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JULY CALENDAR ITEMS

All Events and Support Groups Sponsored by New York Methodist Hospital

Hepatitis C is a viral infection of the liver that infects tens of thousands of Americans each year. New York Methodist Hospital provides a free support group for individuals diagnosed with Hepatitis C and their family members, the **Hepatitis C Support Group**.

This month the group will meet on **Tuesday, July 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

The Hepatitis C Support Group is for those who have questions and concerns or who may be seeking treatment options for Hepatitis C. The meeting will take place in the Hospital's **Executive Dining Room, 506 Sixth Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn**. For more information please call 718-780-5367.

New York Methodist Hospital offers a free support group for mothers and their newborns (from birth to three months old), the **Breast Feeding Support Group**. A certified

lactation consultant leads the group. The **group meets weekly on Tuesdays** starting with **Tuesday July 1, 2008 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 3K-C of the Hospital's**

Wesley House located at 501 Sixth Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn. For more information please call 718-780-5367.

The Division of Dental Medicine at New York Methodist Hospital will provide **free dental screenings** as part of their **Pediatric Dental Awareness Days in July**. Children ages 6 to 16 are invited to attend and receive **free dental screenings** as well as educational information on how to maintain a healthy smile. The Pediatric Dental Awareness Days will take place at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, July 8; 10am–2pm at New York Methodist Hospital’s Family Health Center of Downtown Brooklyn, **210 Flatbush Avenue**.

Friday, July 18; 9am–1pm at New York Methodist Hospital’s Family Health Center of Flatbush, **1910 Nostrand Avenue**

Wednesday, July 23; 12pm–4pm at New York Methodist Hospital’s Family Health Center of Mapleton, **5923 Sixteenth Avenue**

Tuesday, July 29; 9:30am–12:30pm at New York Methodist Hospital’s Family Health Center of Canarsie, **1771 Utica Avenue**

For more information please call 718-780-5367.

Osteoporosis is a silent disease that affects some 20 million people each year. Many consider osteoporosis to be a woman’s disease, but it impacts both men and women. The disease results from depletion of calcium from the bone. New York Methodist Hospital is offering **free bone density screenings** as part of **Osteoporosis Awareness Day**. In addition to the screenings, medical professionals will be available to answer questions. This **free event is open to the public** and will take place on **Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the Hospital’s **Medical Office Pavilion, 263 Seventh**

Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn. For more information and to make an appointment (required), call 718-780-5367.

New York Methodist Hospital provides a free support group for individuals who are affected by cancer, the **Cancer Support Group**. This month the group will meet on **Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Both a physician and a chaplain lead the group. The meeting will take place in the Hospital's **Radiation Oncology Conference Room, 506 Sixth Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn.** For more information please call 718-780-3593.

Obesity is an epidemic that impacts over nine million Americans. More and more people who are affected by obesity are seeking to learn about surgical weight reduction. New York Methodist Hospital offers a free **Surgical Weight Reduction Information Seminar and Support Group**. The group will meet on **Thursday, July 24, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** During the first 30 minutes of the seminar, a surgeon will conduct an information session for individuals who are interested in learning about the surgery. A 90-minute support group meeting open to pre- and post-operative patients will follow the information session. The event will take place in the Hospital's **Executive Dining Room, 506 Sixth Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn.** For more information please call 718-780-7797.

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New York Methodist Hospital, a voluntary, acute-care teaching facility located in Brooklyn's Park Slope, houses 651 inpatient beds (including bassinets) and provides care for over 32,000 inpatients each year. An additional 350,000 outpatient visits and services are logged annually. The Hospital offers Institutes in the following areas: Asthma and Lung Disease; Cancer Care; Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery; Digestive and Liver Disorders; Diabetes and Other Endocrine Disorders; Vascular Medicine and Surgery; Family Care; Neurosciences; and Orthopedic Medicine and Surgery. The Hospital, founded in 1881, has undergone extensive renovation and modernization over the years. New York Methodist is affiliated with the Weill Medical College and it is a member of NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System.