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MRMC hip and knee replacement services recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*

Maury Regional Medical Center (MRMC) has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital for 2017-18 in hip replacement and knee replacement by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Diabetes and sepsis programs recertified

MRMC has again earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for advanced inpatient diabetes and sepsis certification. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

"Our staff members and physicians are committed to providing standard-based care for individuals with diabetes and sepsis. We are pleased that the care provided to our patients has earned recognition from The Joint Commission's certification program," said CEO Alan Watson.

Both programs underwent a rigorous on-site review by Joint Commission experts who evaluated compliance with national disease-specific care standards. Clinical practice guidelines and performance measures also were assessed.

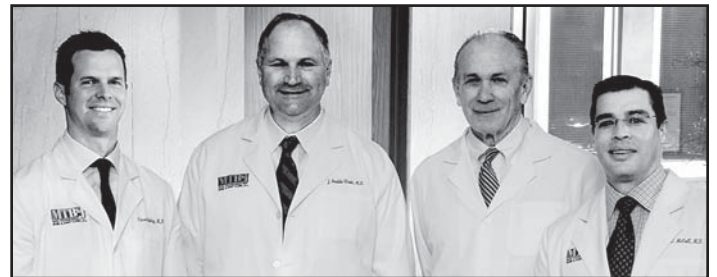
More than 30 million Americans have diabetes, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Diabetes can lead to heart attack, stroke, nerve damage, kidney failure, amputation and other complications.

Sepsis—also known as septicemia—is the extreme response of the body to an infection. It is life-threatening condition that can lead to organ failure and even death without quick diagnosis and treatment.

MRMC is accredited by The Joint Commission under its hospital, laboratory and home health programs. In addition to advanced inpatient diabetes and sepsis certification, the medical center holds certification for hip and knee joint replacement and heart failure. Learn more at MauryRegional.com.

The annual Best Hospitals rankings, now in their 28th year, are part of U.S. News' patient portal, designed to help patients make informed decisions about where to receive care for life-threatening conditions or for common elective procedures.

"We are pleased that the hip and knee replacement services offered by Maury Regional have been compared nationally and recognized for outstanding quality. The commitment to quality outcomes shown by our orthopedic



Orthopedic surgeons on the medical staff who perform hip and knee replacement are (l-r): William Cason Shirley, M.D., J. Fredrick Wade, M.D., H. James Wiesman Jr., M.D., and Scott W. McCall, M.D.

surgeons, staff members and volunteers to our joint replacement patients is reflected in this recognition," said MRMC CEO Alan Watson.

For the 2017-18 rankings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 25 specialties, procedures and conditions. In the 16 specialty areas, 146 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In rankings by state and metro area, U.S. News recognized hospitals as high performing across multiple areas of care.

"For nearly three decades, we've strived to make hospital quality more transparent to healthcare consumers nationwide," said Ben Harder, managing editor and chief of



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NEW EMPLOYEES

MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

COMPLIANCE

Dawn Tully

EMS

Jessica Lueders

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Logan Cassel
Patty Quillen
Samantha Sullivan

HOME SERVICES

Crystal Harbour

HUMAN RESOURCES

Sheila Grossman

NURSING

April Allen	Brandi Newton
Amber Barnes	Holly Riner
Jody Bassham	Wendy Roberts
Justis Batchelder	Mia Rogers
Chelsea Boyce	Hannah Stephens
Gabrielle Brown	Consuella Tibbs
Stephanie Brown	Sara Varnado
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Chris Gorbatoff	Jessica Workman
Christin Hooper	

PRE-SERVICE

Shanetta Sharp

SECURITY

Michael Rutherford
Floyd Webb

SUPPLY CHAIN

Natalie Wright

SURGERY

Lauren Gilley

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Physicians join MRMC medical staff

Several physicians recently joined the medical staff at MRMC.

PATRICK THOMAS DAVIS, M.D., is a specialist in general surgery associated with Maury Regional Medical Group (MRMG) Surgery.

