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WELCOME TO CMH



Mary Jo Taylor - RN

Mary Jo Taylor is the new Director of Nursing and Manager of Long Term Care at CMH. She returns to the Extended Care Unit (ECU) in Larson Hall after 15 years of working in Acute Rehab in Rogers City. Mary Jo was the ECU Director at CMH from 1990-94.

"This is home for me," Taylor says. "I grew up in Cheboygan. My parents owned and operated the local Ace Hardware for 30 years. My husband and I now own a business here (Taylor Power & Supply). Larson Hall has always been a special place. The staff is just a great group to work with. We all agree that our residents deserve the very best care."

In today's rapidly changing healthcare environment, CMH is developing plans for Larson Hall to accommodate more patients who require short stay rehab while still providing a quality long term care facility for the community.

You can contact Mary Jo Taylor by calling (231) 627-1275.

Jodie Becker is the new Director of Acute Care and Emergency Services at CMH. She has had many roles in her 29 years of healthcare experience. In Cheboygan, she oversees the Hospital's Med/Surg area and the Intensive Care Unit, as well as the Emergency Department.

"This area is home for me," explains Becker when asked why she chose to work at CMH. "I am so glad to have this chance to come back after working out west for the last eight years. Since I have been back, it hasn't taken me long to see how committed the staff is here. They really want to provide great patient care for their community. I am really proud to help lead that effort."

"We are redesigning how we deliver services in the acute care setting which is providing opportunities for our staff to broaden their skills," according to Becker. "The new model will further enhance our ability to provide exceptional care."

In the Emergency Department, Becker says that she is busy ramping up staffing to prepare for the influx of summer residents and tourists. The focus will be on providing quality, personal care with minimal waits in the Emergency Room.

To contact Jodie Becker, you can call (231) 627-1539.



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AUXILIARY HONORS EMPLOYEES



As part of National Hospital Week, the CMH Auxiliary held its annual Employee Tea on Wednesday, May 11 with refreshments served in the cafeteria. A special presentation was made to the five CMH employees with the longest terms of service who had not been previously honored. Pictured, left to right are Angela Bourdeau (Med/Surg), Kathleen Abernathy (Cardio Pulmonary), Sheryl Roush (Laboratory), and Linda Ciarkowski (Diagnostic Imaging). Not pictured is Phyllis Brown (Business Office). Each of these ladies has worked for over 28 years at CMH. They were each presented a gift certificate from the Auxiliary for use at the CMH Canopy Gift Shop.

MEDICAL STAFF SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. Marvin Coy and Vicky Cowell

Congratulations to Vicky Cowell from Physical Rehab. She was awarded a CMH Medical Staff Scholarship for \$500! Best wishes to Vicky with her continuing education through Macomb Community College. Dr. Marvin Coy, President of the Medical Staff, was on hand for the presentation made to Vicky during Hospital Week at CMH. The Medical Staff will also be awarding four other scholarships to graduating seniors during upcoming high school ceremonies.

IMPLEMENTING NEW TECHNOLOGY AT CMH

Providing top-quality, personal care, close to home is one of the big goals in the Diagnostic Imaging Department at CMH. Implementing new technology is helping in that effort. This department now offers digital mammography, a 64-slice CT scanner, state-of-the-art nuclear medicine camera, diagnostic ultrasound, MRI and X-ray, along with bone densitometry services. Each of these procedures are designed to create the images needed for physicians to develop the most accurate diagnosis for patients.



Radiologist, Anthony Pucci, D.O. views patient images on the new PACS system at CMH.

Advancements in diagnostic imaging enable physicians to better detect heart disease, cancers and other conditions much sooner; leading to earlier treatment and a better success rate. One such advancement is now making all of the imaging services at CMH much more efficient.

"We are now utilizing the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) which offers computer-based access to radiological images and reports," according to Kristy Smolinski, Director of Diagnostic Imaging Services at CMH. "With this system, physicians involved in a patient's care can have access to view both current and previous comparison studies over the internet using personal computers at multiple sites simultaneously, greatly speeding diagnosis. Not only is it extremely efficient, it is more cost effective."

PACS makes it possible for physicians to access a patient's images from any hospital, since the information is stored electronically. This availability saves precious



A patient is pictured having a Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) of his right knee at CMH.

time in an emergency, whether close to home, or across the country. This system is designed to allow physicians and patients to review images in the doctor's office with the digital technology making it possible to "zoom in" on particular areas in order to enhance and/or enlarge details.

For information on the diagnostic imaging services available at CMH, talk to your referring physician or call (231) 627-1259.

Upcoming Events

- **CMH Auxiliary Luncheon** The next meeting of the CMH Auxiliary is Tuesday, May 25, 12 noon at Audie's Restaurant in Mackinaw City. For more information on Auxiliary events, call (231) 627-1298.

- **ECU Yard Sale** The Larson Hall Extended Care Unit is having a Yard Sale to benefit their Patient Activity Fund. The sale will take place in the outdoor patio area on Thursday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with many items for sale...pictures, furniture, office items, craft supplies, books, etc.

- **2010 Cheboygan County Relay for Life** This annual event helps raise money for the American Cancer Society, June 12 & 13 at the Cheboygan Fairgrounds.

- **CMH Better Breathers** This group meets every other Tuesday afternoon in the Health Center. Sessions are led by Eddie Robinson. She is a respiratory therapist at CMH. The next class is scheduled for June 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (231) 627-1458.

- **Diabetes Education** CMH continues to provide free Diabetes Education classes every other month. No registration is necessary. These sessions are held on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference area of the Health Center. The next class is May 26th. The next series begins July 7. For more information, call (231) 627-1347.

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GOLF OUTING

Cheboygan Memorial Hospital will have its 8th Annual Golf Outing, Wednesday, June 9, at the Indian River Golf Club.

The cost for this four-person scramble is \$500 per team and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, box lunch, complimentary pre-dinner cocktails and dinner.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Janet Weiss, Director of Community Development at CMH, (231) 627-1232.

Proceeds benefit the Surgical Equipment Initiative.

