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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

LMH board tours south wing



The first of many south-wing tours was offered to LMH board members last week. They viewed the extent of the work and got a progress report from those doing the work. To date the construction is on target – time wise, budget wise and safety wise – with no injuries! Throughout the process Mother Nature has been extremely cooperative, and the project and walls are beginning to be framed. The central-utility plant, or energy center, which will house the utilities for the new and older hospital structures, is also on track. Concrete continues to be poured for that structure. All the construction should be completed by the end of next year, and patients should be in the new beds by Spring, 2010. Stay tuned for more information, or check out the LMH web page, www.lodihealth.org, for regular updates. A big thank you for all the tolerance of noise and related inconveniences. Last week as crews began to connect the new south wing to the existing hospital, the surgery waiting area was temporarily moved to the diagnostic-imaging waiting room, and everyone – including the courtesy-desk volunteers – chipped in to make that effort as smooth as can be, (*Tak Saito, ext. 7680*).

Save this date

The LMH Foundation's annual summer fundraiser, Summer Fest, will be held on Sat., July 12, from 6-9p, at Mondavi Winery in Woodbridge. Tickets are available in the LMH Foundation office at \$65 apiece. The event is sponsored by Delta Radiology for the eighth year, (*Donna Shaw, ext. 7582*).

Please welcome these new physicians

Pediatrician Akbar Umar, MD, graduated from Dow Medical College, University of Karachi, in Pakistan. He completed an internship and residency in pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. He is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. He works at the LMH Pediatric Clinic. Salah Sherif, MD, emergency medicine, graduated from the Cairo University of Medicine in Egypt. He finished a rotating internship at Cairo University Hospital, a pulmonary residency at Heliopolis Army Pulmonary Hospital and a residency in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He then completed another internal-medicine residency at Emory University in Atlanta. He is board certified in internal medicine. Alvin Zachariah, MD, internal medicine/hospitalist, graduated from the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine through the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in Urbana, IL, and a fellowship in primary/ambulatory care at UCLA. He works for the Team Health Hospitalist program. Vascular surgeon Gordon MacBeth, MD, returns to LMH, having been away since 2003. He graduated from the University of Arizona, Tucson, and completed his general-surgery internship and residency programs and an additional fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of Arizona. He is board certified in general surgery and vascular surgery. Stephen Lee, MD, emergency medicine, graduated from UMDNJ New Jersey Medical, Newark. He completed his internship and residency programs in internal medicine at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. He also served a residency in anesthesiology at USC-LAC. He is board certified in internal medicine. Vanessa Tsuda-Nguyen, DO, family practice, graduated from the University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, CA. She completed internship and residency programs in family medicine at San Joaquin General Hospital. She is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, (*Linda Brown, ext. 7669*).

Give blood, get ice cream

Don't forget, Delta Blood Bank will host a blood drive on Tues., June 17, from 8:30a-2p, in Classrooms F and G. All who donate will not only receive coupons for Baskin Robbins ice cream, but will be entered in a drawing for a three-day, two-night hotel accommodation giveaway. Drawings will be held every hour, so don't miss this opportunity to win, (*Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616*).

Contract negotiations completed

Successful contract negotiations have been completed between LMH and both the Health Plan of San Joaquin and Blue Cross Medi-Cal for yet another year. LMH is pleased to be able to continue to provide services to these patients. Questions about health-plan contracts can be referred to LMH Contracts and Recovery Manager Karel Cole, ext. 7650, (*Karel Cole, ext. 7650*).

Doc list available on intranet

Just a reminder – the medical-staff roster is accessible via a link on the LMH intranet home page. It is updated monthly, (*Linda Brown, ext. 7609*).