Dr. Davis received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, Tennessee. He completed an internship and residency in general surgery at Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Davis also completed a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at Wake Forest Baptist Health. Dr. Davis is board certified in general surgery.

MRMG Surgery is located in Suite 603 of the Medical Office Building at 1222 Trotwood Avenue in Columbia. For more information, call 931.381.9338.



DR. DAVIS

ROMANY JOHNPULE, M.D., is a specialist in medical oncology and hematology associated with MRMG Oncology.

Dr. Johnpulle received her medical degree from the Russian State Medical University in Moscow, Russia. She completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York. Dr. Johnpulle also completed a fellowship in hematology and oncology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. She is board certified in internal medicine.

MRMG Oncology is located in the Maury Regional Cancer Center at 808 South James Campbell Boulevard. For more information, call 931.381.3872.



DR. JOHNPULE

LOUISE YOUNGER LEDBETTER, M.D., is a specialist in sleep medicine associated with Advanced Neurology and Sleep.

Dr. Ledbetter received her medical degree from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She completed an internship in internal medicine at Wake Forest University Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a residency in neurology at the University of California in San Diego, California. Dr. Ledbetter is board certified in neurology and sleep medicine.

Advanced Neurology and Sleep is located at 927 North James Campbell Boulevard, Suite 105, in Columbia. For more information, call 931.388.5114.



DR. LEDBETTER



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 Aimee Higgins
 Morgan Lefever
 Whitney Rich
 Shawn Richardson
 Theresa Riggins
 Dr. Andres Rodriguez
 Dr. Rowella Sirbiladze
 Ashley Smith
 Amanda Stephens
 Dr. John Welker
 Dr. Kita Williams
 Bayleigh Woods

WAYNE MEDICAL CENTER

Laura Newcome
 Tracy Williams

BIRTHS

Krista Hall, Nursing, and her family welcomed Baylor MaKenna Jimenez on August 8. She weighed 6 lb. and 12 oz.

Leslie Hamby, Nursing, and her family welcomed Ellie Foster Hamby on September 6. She weighed 8 lb. and 1 oz.

Corrie Ingram, Nursing Professional Development, and her family welcomed Evan Neal Ingram on August 18. He weighed 8 lb. and 11 oz.

Daniel Patterson, Nursing, and his family welcomed Ava Charlotte Patterson on August 16. She weighed 7 lb. and 12 oz.

IN MEMORY

Ines Dugger passed away September 7. She was a retired LPN who worked at MRMC from 1962 to 1997 and served as a volunteer for the past 20 years.



DUGGER

Barbara Skelley passed away August 21. She was a retired LPN who worked at MRMC from 1975 to 1998.

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT—

Taylor serves WMC as interim CEO



TAYLOR

Tyler Taylor has been named interim CEO of Wayne Medical Center (WMC), according to COO Paul Betz. Taylor will work with current WMC CEO Teresa Grimmatt until her retirement.

Since 2013, Taylor has served as director of revenue cycle for Maury Regional Medical Group, formerly Family Health Group. His prior experience includes health care revenue cycle management and practice management.

He holds a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Georgia and master's degrees in health services administration and business administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and past president of the Southern Middle Tennessee Medical Group Management Association.

"Tyler has done a great job for Maury over the past four years and will continue to do so in his new role by serving Wayne Medical Center and the surrounding communities," said Betz.

Home Services earns recognition

Maury Regional Home Services has been recognized for patient satisfaction scores in 2016. The agency recently received a best superior performer award from Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP), the survey firm that measures satisfaction of patients who receive services from home services.

Maury Regional Home Services was recognized for ranking in the top 20% in the SHP national Home Health Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey benchmark for overall satisfaction as measured from the patient's point of view.

"Patient satisfaction is a direct result of the efforts of our staff members, who are to be commended for this notable recognition," said Home Services Director Rosemary Edmonds.



Maury Regional Home Services provides nursing, therapy, personal care and other at-home services to residents in Maury, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Wayne and Williamson counties. Pictured (l-r) are staff members Leah Laws, Rehan Hasan, Julianne Thomason and Sabrina Osborn.

