraines and treatments for fewer, shorter or less severe migraines. Tue., Feb. 6, 6:30–8 p.m.

PELVIC FLOOR WELLNESS: Women 30+

Attend this interactive class to learn techniques to maintain and improve your pelvic health. Taught by Overlake physical therapist Kathy Golic. Wed., Feb. 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

ADVANCED CARE PLANNING

This workshop will cover choosing a healthcare agent, treatment goals and how to complete an advance directive. For those aged 18–55. Tue., Feb. 21 or Mar. 20, 6–8 p.m.

MEDITATION FOR OCCASIONAL PAIN

Three-part series led by certified meditation teacher and psychotherapist Natasha Whelan. Sat., Feb. 5, Mar. 3 and Apr. 7, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. $97.50.

MEDICARE EDUCATION

Gain a better understanding of Medicare. 3rd Sat. of the month, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Overlake PACCAR Education Center, Vision room. No registration required. For questions, call 888.752.5198.

A MATTER OF BALANCE

Reduce your fear of falling and increase activity levels. Thu. and Tue., Feb. 1–27;10 a.m.–noon.

MY ACHING FEET

A podiatrist will discuss how to prevent common foot problems and solutions to reduce pain and discomfort. Thu., Feb. 8, 2–3 p.m. Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue.

UNDERSTANDING STROKES

Overlake’s stroke program coordinator will discuss risk factors, detection and treatments. Wed., Feb. 21, 10–11:30 p.m. Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond. Call 425.556.2314 to register.

ABCS OF DIABETES SERIES

Attending all classes is encouraged but not required. Classes held at Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue.

FOR GIRLS: A Heart-To-Heart Talk On Growing Up

People managing diabetes are at greater risk for severe foot problems, often due to poor circulation or nerve damage. Vinai Prakash, DPM will review diabetic foot issues, prevention tips and treatment options. Thu., Jan. 18, 4–5:30 p.m.

Kidney Disease

An Overlake physician will discuss the relationship between diabetes and the kidneys, and how to reduce the chance of developing kidney disease. Thu., Mar. 15, 4–5:30 p.m.

KEYS TO DEMENTIA SERIES: The Middle Stage

In the middle stage of dementia, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Attending all three classes is encouraged but not required. Not appropriate for the memory-impaired person. Held at Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue.

Part 1: The class will cover dementia symptoms observed in the middle stage and relationship changes that occur. Thu., Jan. 25; 2–3:30 p.m.

Part 2: Become aware of home safety considerations, when to approach the subject of giving up driving and how to handle wandering. Thur., Feb. 22, 2–3:30 p.m.

Part 3: Explore ways a caregiver can take care of themselves so they can better care for their loved one. Thu., Mar. 22, 2–3:30 p.m.

WALK FOR LIFE

Walking program for seniors. Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8–9:30 a.m. Bellevue Square Mall; enter at Sky Bridge #4, from the west parking garage. No registration required. For questions, call 425.688.5259. In partnership with Bellevue Family YMCA. FREE.

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All through the year, individuals, companies and foundations express their gratitude to Overlake by making donations to support the world-class care we provide. Now it’s our turn to say “thank you” to our supporters and friends. Your generosity has made some great things happen.

CANCER CENTER

The community contributed half of the $20 million cost of Overlake’s new, state-of-the-art, fully integrated Cancer Center. Over 1,200 patients turn to Overlake for cancer care each year. The grand opening of the new center in September of 2017 means comprehensive, patient-centered care in a warm and healing space. Thank you.

NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE

Over 800 community members turned out for the 2017 Bandage Ball, raising $1.2 million to support Overlake’s Neuroscience Institute. Your generous contributions are at work building new services and programs to serve patients in 2018 and beyond. These include: the first-on-the-Eastside Epilepsy Program; the Headache Clinic for fast treatment of severe headache pain; a telestroke medicine system, which will enable faster evaluation of stroke patients at any time of the day or night; and critical equipment like the Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine. Thank you.

