

New Direction

Michelle Nash receives certified infection control credentials

Congratulate Michelle Nash, our quality, PI, risk management and infection control director. She is now Board Certified in Infection Prevention and Control by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC). Passing this credentialing examination shows that Michelle has demonstrated mastery of infection prevention and control, the scientific approach to preventing harm caused by infectious diseases in the healthcare setting. Infection control is grounded in infectious diseases, epidemiology, social science and health system strengthening and is relevant to healthcare workers, visitors and patients at every single healthcare encounter.



Michelle joins 7,000 other practitioners worldwide who are also certified in infection control. We applaud Michelle's determination to further her education and training.

Welcome Kim Pellegrín, new human resources director

Memorial Hospital's new human resources director, Kim Pellegrín, says she chose Memorial as her new home because she was immediately impressed with how everyone she met cared so deeply about the hospital, about their coworkers and about the patients we serve.

"From the moment I walked in the door it felt like home," she admitted. We're hoping that she will quickly settle into the Memorial family and reflect back to her favorite quote: "Thankful, grateful, blessed."

Kim went to Louisiana State University - Shreveport which is her hometown. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources and a Professional in Human Resources Certification. She has 22 years of HR experience and just moved here from Albuquerque, NM.

Kim believes she can use her education and experience to create a favorable impact. "Going to HR should be a positive experience, where employees feel comfortable asking any questions and feel confident that they will receive knowledgeable accurate answers and excellent customer service."



In the weeks to come, Kim will meet with all directors and managers and will also be reviewing processes to ensure that we are following best practices in new hire processes, benefits and policies.

Coffee Spot espressos excitement for National Coffee Day

The Coffee Spot celebrated National Coffee Day the best way we know how - highly caffeinated! It's bean a buzz - eating pastries, talking with friends, and of course sipping some fresh hot (and cold) coffee. The Coffee Spot brought a latte fun to the daily grind, playing games, giving away prizes and even hiding free coffee cards all around the hospital for you to find. Our staff enjoyed the perks of this special event - sales nearly doubled at The Coffee Spot! Fun fact: Coffee beans are actually the pit of a berry, which makes them a fruit. The best fruit!



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Memorial to host staff/community political forum for hospital board election

With a critical November election approaching, Memorial will host a political forum next week, Thursday, Oct. 10, so employees and the community can meet the five candidates running for three seats on the Nacogdoches County Hospital District Board of Directors. Join us at 4:30 p.m. in the Auxiliary Conference Center to hear from Precinct 1 candidates, Patrick Kuhns and Fred Groover and at-large candidates, H. Farrar Bentley and Ahammed Hashim. The forum will also highlight Precinct 4 incumbent Anita Kite, who is running unopposed.

Materials management moves to better location

Materials management has moved to their new location at 801 North Street. Sylvia Thompson, materials management director said the new location is an improvement over the old Mimms Street location. A more economical choice for the department's duties, the new digs function more like a warehouse, with efficient flow, better storage layout and a proper loading dock.



Security secures ER spot to circumvent trouble

Security has moved into its own office overlooking the ER waiting room, allowing our guards to be more proactive in the safe-keeping of patients, visitors and staff. By being visible and easily assessible in the ER, security officers hope to deter problems before they occur, explained Nikki Duckett, security supervisor. Some 80 percent of property criminals admit they would check for signs of security before committing a criminal act, so making security more prominent should boost safety and help deter crime. Because the ER serves as the gatekeeper to the hospital many hours of the day, the lion's share of behavior issues originate there, so this new location ensures that security will be there to assist in no time.



Raising awareness with \$99 mammograms

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Nacogdoches Memorial Women's Wellness Center is proud to share the importance of early detection and intervention.

About one in eight women born today in the United States will get breast cancer during their lifetime, so the Women's Wellness Center is offering mammogram screenings starting at \$99.

Visit mdsave.com/mammogram to secure your voucher during October; vouchers must be redeemed within 12 months of the date of purchase.



Sweet! It's time for annual bake sale

The Breast Cancer Support Group annual bake sale is Oct. 11, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Auxiliary Conference Center. Proceeds benefit local breast cancer patients. For more info, contact our volunteer Karen at 936-552-6039.



See you at the annual flu vaccine clinic

Mandatory flu immunization for all employees will begin next week. Find dates and times below.

Thursday	10/10	6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Monday	10/14	Noon - 8 p.m.
Friday	10/18	Noon - 4:30 p.m.

The Family Flu Clinic intended for immediate family only will be offered again this year.

Tuesday	10/22	3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10/23	3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All vaccinations will take place in the Community Conference Room, next to the Coffee Spot.

*Interested in working this event?
Contact Athena Johnson at ext. 4668.*

We're "snow-cializing"

The Snow Cone Social has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 2 - 4 p.m. in Blount Park. Please don't miss out on this FREE sweet treat, catered by Snowmies.

