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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR PHYSICIANS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS FOCUSING ON THE HOSPITAL'S MISSION OF PROVIDING QUALITY CARE AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE TO THOSE WE SERVE

## ***Patients move into SW early***



It was an honor last Thursday to move LMH's first patient into the South Wing. Geri Schaffer was moved from Two West to the third floor of the South Wing at 10a. Geri is the wife of the late and former LMH Association Board Chair Ben Schaffer. She was followed to Third South by 27 patients from

Third North and patients holding in MACU. After 12 years of planning and construction, an eager team of LMHers was able to move these med/surg patients into the new wing five days ahead of schedule. The South Wing addition is the third and largest expansion in LMH's 56-year history. It adds 90 new med/surg beds, bringing the hospital's total beds to 270. Also in the South Wing are a new emergency department, which is scheduled to move in February, a new gift shop and the LMH Admissions Department's new suite. Several patient-safety features have been integrated into the South Wing as well as many patient and family friendly features. In the middle of the North and South Wings is a healing garden that was constructed to provide respite to patients, visitors and staff alike. The new South Wing brings a 21st-century hospital to Lodi. While ICU and OB stay where they are in the North Wing for now, they, too, will eventually see new homes, as LMH will be either planning or building all the way through 2030. A warm thank you to all who planned and built the South Wing, and sincere thanks to all the staff who have worked so carefully to move patients into the South Wing. If ever there were a team effort, this was it. This was an extraordinary way to end 2009. Thank you to all staff, physicians and volunteers who every day put their hearts into caring for patients, visitors and each other. It was a challenging year given the economics of our state and the nation, and LMH adapted accordingly. A big thank you to all who worked on several other LMH projects that had been years in the making. LMH opened three community clinics in Lodi during 2009 and one in North Stockton. The hospital also launched an endoscopy center in Lodi as well as an outpatient-surgery center in North Stockton. We expect to be as busy in 2010 as we grow to meet the needs of our growing community. With every good wish for a healthy holiday season, and happy new year, (Joe Harrington, ext. 7560).

## ***UM interim director named***



Valerie Cronin, LCSW, has accepted the position of interim director of Utilization Management. Most recently, Valerie has been the supervisor of LMH's social services staff. Please welcome and support Valerie in this interim position, (Mark Sey, ext. 7439).

## ***Adult Day Care receives gift***

For the past 15 years, Frank Wolfe has not missed a Christmas to donate money to the LMH Adult Day Care program. Frank's wife, Kathleen, was one of the first participants to attend the program in 1990. Kathleen had Alzheimer's and attended the program every Wednesday for four years. In appreciation of the care and services provided to him and his wife, Frank has been an advocate for the day-care program and a continued referral source. Every Christmas, he brings a check to the Adult Day Care program, (Terri Whitmire, 369-4443).

## ***Physicians join medical staff***



**Dr. LaViola**



**Dr. Black**

Steven LaViola, MD, cardiology, graduated from the University of Bologna School of Medicine, Bologna, Italy. He completed his internal medicine residency at Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

He also completed a cardiovascular-medicine fellowship at UC Davis Medical Center. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Justin Black, MD, anesthesiology, graduated from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. He completed an internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals, (Linda Brown, ext. 7669).

## ***Free H1N1 vaccine available to LMHers***

LMH will offer free H1N1 vaccinations to all family members of LMH employees, volunteers, physicians and their staffs at the LMH West Campus lobby Mon., Dec. 21, 3-8p, and Tues., Dec. 22, 12noon-8p. The vaccine will be open to all age groups. Nasal or injectable vaccine will be administered based upon age and previous vaccine use. Children must have a parent or guardian present for consent purposes. After these dates, remaining vaccine will be released to the public through the LMH clinics. Please contact Donna Bennett, ext. 7633, with questions, (Mark Sey, ext. 7439).

***"Pulse" reader survey***

This past April, "Pulse" celebrated its 15th birthday. "Pulse" is for hospital employees, volunteers, physicians and community members and shares LMH information across its readership. Please help improvement efforts, and take a moment to answer the questions below. Return to Community Development. Thanks!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-nursing, clinical-staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other hospital-staff member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician        | <input type="checkbox"/> Board member                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain _____        |  |

"Pulse" is published twice a month. I read "Pulse"...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally |
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I generally...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Skim "Pulse" to read what interests me | <input type="checkbox"/> Read all of "Pulse" |
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I generally have...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No trouble finding a copy of "Pulse" | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty finding a copy |
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"Pulse" is helpful and informative...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |
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I contribute items to "Pulse"...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Often | <input type="checkbox"/> Once in a while | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
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This "Pulse" feature is most important to me...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health-care updates   | <input type="checkbox"/> Who in the heck?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |

I would prefer to receive "Pulse" via e-mail at the hospital...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |
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I think "Pulse's" design format is...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to follow | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to follow | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |
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I learn about LMH activities and events when reading "Pulse"...

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I know how to submit items for "Pulse"...

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Here's where I think "Pulse" could improve:

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