

HIGHLIGHTS

LCHC's Employee Newsletter

Dermatology Services Added to LCHC Specialty Clinic



As part of its ongoing commitment to Lucas County residents, Lucas County Health Center (LCHC) is proud to announce that Rodney Clark, ARNP of Radiant Complexions Dermatology will begin seeing patients in the Specialty Clinic.

Rodney Clark, ARNP, FNP-C is a certified family nurse practitioner and dermatology-trained nurse practitioner providing treatment of conditions affecting the skin, hair, and nails for the entire family. He is committed to providing a variety of effective dermatology treatments for medical, anti-aging, and cosmetic procedures, including: acne treatments, allergic reactions, eczema, fungal infections, hives, moles, psoriasis, skin cancer, and more.

“We are committed to providing our community with a variety of specialty services, close to home,” said Brian Sims, CEO. “Our partnership with Radiant Complexions will allow patients to see a dermatologist without traveling out of town.”

Rodney will see patients on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning in March. To schedule an appointment, call (515) 287-5757.

Paydays Moving to Fridays

Beginning July 1, 2020 LCHC's payday will move from Thursdays to Fridays. We are giving advanced notice so you can adjust your auto payments, drafts from your bank accounts, etc.

New Ambulance Has Arrived!



In September 2018, Lucas County Health Center was successful to receiving a \$150,000 Community Facilities Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance.

Funding for this project came from the USDA's priority to fund projects to help address opioid misuse in rural communities. As the only ambulance service in the county, LCHC serves as the front line of defense and response to opioid use.

The new ambulance, which arrived on February 25, will be LCHC's primary response unit. There are a few final steps to be completed before it is ready, but our community will see it on the road soon!

Donations & Sponsorships Form

In an effort to streamline donation and sponsorship requests, our Marketing Department has created an online "Donations and Sponsorships Requests" form.

We are committed to meeting the health needs of the community we serve. Organizations seeking donations, sponsorships, tours, or event representation should submit requests using this form. Requests will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

Preference will be given to:

- Events or activities that promote health and wellness, including sponsorship of local athletes
- Events or activities that promote Lucas County
- Educational events/activities
- Civic or community events/activities

Consideration will be given to requests that meet these criteria:

- Donation and sponsorship requests must be made 30 days prior to the event/activity.
- Tours and community representation requests must be made 2 weeks prior to the event/activity.

We cannot make donations for:

- Labor, political, or religious organizations or political campaigns.
- Fundraising efforts for individual health needs.

To view this form, visit www.lchcia.com and hover over "For Visitors" then click on "Donations & Sponsorship Requests."

Questions? Contact Jena Wiley in Marketing at x3219 or jwiley@lchcia.com

HIPAA Reminder:

LCHC employees are reminded to be conscious of HIPAA policies to ensure the safety of our patients' protected health information.

If you have any issues, questions, or concerns regarding HIPAA, contact the following people:

HIPAA Privacy Officer - Terri McCurdy
HIPAA Security Officer - Lori Johnson

You may also call our Anonymous Compliance Hotline at (641) 774-3290.

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8	9 Closet Cleanout heart+soul March 9 - 13	10 Diabetes Support Group Education Room 6:30 PM	11	12	13 New Employee Training Education Room, 8:30 AM	14
15	16	17	18 Blood Drive Bistro/CRA 2:30 - 7 PM BLS Training: 8 AM First Aid Training: 3 PM CPR Training: 6 PM	19	20	21
22	23 Collective Goods Sale Atrium 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Blood Drive Bistro/CRA 8 - 11 AM	24 Welcome to Medicare Seminar Education Room 4 PM	25	26 Respiratory Therapy In-Service Education Room 11 AM - 12 PM	27	28
29	30	31 PALS (Full Course) Education Room 9 AM Board Meeting Education Room 5:30 PM	1 PALS (Full Course) Education Room 9 AM	<h1>MARCH</h1>		

Anniversaries

14 Years:

Jessica Goben - March 30

7 Years:

Jena Wiley - March 26

5 Years:

Amber Schacherer - March 3
Kristine Kennedy - March 25

4 Years:

Deb Clark-Muilenburg - March 28

3 Years:

Diane Musick - March 27

2 Years:

Kelly Mundt - March 9
Niyole Kuzee - March 14

1 Year:

Johanna Pendroy - March 6

Birthdays

March 1 - Mary Jo Fisher
March 3 - Ryan VanDonsler
March 4 - Jessica Wiederholt
March 5 - Erin Andersen
March 6 - Laurie Schroeder
March 7 - Colleen Enns
March 9 - Cindy Polo
March 11 - Sonya Bellon
March 12 - Sara Anderson
March 13 - Lana Kuball
March 15 - Molly Christensen
March 17 - Teresa Reed
March 19 - Aaron Keeney
March 22 - Tami Adams
March 22 - Darcy Juline
March 23 - Amanda Snider
March 25 - Tammy Beary
March 26 - Brooklin Atwell
March 26 - Jayma Hoch
March 28 - Stacia Black
March 29 - Dr. Cohen
March 30 - Christina Busick
March 30 - Kristine Kennedy
March 31 - Joyce Dyer

