

New Direction

Keith Fuller named new environmental services manager

For 21 years, Keith Fuller has been part of the Memorial team, overseeing all things “architectural” in nature, such as painting, flooring and patient bed maintenance. He’s also been in charge of all things related to sound, including the hospital phone circuits, nurse call equipment, microphones and overhead music and public address systems throughout the facility.

Keith is excited about his new chapter at Memorial as interim environmental services manager. “I’m looking forward to making sure patients and visitors are secure in the knowledge that the hospital is clean,” he said. “I also want to make sure the EVS employees are happy and motivated.”



Recent grads join our physical therapy team at Bomar



We’ve been seeing new faces at Bomar Rehab recently. Extend a warm welcome to our new physical therapists, Caitlyn Cooper and Kyle Gray, recent graduates who just joined our team. Caitlyn graduated from South College- Knoxville and Kyle graduated from UT Health Center- San Antonio. Their responsibilities include managing equipment, becoming familiar with different documentation systems, and assisting our patients in getting back to their full health.

Caitlyn said she enjoys working with and for the community. Kyle’s mission in working at Memorial is to help as many people as possible get back to their normal functionality. Welcome to the team, Caitlyn and Kyle!

Two utilization review staffers earn master’s degrees at UT

Aisha Warfield, utilization review nurse, recently received her master’s degree as a nurse practitioner from UT- Arlington and is grateful that NMH has allowed her the flexibility to continue working here while working towards her goal. Aisha is excited that she is able to stay close to her family and continue serving her community.

Vicky Schuyler Fears, UR case manager, is another graduate from UT- Arlington; she received her master’s degree in nursing education. Vicky says she has always had a teaching gene so has decided to teach an online course at Northern Kentucky University while training new case managers at NMH.



Are you paying attention? September is National Sepsis Awareness Month

Sepsis is a life-threatening complication of infection that occurs when the body’s response to infection injures its own tissues and organs. It is an immune response that can lead to septic shock, multiple organ failure and death if not recognized and treated early. Clinical staff members watch for certain signs that sepsis is present, such as a change in vitals and signs of organ dysfunction, because the key to prevent death from sepsis is to notice fast and take immediate action. Every hour that passes without treatment increases the risk of death by 7.6 percent.

At Memorial, a new protocol called “Code Sepsis” will be paged overhead whenever there is a new suspected sepsis patient, in order to make sure necessary life-saving measures are taken immediately. Within the next couple of weeks, Amy Webb and Susan Patterson, from the education department, will begin holding short educational seminars for all clinical staff to learn about the new sepsis protocols.

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Director says job well done on birth of grandchild

One of our own would like to thank the labor and delivery crew at NMH for their support and expertise while his daughter delivered a baby several weeks back. See his letter below.

I would like to take the time to thank the Labor & Delivery group at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital for their work, professionalism, and expertise.

My daughter delivered her baby at the hospital this past weekend and the staff far exceeded our expectations when compared to The Med in College Station, as well as the Memorial Woodlands Hospital, where we have had past experiences with child birth.

This is my daughter's second child and she stated that she received more education and attention than she did with her first child. She felt that she was much more informed as a parent.

I appreciate the efforts of your staff, Cindy, and as I stated in the Safety Meeting this morning, they are a credit to this hospital and the community as a whole.

*Warmest regards,
Norman Moore, Executive Director of Information Systems*



Cath lab extends hours

Earlier this month, the cath lab staff began working extended business hours to maximize its availability. On Tuesdays, the cath lab will open at noon and close at 8 p.m., giving our physicians and their patients more flexibility in scheduling.

Taking Tucker elevator down

Be advised that the Tucker elevator, located closest to the blue discharge doors, has been taken offline indefinitely. Due to the advanced age of the elevator, parts are no longer available, so traffic will be redirected to the middle hallway, just a few steps away until further notice.

Memorial to host candidate political forum in advance of November election

NMH will host a public forum for the staff and community to meet the candidates for the upcoming election of the Nacogdoches County Hospital District Board of Directors on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Auxiliary Conference Center. Please submit your questions for candidates in the marked boxes in the hospital lobby and Bright Café beginning Monday, Sept. 23. You can also private message your questions to the NMH Facebook page or email bartonk@nacmem.org.

Please be aware that the last day to register to vote is Oct. 7. Early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 21.

Environmental services appreciated for, literally, giving us a clean bill of health

Last week we celebrated the staff members of the environmental services team for their critical role of maintaining the quality and cleanliness of Memorial.

They were rewarded with pizza, drinks, sweet treats and some lunch bags. Be sure to thank these hard working men and women for their dedication and teamwork in keeping our patients and staff safe at NMH!



Dietary team makes work fun with special treat recognition

The past couple of weeks have been full of delicious treats, thanks to the creative culinary skills of our dietary staff. Last week we celebrated National Chocolate Milkshake Day with some yummy shakes. This week we celebrated an "extra" special day - National Guacamole Day - because, of course, guac is always extra!

