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### **CRMC Honors Medical Staff**

On Monday May 4, Cortland Regional Medical Center hosted the 18th Annual Physician Recognition Dinner at the Cortland Country Club. The event honors local physicians and allied health professionals for their dedication and service to the Cortland community. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2009 “Physician of the Year”. This award is presented to a member of the medical staff who is dedicated to “excellence in patient care, has given significant service to Cortland Regional Medical Center, and has demonstrated significant and continued academic effort.”

Christopher Moheimani, M.D., was announced as the latest recipient of the Physician of the Year Award. Dr Moheimani arrived in Cortland in 1998 to join *Cortland Surgical Associates*, the surgical practice of Drs. Kye Bang and Ho Woon Lee. Board Certified in General Surgery, he specializes in thoracic, vascular, and laparoscopic procedures.

During his tenure at CRMC, Dr. Moheimani has chaired the medical center’s Department of Surgery and Operating Room, and served on the Medical Executive Committee. He is a member of the Medical Staff Equipment Committee and recently became chair of the Credentials Committee. For the past six years he has served on the Cortland Memorial Foundation Board of Directors and is presently the board Chair. He has also been a member of the Development Committee, the Nominating Committee, and chaired the Physician Annual Giving Campaign.

Born in Bristol, England, Dr. Moheimani spent most of his early years in the Philadelphia and south New Jersey area. He attended Albright College in Reading, PA before beginning his medical education at Thomas Jefferson University Medical College. He then went on to the Medical Center of Delaware, where he completed his surgical internship followed by a five-year surgical residency. During this time he was given the Service Excellence Award and served as Chief Surgical Resident.

Dr. Moheimani makes his home in Cortland with his wife Liesl, a nurse at CRMC. The Moheimanis have four children: Arielle, Samuel, Zane, and Clare.

In addition to Dr. Moheimani, other members of the CRMC medical staff were honored at the dinner for their years of patient care, dedication, and service.

30 Years

Kye Bang, M.D. (General Surgery)  
Andrew Chernow, D.P.M. (Podiatry)

25 Years

Ho Woon Lee, M.D. (General Surgery)

20 Years

Karl Gauss, M.D. (Internal Medicine)  
Sandra Holland, M.D. (Emergency)

10 Years

Polly Ann Cator, M.D. (Phys Med & Rehab)  
Lynn Cunningham, M.D. (Family Practice)  
James Kowalczyk, M.D. (Anesthesia)  
Christopher Moheimani, (General Surgery)  
Ann Robenstien, D.O. (Emergency)  
Clay Van Doren, D.O. (Internal Medicine)

5 Years

Mary Allen, N.P.  
Ronayne Herbert, N.P.  
Aruna Kode, M.D. (Anesthesia)  
Mercedes Madar, M.D. (Emergency)  
Pawan Rao, M.D. (Nephrology)  
Gary Robbins, M.D. (Radiology)  
Richard Stuntz, M.D. (Emergency)  
David Wirtz, M.D. (Emergency)