LHC Laboratory earns CAP accreditation

The laboratory at Lewis Health Center (LHC) has earned accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP), according to LHC Operations Director Hugh Bennett.

The accreditation follows a survey of the laboratory and its operations to examine the laboratory's records and quality control procedures. CAP inspectors also examine staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

"We appreciate the work of Laboratory Manager Mona Steele and Dr. Albert Domm, the laboratory's medical director, as well as staff members who help to ensure the laboratory meets the stringent standards provided by this accreditation program," said Bennett.

The accreditation is valid for a two-year period. LHC joins one of more than 7,700 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

Physicians present community programs

Two members of the MRMC medical staff were speakers at community programs in September.



DR. EDWARDS

Chief Medical Officer Christopher Edwards, M.D., presented a seminar on hospital medicine in Columbia on September 14. The program focused on the role of a hospital medicine physician in caring for hospitalized patients. Dr. Edwards serves as a hospitalist at MRMC in addition to his leadership responsibilities.

Dr. Nicole Falls, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology with Maury Regional Medical Group Obstetrics & Gynecology, was a speaker at the HER program in Spring Hill on September 14. The program was organized by *The Advertiser News of Spring Hill and Thompson's Station* as a networking event for women in the community.



DR. FALLS

Hip and knee

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health analysis at U.S. News. "By providing the most comprehensive data available, we hope to give patients the information they need to find the best care across a range of specialties."

The U.S. News methodologies include risk-adjusted survival and readmission rates, volume, patient experience, patient safety, quality of nursing care and other care-related indicators. Best Hospitals was produced by U.S. News with RTI International, a leading research organization.

In addition to this recent accolade, MRMC has attained Joint Commission certification for knee and hip replacement and has been recognized by CareChex.com[®],—an information service of Quantros, Inc., as the #1 hospital in Tennessee and in the top 10% of hospitals in the nation for Medical Excellence in Joint Replacement and Orthopedic Care for 2017. MRMC has also been designated as a Blue Distinction Center by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee for knee and hip replacement.

MRMC continues its commitment to quality for hip and knee surgeries with the recent addition of the Mako Robotic-Arm technology, which allows each surgery to be personalized based on a patient's anatomy. See the October edition of *The VitaLink* for more about the Mako system.

For more information about the 2017-18 U.S. News & World Report rankings, visit Health.USNews.com/Best-Hospitals. Learn more about Maury Regional Health at MauryRegional.com.

Bowling earns certification



Jessica Bowling, BSN, RN, a charge nurse on Third Medical/Surgical/Oncology/Pediatrics, recently earned certification in medical/surgical nursing, according to Nurse Manager Barbara Purcell.

Bowling received the certification from the Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board. She has been employed at MRMC for 5 years.

Proclamation highlights importance of penicillin allergy testing

Governor Bill Haslam proclaimed September 28 as Penicillin Allergy Day in Tennessee at the request of a MRMC pharmacist to raise awareness of the importance of penicillin allergy testing.

Pharmacist Zina Gugkaeva, PharmD, requested the proclamation to inform Tennesseans of the importance of ruling out penicillin allergies prior to treatment. According to Gugkaeva, 30 million Americans report having an allergy to penicillin-based antibiotics. “Patients who report being allergic to penicillin are prescribed more broad-spectrum antibiotics, which can increase the risk of complications and increase antibiotic resistance in the community,” said Gugkaeva.

Representatives of pharmacy and infectious disease disciplines at MRMC have championed efforts for pharmacist-led allergy testing to guide antibiotic treatment plans. The program earned recognition from the Leadership Excellence Awards in Pharmacy in 2016.



Pictured with the proclamation (l-r) are Gugkaeva and Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, an infectious disease specialist.

Emergency Department represented at national conference

Emergency Department Nurse Manager Nick Harmon, BSN, RN, and Amanda Cothran, BSN, RN, presented posters at the Emergency Nurses Association conference in St. Louis, Missouri September 13-16.

Harmon’s presentation titled “Preventing Workplace Violence” focused on computer and classroom-based

training for Emergency Department employees about the use of Code 100 to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations.