ANGEL EYE

Our incredible community members, including parents of former patients, opened their hearts to the families of the 300 babies per year who receive care in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) by making gifts to purchase an Angel Eye camera system. Each NICU baby has a camera that enables family members to securely log in and watch them in real-time. Cameras are also equipped with speakers so moms, dads, siblings and other family members can talk and sing to their tiny infants.

“I woke from a bad dream just shaking with worry about my preemie baby boy. So I logged in and watched him sleeping peacefully for a bit. I felt so much better.”

“After my c-section, I was stuck in bed recovering while my precious baby was taken to the NICU. Thankfully, I was able to log in to Angel Eye from my phone and see him, eyes wide open and looking right at me! It was a blessing, truly, to be able to turn on my phone and see him anytime I wanted.”

While we welcome families to stay in the NICU rooms with their babies, most parents need to head back to work and home to care for other children, and cannot be here all the time. Angel Eye keeps them connected. Thank you.
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**Alzheimer’s Caregivers**
3rd Mon. of the month, 3–4:30 p.m. Overlake Senior Health Clinic, 1750 112th Ave NE, IA101, Bellevue. Call Regina Bennett, MSW, at 425.502.9828.

**Balance After Baby**
For those experiencing postpartum mood disorder or struggling with their new role as mother. 2nd and 4th Tue. of the month, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Cancer Caregiver Support**
For those caring for someone with cancer. 1st and 3rd Tue. of the month, 7–8:30 p.m. Call 800.255.5505.

**La Lecce League: Breastfeeding Support + Information**
Bellevue: Overlake PACCAR Education Center. 3rd Mon. of the month, 7–9 p.m. Call Kay at 425.226.8117.

**LympheDEMA Support**
2nd Wed. of the month, 10 a.m.–noon and 3rd Wed. of the month, 10 a.m.–noon. Call 425.255.5505.

**Path of Grief**
For adults coping with the loss of a loved one. Wed., Jan. 22–Feb. 26, 7–9 p.m. Call 425.688.5308.

**P.S. Support Group**
Support for miscarriage, stillbirth and infant loss. 3rd Thu. of the month, 7–9 p.m. Call Abbie at 206.367.3991 or Cami at 425.277.9494.

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4th Sat. of the month, 1–2:15 p.m. Call Jennifer at 425.688.5295.

**Weight Loss Surgery**
Select Sat., 10 a.m.–noon; Thu. evenings, 6–8 p.m. Call 425.467.3957.

**Events**

**Be Heart Smart: What Women Should Know About Their Cardiac + Vascular Health**
Learn how to improve your odds against heart attack, stroke and heart disease.
Cardiologists Andrea Vitello, MD, and Alan Heywood, MD, will discuss risk factors and symptoms for coronary artery disease, and will review diagnostic tools and treatment options. Arrive early to enjoy a glass of “heart-healthy” red wine, refreshments and health resources. Men welcome.

Heart Health Screenings—Reserve your space for free screenings including blood pressure, non-fasting cholesterol and carotid artery. Space is limited. Pre-registration required; visit overlakehospital.org/classes. FREE.

Thu., Feb. 22. Heart health screenings from 5:30–7 p.m.; presentation from 7–8 p.m. Overlake Medical Center, PACCAR Education Center.

**Active Senior Fair**
This annual event features health screenings, seminars, workshops and demonstrations. Enjoy a variety of entertainers, including a spring fashion show. Vendor exhibits highlight Eastside businesses and organizations. No registration required. Visit overlakehospital.org/activeseniorfair or call 425.635.6191. FREE.

Sat., Mar. 3, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Westminster Chapel, 13646 NE 24th St, Bellevue.

**Bandage Ball 2018**
Join us for Overlake’s largest fundraiser of the year! Have fun for a good cause by taking part in our silent and live auctions, raffles, local wines and late night dancing to DJ Aanshul! Proceeds from the ball will benefit Overlake’s emergency services. Funds will be used to support ongoing training, facility improvements and state-of-the-art equipment to keep Overlake’s emergency services operating in peak form, 24/7. The community relies on us and we are here for you! For more information and to purchase tickets visit bandageball.org.

