Success in sports means proper prevention and treatment of injuries

By St. Charles Hospital

he Sports Medicine Program at St. Charles Hospital provides student athletes, weekend warriors and professional athletes an unparalleled continuum of care for injuries sustained during play. The program connects St. Charles Hospital's renowned rehabilitation network, the ThinkSMART!™ **Concussion Management** Program and state of-the-art diagnostic imaging services with the expertise of the nationally recognized physicians at St. Charles Orthopedics (SCO).

At St. Charles Orthopedics, athletes of all levels receive expert care by fellowship trained orthopedic and sport medicine physicians. Nineteen subspecialty physicians provide surgical and non-surgical care for shoulder, knee, hip, hand, wrist, elbow, foot and ankle injuries. Expert care of the spine is also a subspecialty of the practice.

Unless otherwise indicated, physicians at St. Charles Orthopedics consider surgery the last resort and use innovative non-surgical methods to treat bone and muscle injuries. Cutting edge techniques include injecting a patient's own platelet rich plasma (PRP) into the injury site to heal damaged tissue. Stateof-the-art imaging technologies, such as a 3T MRI and a 256-Slice CT, provide St. Charles physicians with the highest quality image to support an accurate diagnosis.

St. Charles Rehabilitation offers eight convenient outpatient

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locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties, with an additional site opening soon in Commack. As key members of the Sports Medicine program, St. Charles physical therapists possess specialty training in the rehabilitation of sports injuries, provide school districts with education and training for injury prevention, and host free weekend recovery clinics for student athletes seeking relief from muscle tightness and soreness following game day.

The Sports Medicine Program at St. Charles also hosts ThinkSMART!™, a comprehensive concussion management program. ThinkSMART!™ physicians have extensive experience and training in the management of concussion and are prepared to assess, diagnose and treat concussed athletes to ensure a safe return to play. Student athletes can complete a computerized



A physical therapist at St. Charles Rehabilitation works on core strengthening with a student athlete.

neurocognitive exam, prior to their sports season, so that physicians can utilize the results as a baseline when diagnosing concussion.

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computer testing to athletes in more than 42 Long Island school districts.

For more information on the comprehensive Sports Medicine Program at St. Charles, call 631-474-6797.

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oday, coaches, athletes and parents are upping their game to prevent sports injuries, from the elementary school level through high school and college. By adopting a team approach, they are mirroring some of the same prevention and rehabilitation techniques used by the pros—relying more on the expertise of physicians, athletic trainers and physical

therapists to assess, treat and get players back into the game when they are fully healed and ready.

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STAY IN THE GAME WITH THESE GUIDELINES

GET YOUR BLOOD FLOWING ENERGIZE YOUR BODY

Experts say if done correctly, stretching prior to exercise gets blood flowing in the arms and legs. conditions muscles and decreases the risk of injury. *Tip to athlete:* Perform dynamic stretches (putting your muscles through actual movement) instead of static stretches (holding a fixed position for 30 seconds).

it's safe to specialize

in one sport

GET THAT EDGE — SLEEP Sleep is the foundation of great athletic performance. It enhances stamina.

reaction time and decision making at play. Tip to athlete: Treat your body as you treat your smart phone. If it's not charged it won't perform. Aim for 10 hours of sleep per night.



AVOID OVERUSE INJURY

- CROSS TRAIN

to challenge different muscle

groups and prevent overuse

Injury to bone growth plates can have long

lasting effects. *Tip to athlete:* Cross

train instead of specializing in one

sport. Practice good techniques

occur each vear nationally

to further prevent injury.

Diversify. Play more than one sport

injuries. Kids who are still growing

are more likely to break bones.

RACK UP GAME POINTS BY FOLLOWING

THESE INJURY PREVENTION TIPS:

- **POWER DOWN** electronics at bedtime to give your body time to repair and recover from workouts
- **DON'T RELY** on sports drinks to stay alert. They're overloaded with sugar and caffeine.
- **DON'T DRINK** more than a quart of water per hour while exercising.
- **AVOID** one-sport only focus until child has reached skeletal maturity (between the ages of 15 to 17).
- LISTEN to your body. If it seems off and vou are not recovering from an injury, see a specialist.
- **CONCUSSION?** Returning to play before full recovery puts athletes at risk for "Second Impact Syndrome" and devastating. long-term complications. Get cleared by a doctor who is a concussion specialist

of sports injuries can be treated non-surgically

REST & RECOVER — HEAL WITHOUT SURGERY

Overtraining causes repetitive stress and injuries to bones and muscles. Running, iumping, throwing can cause tears. stress fractures and tendonitis. Tip to athlete: Rest up.

