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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

Thanks, and bon appétit!

As the nation celebrates hospital week, May 9-15, and honors those who do the important work of caring for the ill and injured, let me thank all hospital staff, volunteers and physicians for all you do everyday throughout the year. Technology, pharmacology and evolving science consistently broaden the scope of care we are able to provide. Our work is complicated, sophisticated and requires incredible skill with an eye always toward safety. Yet all of that important work would be in vain if it were not delivered with compassion and sensitivity to the individual needs of each and every patient. We do that well at LMH, because our staff and volunteers bring their hearts to their life's work. In appreciation, watch for a week full of treats. On Mon., May 10, LMH staff in Galt, Lone, Hutchins Street Square, Trinity, Millsbridge and clinic administration will have lunch delivered to them. On Tues., May 11, coffee and a buffet breakfast are offered to all in the dining rooms at both campuses between 6-9:30a. On Wed., May 12, from 2-4p, an ice-cream social will be held in both dining rooms, and ice-cream bars will be delivered to departments from 7-11p. On Thurs., May 13, stop by for fruit and desserts in the dining rooms of both campuses from 12n-2p. Cookies will be delivered to the night staff from 7-11p. On Fri., May 14, all are invited to enjoy a barbecue lunch from 11a-2p, at both campuses. A barbecue will also be held from 4-6p at West, and 5-8p at East. Thanks, again, (*Joe Harrington, ext. 7560*).

Palliative-care coordinator named



Kelly Stump, RN, MSN, has accepted the RN coordinator position for LMH's newly developed Palliative Care Team and will transfer from her current position in the Financial Planning department this month. The position reports to the ICU director. Kelly brings her leadership and finance experience

and will work with Kuljeet Multani, MD, to develop the LMH Palliative Care Team into a support structure that will help patients, families and staff examine and discuss goals of care for patients with chronic illness. A dedicated team has been working for a year and a half to get a Palliative Care Team started and is thrilled to have Kelly and Dr. Multani lead in this venture, (*Becky Sanders, ext. 7592*).

LMH MDs have baby boy



Dr. Shankar



Dr. Mirmira

Congratulations to Meena Shankar, MD, and Vijay Mirmira, MD, who are the proud new parents of a baby boy. Born at LMH on May 6, the newborn Maddy weighed in at 5 lbs., 2 oz., 18 inches. All the

OB staff concur this is their cutest baby of 2010. Maddy will soon join older sister Sammi, age three, at home. The baby was delivered by Param Gill, MD, Dr. Shankar's fellow OB/Gyn practitioner. Dr. Mirmira practices at LMH's Millsbridge family-practice clinic. Maddy will share a birthday with Dr. Gill's youngest son, Ricky Gill, a recent Princeton grad, now attending Boalt law school at UC Berkeley. Congratulations, Doctors Shankar and Mirmira, and welcome, Maddy, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

New clinical manager comes aboard



Karen Cuslidge, RN, WCC, has joined the LMH Wound Treatment Center as its clinical-nurse manager. Karen will be responsible for all clinical aspects of the center, including providing continuity of care for patients, integrating new therapies into care, training new personnel, reviewing and reporting on

patient outcomes and ensuring quality of care. A Stockton resident, Karen most recently served as wound-treatment nurse at another local hospital where she has been involved in numerous aspects of nursing for the last 10 years. She has an Associate Degree in Nursing, along with certification from the National Alliance of Wound Care. The LMH Wound Treatment Center is located at 2415 W. Vine St., Ste. 106, Lodi, and can be reached at 333-3066. A National Healing Corporation Wound Healing Center, the LMH Wound Treatment Center specializes in the treatment of chronic wounds and non-responsive conditions and offers hospital-based, outpatient wound care and hyperbaric-oxygen therapy. National Healing has earned the Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification for wound care. Referrals are appreciated, (*Susan Goad, ext. 2902*).

Volunteer luncheon set for May

The annual LMH Volunteer Pinning Luncheon will be held on Sat., May 22, at 12noon, in the LMH Healing Garden. Volunteers will dine, learn about key LMH facts and activities and pins will be handed out to those with milestone hours of service. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. Sign up in the gift shop or call 339-7616, (*Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616*).

