Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center

A Quarterly Update from Allyson Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer
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NEW AT&T CELL TOWER

As of June 6, a new AT&T cell tower has been installed on top of our hospital. This is the culmination of over two years of discussion with AT&T to enhance cell phone coverage for our physicians, visitors and staff along with the community at large. Improved cell phone coverage supports our physicians' goals to be more accessible to their offices and patients.

CARE CHANNEL AVAILABLE AT MERIDIAN PARK

The Continuous Ambient Relaxation Environment (CARE) channel provides ambient television programming for our patients and their families. Available 24 hours/day on the hospital's channel 29, the CARE channel provides nature images and instrumental music specifically produced to support healing environments. At Meridian Park, we will be using the CARE channel as an additional method to support and improve the patient experience, particularly around reducing anxiety, pain management, relaxation and noise reduction.

MERIDIAN PARK WINS JOHN G. KING CLINICAL QUALITY AWARD

Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center was one of four award recipients from 33 nominations, at this year's annual Legacy Quality Award Program. Meridian Park received the clinical quality improvement award for its program, "How to Save Lives and $3M in Four Easy Steps," which relayed the processes implemented at our facility over the last 18 months to cumulatively reduce surgical site infections by 67% since the program's inception. We estimate in this time period, over 130 SSIs were prevented and over $3M saved. Congratulations!

HOSPITALIST UPDATE

After ten years as medical director of the Legacy Internal Medical Service (LIMS) at Meridian Park, David Wakeling, D.O, has decided to step down from his administrative role. Picking up those administrative responsibilities for the program is Brian Rainka, MD. Please join me both in thanking Dave for his years of service as Medical Director, and in welcoming Brian to his new role. The good news is that you will still see Dr. Wakeling around the hospital as he will be returning to a full-time role as hospitalist.

HOSPITALIST UPDATE (CONTINUED)

We are also adding 4 new physicians to our Hospitalist group this summer; they are:

Simona Parua, MD started in June as a locums, and recently accepted a permanent position.
Brian Pavic, MD will start in August and is coming from another local hospital.
Usman Ahmad, MD will start in September and is coming from Tampa, FL.
Urmee Hossain, MD will start in September and is coming from Detroit, MI.

As a reminder, our daily hospitalist coverage is as follows:

Day Shift (7a-7p): 4 physicians
Swing Shift (3p-11p); 1 physician
Night Shift (9p-7a): 1 physician
Back Up (as needed): 1 physician

LEGACY ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOW

Scott Williams has joined Legacy Health as this year's Administrative Fellow. The fellowship provides a post-graduate work experience for individuals pursuing careers in healthcare management. Scott recently completed his Masters of Healthcare Administration (MHA) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Scott has a B.A. in Marketing and Management Information Systems from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and he is a veteran of the United States Army. Prior to joining Legacy Health, Scott was an Administrative Intern for Vanguard Health Systems in Chicago.

Scott has chosen Meridian Park Medical Center as the Legacy hospital where he will conduct his operational rotations. This means that you will be seeing Scott at various meetings, and rounding in clinical and support departments. Please welcome him.

Thank you for your support of the hospital. I am interested in your comments and suggestions. Please contact me directly at aanderson@lhs.org or 503-692-2181.