Non-surgical treatments include physical therapy. exercise-based treatments and Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) injections.

ENERGIZE YOUR BODY - STAY HYDRATED

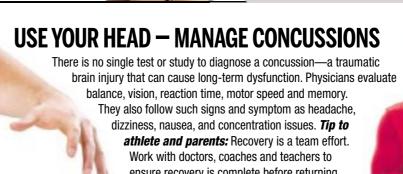
Before, during and after play drink water. It helps eliminate wastes, lubricate joints, transport nutrients

of water four hours before exercising

that supply energy and aids digestion. When you are physically active,

your body heats up, secretes sweat and potentially becomes dehydrated (losing more fluid than you take in).

Tip to athlete: Drink before you feel thirsty. Thirst is a signal that you are heading toward dehydration.



ensure recovery is complete before returning to play. Seek out physicians specializing in concussion assessment and treatment. Ask about your school district's concussion management practices and pre-season baseline testing.

To learn more about youth sports safety, go to: stcharles.org/sportsmed; cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports.



Injury Care Prevention - Assessmen Treatment: Surgical & Non-Surgical

Concussion Management Program: Concussion Education - Pre-Season Baseline Test Concussion Center with Physicians Specialized in Concussion Return to Play Plan

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School Program: Post-Game Recovery Clinics Game Coverage by Orthopedic Physicians & PAs

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NEWSDAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

Healthlink Health **Events Calendar**

August-September

*Subject to change. Please call or check website for program updates

AUGUST



5th Annual Heart & Soul Symposium: Head, **Shoulders. Knees & Toes**

Captain Bill's Restaurant, Bay Shore. 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hosted by Good Samaritan Hospital. Keynote Speaker: Marty Lyons, former New York Jets football player and Jets radio color commentator. Workshop topics: Stroke Health, Shoulder Pain, Hip & Knee, and Foot Care. FREE admission. Registration required. Call 631-376-4444 for details.



Parenting 101: Raising Happy & Healthy Kids

Cohen Children's **TUESDAY Medical Center**

269-01 76 Ave., Room 337, New Hyde Park FREE, to register call 718-470-3359. Presented by Cohen's Children Medical Center & Katz Institute for Women's Health/Northwell Health. Go to northwell.edu/support-and-resources

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER IS HEALTH OBSERVANCES MONTH FOR MANY HEALTH CONDITIONS. **INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:**

National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (fitness.gov)

National Cholesterol Education Awareness Month

National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute (cdc.gov/features/cholesterolawareness) Also, see article on p. 21

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Inc. (ovariancancerawareness.org)

National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (sicklecelldisease.org)



SATURDAY

2nd Annual Long Island CRPS/RSD **Awareness Walk**

Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. Walk to raise awareness and

funding to find a cure for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), a disabling neurologic disorder. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Fees for adults, children, and virtual walkers. Go to rsds.org/ event/2nd-annual-long-island-crpsrsd-awarenesswalk, or call Samantha Anderson, 508-942-2141.

SUNDAY

Sunday Recovery Clinic:

Repeats weekly. For athletes in all sports. Recover between games to prevent injury: massage, Marc Pro e-stim,

(Parental waiver required for under 18 yrs.) RSVP: St. Charles Rehabilitation - Centereach (631) 580-2526 RSVP: St. Charles Rehabilitation- Patchogue (631) 207-2370. Learn more: www.stcharles.org/sportsmed

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Feinstein Institute for Medical Research/Northwell Health 350 Community Dr., Manhasset.

FREE. Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Call to register, 516-325-7000, or visit: feinsteininsitute.org. This group is open to anyone with Parkinson's disease, as well as family, friends, and caregivers.



THURSDAY

Diabetes Management Symposium

Get answers to your questions. St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson

9am-2pm, FREE (Includes lunch) RSVP: Call (631) 474-6797 or stcharles.org/diabetesevent



Women's Wellness **Ask the Experts: Women's Cancers**

WEDNESDAY

LI Marriott, Uniondale 101 James Doolittle Blvd.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$20. Register with a friend and receive \$5 off each with promo code KIWH. For more info and to register, call 885-850-KIWH (5494), northwell.edu/kiwh. Presented by the Katz Institute for Women's Health/Northwell Health.

Fall Prevention Awareness Day

THURSDAY

NYU Winthrop Wellness Pavilion 1300 Franklin Ave., Garden City Suite ML-5

FREE, 9:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reservations Required. Call 1-866-WINTHROP.

Stretching, ice baths, NormaTec work with physical therapists, 10am-1pm, FREE