Be vigilant of secure areas

To make LMH a safer environment, certain locations throughout the hospital are identified as “sensitive” or “heightened-security” areas to reduce liability of unauthorized persons gaining access. The emergency department, OB/nursery and pharmacy are identified as sensitive areas and open to authorized persons only. ICU, medical records, information technology, business services and the cashier’s office are considered heightened-security areas and also require limited access. After a recent infant abduction in Florida, when the dust settled, investigation findings indicated someone had allowed the abductor to “tailgate” into the restricted OB area. (An employee had allowed this individual to walk in behind them.) Security access is intended to provide for the safety of patients, visitors, employees, HIPAA-sensitive information and the welfare of LMH. When you enter a security-restricted area, do you notice if someone walks in behind you? Do you question these individuals or deny access? Have you given an access code out to your friends, co-workers or visitors? Please be aware providing access to unauthorized persons is a serious violation of security. Please make LMH a safe place to work, visit or receive treatment. Once you are granted access or given an access code, it is your responsibility to maintain the security of that restricted area by preventing unauthorized entrance. It is up to all of us to be aware and to protect LMH from incidents like the one in Florida. We have such a friendly hospital, let’s make it a safe one, too, (*Gayle Moses, ext. 7668*).

How to submit to/find “Pulse”



All medical staff, hospital staff and volunteers are welcomed to submit items for “Pulse.” Items should be between 50-150 words

and pertain to LMH news, milestones or events. Direct items via in-house mail to the Community Development Department or via email to Lori Horan or Carol Farron. “Pulse” is published every other Monday, and items for the newsletter should be received by 8a the preceding Friday. “Pulse” can be accessed electronically via the LMH network (L:\NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS\Internal\PULSE) or on the LMH website, www.lodihealth.org, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

UC staffers achieve higher learning

In the words of Aristotle, “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” In other words, pursuing a higher education takes sweat, commitment and sacrifice, but the rewards are immeasurable. LMH’s urgent-care clinic is proud to honor its staff pursuing their dreams.

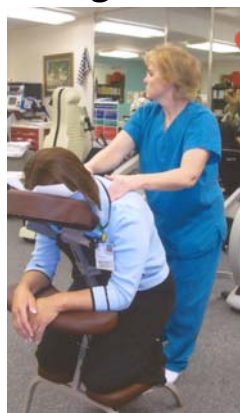
Graduates:

- Christine Simpson, University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music, BA
- Danielle Barrios, San Joaquin Delta College, registered nurse
- Danielle Escalante, CSU Stanislaus, Liberal Studies, teaching credential
- Laura Harlan, medical-assistant certificate
- Gen Picone, medical-assistant certificate

In progress:

- Tom Heck, San Joaquin Delta College, waiting list for nursing program
- Debrah Miller, San Joaquin Delta College, completed first semester nursing program
- Stacy Kulm, San Joaquin Delta College, completed third semester nursing program
- Bach Le (Emily), University of the Pacific, physical-therapy program
- Haydee Arias-Sanchez, pharmacy tech
- Patricia Quinto-Martinez (Yulianna), pharmacy tech
- Suzie Loza, ultrasound tech
- Paula Posadas, radiology
- Vicki Barba, liberal arts, teaching
- Kristen Rivera, pre-req nursing program
- Tina Schultz, pre-req nursing program
- Tina Hallum, University of Phoenix, BSN
(*Deborah Crawford, ext. 7436*).

LMH gets the kinks out



Recently LMH employees had the opportunity to have a 10-minute chair massage to help get the kinks out. With the help of LMH RN Becky Schaffer, the Rewards and Recognition Committee secured the services of five, certified-massage therapists who were up for the task. They performed beautifully and massaged the knots and kinks out of more than 350 employees. Thank you, LMH staff, for all that you do, (*Mark Wallace, ext. 7444*).

Future Camp Hutchins enrollee born

Camp Hutchins aide Karla Barba delivered baby boy Jayden Isaiah on May 8. Jayden weighed a hefty eight pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19-and-a-quarter inches. Mom and baby are happy and healthy. This is number three for Karla and her husband. Keep ‘em comin’, Karla, it’s job security. If you have a child age two, get them on the Camp Hutchins waiting list now for the 2009-2010 school year. Don’t forget, LMH employees get a 10-percent discount, (*Jillian Vanasse, 334-2267*).