St. Luke's Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at West Allis Memorial Hospital brings state-of-the-art diagnostic heart care services closer to home for many patients in southwest Milwaukee communities. The facility celebrated its one-year anniversary recently and was featured in an article in the Winter 1999 issue of Regarding Health, the free Aurora magazine that's mailed to thousands of households in the southern Milwaukee County area of the Metro Region.

Cancer Counseling Center opens at St. Luke's

St. Luke’s Medical Center has opened the Cancer Counseling Center to address the unique psychiatric concerns of patients and families dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. According to Jeffrey Knajdl, MD, medical director of the new center and a specialist in psycho-oncology care, “Psychosocial intervention can significantly improve quality of life by helping individuals cope with the emotional as well as the physical aspects of cancer.”

Read more about the new center which was featured in an article in the Winter 1999 issue of Regarding Health, the free Aurora magazine.

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The play's the thing ... with lunch

Aurora Health Care's Geriatric Services is sponsoring a series of theater luncheons in partnership with the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St., Milwaukee. This is an opportunity for older adults who are attending the 2 p.m. matinee performances of Evita, Rent and Miss Saigon to have lunch with Aurora health care providers, have free health screenings and learn about a variety of health care topics.

Luncheons will be held Jan. 9 before Evita; March 13 and 14 before Rent; and July 8, 10, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31 before Miss Saigon.

For more information, call Carolyn Chapin at the Marcus Center, 273-7121, ext. 210.
Representatives of Aurora’s Metro Region sites often are quoted in the media on a variety of health care topics. Here’s a partial list of recent interviews:

Dec. 5 Dr. Alfred Tector was quoted in the Journal Sentinel about St. Luke’s Liver Transplant Expansion.

Dec. 4 Donna Babcock, of Metro Region Facility Services, was interviewed by Channel 4 about Aurora’s Donation Program which offers resources no longer used in the system to benefit community groups and neighbors abroad.

Dec. 4 Dr. Anthony Machi, of Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, talked with Channel 4 about eating disorders and the holiday.

Nov. 30 Dr. Lance Longo, a psychologist at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center, was interviewed about the drug, acamprosate.

Nov. 27 Drs. Tony Meyer and Michael Kula, of Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, participated in a story about emotional intelligence with Channel 4.

Nov. 26 Dr. Jonathon Treisman, of the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic at St. Luke’s Medical Center, was interviewed by Channel 4 about the Air Life Line Program.

Nov. 24 St. Luke’s Heart Transplant Program was featured in a Channel 12 story about heart transplantation.

Nov. 20 Dr. Michael McBride, of Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, was interviewed about teenage depression by Channel 4.

Nov. 19 Dr. Jeffrey Butler was interviewed by Channel 4 about bone density.

Nov. 18 Channel 6 and Channel 4 ran stories about St. Luke’s and Sinai Samaritan Medical Center earning Mercury Awards.

Nov. 12 Paul Zensick, of Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, talked with Channel 4 about addiction to gambling.

Nov. 12 Dr. Kristen Simons, of the Aurora Health Center in Waukesha, was the subject of stories in the Oconomowoc Focus and the Lake Mills Leader. She’s an Oconomowoc native who recently started a family-focused practice with Aurora.

Nov. 12 Huffing and addictions was the topic of Dr. Ned Rubin, of Sinai Samaritan Medical Center, on Channel 4.

New intranet home for the Aurora Libraries

The Aurora Libraries have a new Aurora intranet home at www.ahcweb.aurora.org under the system side bar link. The OVID Web Gateway version of MEDLINE, CANCERLIT, CINAHL and HealthSTAR are now available. Access is through Aurora network-connected computers running Win95, an Internet Browser (Internet Explorer 4.0 or better or Netscape 4.04 or better) and the Aurora Internet protocol (IS staff sets this up for you). Access is also available through dial-up networking within Win95 and your home or office modem. Call your Aurora Library for directions or a password application form. After Jan. 11, 1999, for assistance you may call Scott Helberg, the new systems librarian, at 649-7371.
Golden Sneaker Recipients

The following are the Golden Sneaker recipients for the month of November:

- Linda Hart, SNICU
- John Kretschmer, Nuclear Medicine
- Eric Justus, Nuclear Medicine
- George Markert, Respiratory Therapy
- Leslie Carlson, Physical Therapy
- Jeffrey T. VanDerMark, MD, Emergency Medicine
- Judy Gronowski, Admitting/Guest Services
- Jill Wagner, 6KLM
- Kathy Hovde, 6KLM

Kathy Hovde, 6KLM, is the Golden Sneaker recipient for the Month of October. Her nomination reads:

"Kathy took care of my mother many days during her hospitalization. Mother really liked her and thought she was a hard worker. I thought she was very patient and gentle and gladly did whatever we needed. She gave mom a complete bath and back rub one evening because she had missed her bath that day. It made mom feel good and relaxed. We both hated to see her go on vacation for our sake and she was gone when mom died in July. Thank you for the loving care, Kathy."