Giving opportunities available

The LMH Foundation is in its final phase of a very successful \$20 million capital campaign for the South Wing project. Its mission is to keep LMH independent and thriving. In this last phase of the capital campaign, engraved tiles will be permanently placed next to the waterfall in the LMH Healing Garden. These unique tiles are a wonderful way of leaving a legacy in your name or to honor someone. A \$500 pledge, which may be paid over two years, will ensure your commitment to your hospital. Please call Jill De Herrera, ext. 7833, for more information, (*Rob Wooton, ext. 7630*).

Congratulations, Daleen



Please congratulate Daleen Murray, RN, for her recent achievement of advanced credentialing in risk management. Daleen completed training and passed a credentialing examination to become a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). This

credential requires a minimum of five years of risk-management experience, examination completion and renewal requirements for continuing professional education in the risk-management field. This credential identifies Daleen as among the elite who enjoy the pride of recognition as specialists in the field of health-care risk management, (*Mark Sey, ext. 7439*).

Check out the gift shop



Several new, exciting items have found their way to the gift shop's shelves. The "Embellish Your Story" sign line is a big hit, with more on order to be shipped this month. There are also new items for babies and weddings. Stop by to see all the gift shop has to offer, (*Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616*).

Tell your story

Join LMH staff, physicians and volunteers as they share a brief overview of their roles at LMH and their life outside LMH. Take a look at their posted profiles in the corridor just to the south of the South Wing lobby. For those interested in participating and completing a profile to be posted in the corridor, contact Carol Farron or Lori Horan in Community Development, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

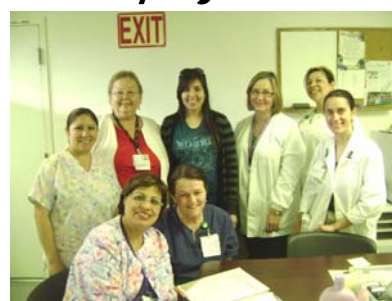
EAR go-live is a success

The switch for the Galt Medical Services LSS EAR (electronic ambulatory record) implementation was turned on during April. With scanners scanning needed records, training plans tested and completed, pre-"live" meetings completed and patients to be seen, the Galt staff and providers, as well as the dedicated LSS team, has reason to celebrate their achievements and hours of hard work and preparation with a very successful go-live. Galt is the first hospital-based clinic to go-live, and the others will now follow at designated times. Galt joins the Lodi Memorial Community Clinics as an additional clinic practice functioning on electronic scheduling, billing and, now, electronic medical record. The LSS team has prepared for several weeks now as the EAR involved building a new database for the hospital-based clinics. The Galt EAR implementation success was realized with a positive and enthusiastic group of staff, providers and LSS team that made it all possible, (*Pam Schneider, ext. 7450*).

Bike to work next week

Bike to Work Week is May 17-21. This event encourages cycling as a form of transportation to the workplace and promotes environmentally friendly transportation options. Simply pledge to ride your bike or walk to work at least one day during Bike to Work Week in San Joaquin or Stanislaus County and be entered in a drawing for a free bicycle and helmet. Commute Connection, the regional ridesharing program operated by the San Joaquin Council of Governments, sponsors the drawing for San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Commute Connection is a program designed to help commuters make the transition from driving alone to a convenient ridesharing option such as car or vanpooling, bicycling/walking or riding transit. Entry forms are available in the LMH Gift Shop, the front desk at LMH West and online at www.commuteconnection.com. Call 235-1094 for more information, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Senior projects lend a hand to LMH



Campos (center) with OB clinic staff

As a community service project, Naiely Campos, a senior at Lodi High School, recently gathered donations for the LMH OB Clinic. Naiely was one of 54 students from seven different high schools who participated in LMH's Nursing Camp during March. This program was

developed to meet the needs of the senior project requirement since job shadowing is not an option at LMH. Students who are interested in the field of nursing complete 10 hours of classroom activities and four hours of community service. In another related activity, 14 seniors participated in the Colon Sale held in the cafeteria. This year's annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society earned \$337 and raised awareness for the need to screen for colon cancer. Senior project is a graduation requirement for all LUSD high schools, (*Mary Lou Jenkins, ext. 7615*).