Cothran’s presentation titled “Improving Scanned Medications” explained the increased use of barcode medication verification as a safety measure to prevent medication errors.

Pictured are (l-r) Nick Harmon and Amanda Cothran.

In addition, the two represented Tennessee as delegates in the ENA General Assembly, which guides policy and direction for the organization.



LHC holds community health fair

Lewis Health Center (LHC) hosted its annual community health fair on September 9 in Hohenwald. Approximately 160 community members attended the event.

LHC staff members offered a number of wellness screenings as well as education on a variety of health topics. Dr. Michael Sattasiri, a radiation oncologist with the Maury Regional Cancer Center, conducted skin cancer screenings.



LHC nursing staff members pictured at the health fair are (l-r) Melissa Collie, Karen Frazier, Gail Bumgarner, Jackie Flynn, Kim Pritchard and Christy Clayton.

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The 18th Annual Tony Starks Memorial Golf Tournament was held on September 18 at King's Creek Golf Club in Spring Hill. The event raised more than \$95,000 for the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation, according to Executive Director Joe K. Kilgore.

Since 2006, the Foundation has funded more than \$1.9 million in programs and services benefiting community members in need. These programs include medication assistance, a food bank, transportation assistance, educational support, community health initiatives and employee assistance.

Winners of the morning round:

FIRST FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Cintas Corporation team of John Wynn, Jeff Davis and Robert Long

FIRST FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The LabCorp team of Scott Alcorn, John Boatman, Russ Osborne and Jay Osborne

SECOND FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Trinisys team of Matt Dearborn, Mike Orrick, Geoff Roten and Jordan McNichols

SECOND FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Team Health team of Mike Dugger, Darryl Marlin, Kevin Smith and Dr. Jim Harris

Third Flight, First Place: The CMS Imaging team of Anthony Anderson, John Lillie, Mark Brown and Zeke Maddux

THIRD FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Medical Necessities Family of Companies team of David Baxter, Seth Dixon, Henry Herman and Ashton Dixon



THE CINTAS CORPORATION TEAM



THE MUSIC CITY FLOORS TEAM

Winners of the afternoon round:

FIRST FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Music City Floors team of Justin Salmon, Adam Castro, David Harlow and Travis Harter

FIRST FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The DebMed team of Mark Langham, Trey Howard, Chris Kimball and Daniel Kellogg

SECOND FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The Diamond Hill/GAVION team of Nate Hall, Curtis Williams, Eric Reinhardt and Mike Perdzock

SECOND FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The American Constructors team of Harold Brewer, Matt McCall, Kyle Mills and Jim Lundy

THIRD FLIGHT, FIRST PLACE: The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee team of Marc Carter, Libba Estep, Frank Oldham and Greg McClarin

THIRD FLIGHT, SECOND PLACE: The Parks Motor Sales team of Tim O'Dell, Robert Rogers, Bryan Cagle and Mitch Kocak

Special thanks to tournament sponsor HFR Design and Maury Regional Health; master's sponsor BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee; gold sponsors Cerner Corporation, Medline Industries, Morrison Healthcare and Vizient; and silver sponsors Anchor Health Properties, Butler Snow, Kemberton Healthcare Services, RJ Young Company and Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The Maury Regional Health Care Foundation will conduct its 2018 annual giving campaign during October. The campaign "Growing a Healthier Future" will take place at all Maury Regional Health facilities.

This year's drive focuses on the role of the Foundation and the health system in improving the community's health, with a goal to raise \$140,000 to support programs that benefit community members in need.

Employees will receive an email from the Foundation with a link to the campaign page for online donations. All donors will receive a token of appreciation and will be eligible for weekly prize drawings. For more information, call extension 4075.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The 7th annual Trunk or Treat will be held at MRMC on Thursday, October 26, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the middle level of the employee parking garage.



The Events Committee is seeking departments to participate by decorating a trunk or creating a display. Please remember as we celebrate with Maury Regional Health families that displays can range from the elaborate to the simple, such as a single table. All types of displays are appreciated. The Events Committee will give prizes again this year to participating departments based on several categories!