Huddles

Medical Clinic
Daily at 7:45 AM

Finance
Tues., Fri. at
11:15 AM

Med/Surg
Daily at 3 PM

Rad/ED/Amb/Lab
Mon., Tues., Thurs.
at 11:15 AM

Remember: All employees are strongly encouraged to attend a Huddle once per week.

A-Team Fundraiser

A-Team's March fundraiser is a tasty one - Krispy Kreme donuts! Ordering is open through March 10th with delivery scheduled for March 17th.

Items for sale include:

- Signature coffees (smooth, rich, or decaf) - \$10 each
- Original glazed donuts - \$12 per dozen
- Specialty donuts - \$12 per dozen (chocolate iced, lemon filled, raspberry filled, kreme filled)

Note: Donuts are sold by the dozen only. (If you want a half dozen, find a friend to split it with!)

Contact an A-Team member to place an order.

All proceeds are used to purchase prizes, entertainment, gifts, decorations and more for Winterfest and Hospital Week!

A-Team members are: Bev Bear, Darcy Juline, Jena Wiley, Karey Brandon, Kristine Kennedy, Paige Nelson, Erin Andersen, Shelley Quillin, Tami Adams, Twilla Kruzic, Michelle Oelmann, and Kerri Guthrie.

Kudos!

Thank you for the loving care you gave my husband. It was greatly appreciated. Also thank you for the lovely red rose, baby breath, and fern bouquet for his Celebration of Life service.

Louise Narber

Thank you for your donation to our Fall Fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

Hope Learning Center

Never are we more aware of how much family and friends mean than at a time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness did so much to ease our sorrow. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me and my family. The peace lily is beautiful.

Diane Irving

No More Shortcuts

All employees are being asked to NOT use other departments as shortcuts. This includes cutting through maintenance to get inside or outside. Often times something as simple as person "cutting through" can be a distraction/interruption to the workflow or a potential safety issue.

Other areas to keep in mind include: the emergency room, the business office, and health information.

In the future, please "get your extra steps in" and take the long way around. ☺

Welcome, New Employees!

Matthew Boston

EMT - Emergency Services

Kristina Mattly

*Registration Clerk -
Business Office*

Matthew Wiggins

RN - Emergency Services

Caitlyn Gorman

EMT - Emergency Services

Lacey Short

Ultrasound Tech - Radiology

Barbara Wilson

*Environmental Tech -
Housekeeping*

What is a hospitalist?

In October 2018, Lucas County Health Center launched our “Hospitalist” program – but what does that mean for our patients?

What is a hospitalist?

A hospitalist is a provider who specializes in caring for patients while they are an inpatient in the hospital. They are here for patients and their family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To allow them the ability to give complete attention to their hospitalized patients, they do not see patients outside of the hospital.

During a patient’s stay, the hospitalist will communicate with their primary care provider (PCP) and any needed specialists to provide complete, patient-centered care.

In addition to the doctors, Lucas County Health Center’s hospitalist team includes nurse practitioners (ARNPs) and dedicated nurses who are available around the clock.

What are the advantages of being cared for by a hospitalist?

Hospitalists work with a patient’s PCP to share as much information as possible about their illness, previous health history, and more.

Benefits include:

- Hospitalists are available 24 hours a day in case of emergency.
- Hospitalists are easily accessible for questions and concerns from a patient or their family.
- Hospitalists know every specialist and department at LCHC which allows them to function efficiently when ordering tests and consulting with other members of a patient’s healthcare team.
- Hospitalists ensure patients know the plan each day, the plan for their stay, and educate them about their medical condition.

- Hospitalists assist patients through their recovery process by following up on tests and adjusting their treatment plan as needed.

Before a patient is discharged, their hospitalist will communicate with their PCP to discuss further treatment needs, arrange follow-up and prescribe the necessary medications. Hospitalists also ensure that a patient’s medical records are complete and contain information about diagnostic reports and treatment plans.

Interested in learning more about Lucas County Health Center’s hospitalists? Visit www.lchcia.com.

Healthcare can be confusing, especially to our patients. If you often hear a phrase or word and are unsure of what it means, or frequently have patients ask, please share with our Marketing department.