Sat., April 21, 5:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Bellevue.

**Fashions from the Heart Luncheon + Fashion Show**
This event will feature fashions from Title 9 and Divalani of Bellevue and keynote speaker Dr. Derek Rodrigues—Overlake cardiologist and electrophysiologist. Proceeds benefit cardiac and stroke programs at Overlake. Visit overlakehospital.org/FFTH.

Tue., May 22, 11:30 a.m. Bellevue Hilton.
As the Eastside grows and medical technology advances, Overlake is committed to continually enhance and expand our services to ensure the care available to our community is second to none.

Project FutureCare, Overlake’s $250 million, six-year campus modernization plan, will support state-of-the-art care in an environment that improves safety and quality while enhancing patient and family experience.

The project will occur in three construction phases, growing our campus and service offerings in several significant ways, including:

- A new, 5-story inpatient tower featuring a new childbirth center and mom/baby center
- Two new operating room (OR) suites – one with hybrid OR technology and one state-of-the-art cardiac suite
- An expanded behavioral health unit
- A new circle drive and marquee entrance with intuitive wayfinding and patient flow
- New laboratory and pharmacy

The support of our generous community will play a critical role in Project FutureCare. Please visit overlakehospital.org/projectfuturecare for more information on the project and how you can support world-class healthcare.
It’s January and you’ve been wished “Happy New Year” approximately 3,700 times. But research shows that happiness is not something you wish for; it’s something you create. Where do you start?

A study from Harvard suggests that three categories of “good” help us build happiness:

**DO THINGS YOU ARE GOOD AT**
Can you tie a fishing lure with one hand, sing like a nightingale or cook a sublime soufflé? Make time to pursue those hobbies and perfect those talents. You will feel great and so will the people you invite over for dinner or out for a fishing trip.

**DO THINGS THAT ARE GOOD FOR YOU**
Yes, all the usual New Year’s resolutions fall into this category, but so does spending more time with your loved ones and reconnecting with friends. In fact, people with close connections to family and friends tend to live longer and in better health than their lonelier peers.

**DO GOOD FOR OTHERS**
Donating money to charitable causes benefits your brain and your body in addition to providing a tax write-off, while volunteering aids the volunteer as well as the people being helped. Volunteers feel more fulfilled and self-confident, less stressed and more connected with the world around them. In general, people who help others enjoy stronger social support, lower blood pressure, better mood and longer life.

Ghandi said, “Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.” Or in the words of another philosopher, “Don’t worry; be happy.”

The Overlake Medical Center Foundation connects our generous community with opportunities to support world-class healthcare on the Eastside. Please take a look at our Annual Report to the Community in this issue to see how donors made a difference in 2017.

Questions? Contact us at foundation@overlakehospital.org or call 425.688.5525.

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**DIY HAPPINESS**
Overlake connects with our community members through health and wellness outreach activities, health events and fundraising efforts. Here’s a sample of where we’ve been over the past few months along with the latest hospital news.

**Long-Running Overlake Event Receives Award**

Overlake’s Active Senior Fair received Washington State Hospital Association’s 2017 Community Health Leadership Silver Award. The annual event, in its 22nd year, provides health information and screenings for seniors. This year’s fair will take place Sat., Mar. 3.

**“A” Rating for Hospital Quality + Safety**

This fall, Overlake was one of 11 hospitals in Washington state to receive an “A” safety rating from the Leapfrog Group. The rating highlights our commitment to exceptional patient experience while maintaining the highest quality and safety standards.

**Sammamish Clinic Grand Opening**

Our newest primary care clinic opened its doors Nov. 20, 2017. Located in Sammamish Village near Metropolitan Market, the clinic offers same-day appointments for adult and family care. Urgent care will open at the same location in late January.

**Overlake Medical Center Bandage Ball**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

5:30 P.M.

Hyatt Regency Bellevue

Funds raised will support Overlake’s Emergency Services

Purchase your tickets today!

bandageball.org