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If you would like to sign up to host a trunk or display, contact Employee Engagement Coordinator Sheila Grossman at extension 1073. If you are unable to participate, but would like to donate candy or non-food treats, you may drop off your donations in Human Resources.

WALK WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Walk Wednesdays are back during the eight-week Community-Wide Walk Across Tennessee Program sponsored by Healthier Maury County. Walk as an individual or encourage your co-workers to join and walk as a team.

Wednesdays through October 25—Noon
Main Hospital Lobby

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 380.4017

October 3

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., MRMC Chapel, call 540.4243

October 4

FREE SEMINAR – MAMMOGRAPHY: 6 p.m., Marshall County Public Library, call 270.2642

October 5

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Noon, Marshall Medical Center, call 540.4243

October 5

DIABETES EDUCATION GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 540.4324

October 6

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 1 p.m., Annex, call 490.7074

October 7

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – UNDERSTANDING BIRTH: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call 490.7046

October 10

COPING WITH CANCER: 2 p.m., Cancer Center, call 490.7192

October 10

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP: 5 p.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 1275

October 11

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN: Noon, Auxiliary Conf. Room, reservations at 381.1111, ext. 2445

October 12-13

SCRUB SALE: Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 380.4075

October 14

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – BREASTFEEDING: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

October 16

BLOOD DRIVE: 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Aux. Conf. Room, call 840.4446

October 16

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Women's Center, call 540.4166

October 17

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 490.7074

OCTOBER 18

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Columbia Senior Center, call 490.4600

October 19

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Hohenwald Senior Center, call 490.4600

October 20

FLUZAROO: 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m., MRMC Second Floor

October 21

FREE CLASS – SAFE SITTING®: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., call 490.7046

October 23

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 380.4017

October 24

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 490.7074

October 26

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: 10 a.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 490.4600

October 26

TRUNK OR TREAT: 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Second Floor Parking Garage, call 380.4017

October 26

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 840.4446

October 27

FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR: 2 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 840.4446

October 28

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – JUST FOR SIBLINGS: 9-11 a.m., call 490.7046

KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS

Pam Allbrooks
Cindy Allison
Rachel Allred
Breanna Andrews
Shan Azar
Kellie Blackwood
Janell Boshers
Dr. Chad Bowser
Dr. Sarah Brown
Terry Brus
Jennifer Campbell
Henry Canaman

Wilson Daniel
Alma Davidson
Dr. Karen Davis
Dr. James Dean
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David Hargrove
Rehan Hasan
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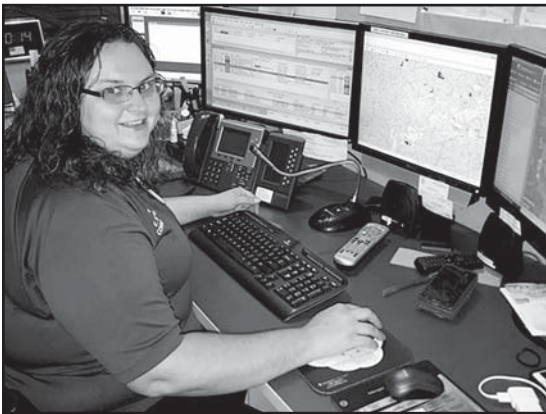
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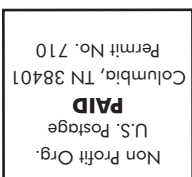
Elizabeth Scroggins, an emergency medical dispatcher with Maury Regional EMS, is pictured in the dispatch center.

EMS personnel support hurricane response team

Members of the communications division of Maury Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) had a key role in supporting hurricane response efforts in Florida in early September.

Maury Regional EMS serves as the regional medical communications center for Tennessee's South Central EMS region. In that role, Maury Regional EMS dispatchers are a central point of communication between various agencies from the region's emergency medical community.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma's landfall, the dispatch team tracked and logged the movements of the South Central EMS Strike Team as it worked to provide assistance to hurricane victims in Florida.



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