Benefits

The EPRS's on-line retrieval feature includes the ability to recall images from optical and magnetic disk, providing the authorized user with access to all documents stored in the system. Each authorized user can designate the form types most frequently needed, allowing for more efficient referencing. Unlike paper or microfilm, optical imaging also facilitates simultaneous document access by multiple users.

How it Works

Some documents will be transferred from other in-house computer systems. The rest will be scanned in. This will result in a complete, legal, on-line, historical medical record that will allow access to authorized users on demand, virtually 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Imaging stations will be deployed throughout the facilities' departments, clinics and inpatient units.

For additional information, contact Tanya Aigner in Clinical Information Services at 649-5986.

Medical Records to use optical disk storage system

Transition intended to eliminate use of microfilm for long term storage and increase ability to access records on-line

The Imnet electronic patient record system (EPRS), the Medical Records optical imaging system, is scheduled for implementation during the first part of 1999. The Medical Records imaging project will be expanded over an approximate two-year period, with the plan of eventually imaging all records at Sinai Samaritan and St. Luke's Medical Centers.

The project will proceed in phases throughout implementation, beginning with converting the existing SSMC Medical Records imaging system, DHT, which contains records of emergency patients, Milwaukee Heart Institute patients, and the previous Women's Assessment Center patients. At SLMC the project will begin with emergency and urgent care patient records.

Human Resources adds photo badge opportunities

The Human Resources Department is extending the times and the days when employee photos will be taken because a large number of St. Luke's employees still need to have their pictures taken for the new photo ID badge. Some of the new dates and times are:

- 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 16
- 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Dec. 17
- 4 to 6 p.m., Dec. 18
- 8 to 10 a.m., Dec. 19

Additional photo days will be scheduled as needed.

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More cases of Packer fever detected in St. Luke's Emergency Department — once again, doctors jam for Make-A-Wish Foundation

For the third year in a row, Dr. Kevin Derus and his brother, Dr. Jeff Derus, are trading in their stethoscopes for microphones. The two rocking docs are the founding members of the musical group “First & Gold.” Their latest CD, “Rockin’ in the Red Zone” is the perfect way to spice up a tailgate party or to send the Packers off to Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami.

The compact disc features eight songs including “The Pack is Back” and “Hey Hey Green Bay.” Proceeds from sales of the CD benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

“We want to make enough money to grant the wish of a young girl, to buy her a piano,” explained Kevin Derus, an emergency room physician.

Over the past two years, the two St. Luke’s Medical Center doctors have raised more than $20,000 for Make-A-Wish. To get your copy of “Rockin’ in the Red Zone,” and to help kids get their wish, purchase your CD (tapes also available, both are $10) at:

- All Wal-Mart Stores in Wisconsin
- Brett Favre’s Steakhouse, 500 N. Water St
- Extra Innings, Waterford, Wisconsin

Employees may also purchase copies at the St. Luke’s Medical Center Emergency Department office. The phone number is 649-5888.

Employee decorates to brighten the holidays

According to her co-workers, Linda Klemp, LPN, is a special person. She donates her time and goes out of her way to decorate the lobby and the Urgent Care area of the St. Luke’s Franklin Health Center for every major holiday. Her artistic decorations help patients and co-workers anticipate and enjoy Christmas and the holiday season, Valentine’s Day, Easter, the summer holidays, Halloween, and the fall season. Lead nurse and co-worker Susie Miranda, RN, said, “The patients really look forward to seeing the Urgent Care area and lobby decorated for the holidays. They often ask us when Linda will be decorating for the next holiday. We really appreciate Linda’s hard work and the pride she takes in this facility.”

Welcome new employees

Christine Bantz, Registered Nurse
Mark Bose, Employment Specialist
Theresa Brown, Lab Specimen Tech, ACL Laboratories
MaryAnn Byers, Sr. Market Research
Lori Deverney, Pharmacy Technician, Pharmaceutical Services
Victoria Dinauer, Nursing Assistant
Rahl Douglass, Nursing Assistant
Peter Eckes, Registered Nurse

Jeannine Farrell, Data Network Engineer
Eve Gajewski, Lab Specimen Tech, ACL Laboratories
Teresa Galvez, Environmental Assistant, Housekeeping Services
Monica Gambill, MRI Tech, Radiology Department
Regina Griffin, Aurora Credit Union
Juli Gullifer, Registered Nurse
Michael Haessler, Business & Market Development
Deborah Hallada-Haase, Registered Nurse
Michele Hazelwood, Training Coordinator
Lance Johns, Valet
Kim Leanna, Health Unit Coordinator
Brenda Rodriguez, Linen Services
Adina Parker, Registered Nurse
Tracy Perry, Data Coordinator, Immunotherapy
Linda Pipes, CRCST, Technician, Central Service
Amy Raffel, Registered Nurse
Debra Roeglin, Nursing Assistant
Amy Roy, RTR, CT Technologist, Radiology Department
Francis Salud, Rehabilitation Aide
Shawn Smith, Office of Philanthropy
Daniel Stupek, Lab Specimen Tech, ACL Laboratories
Irene Taylor, Senior Payroll Rep
Constance Thornton, Aurora Credit Union
Sylvester Townsend, Environmental Assistant II, Housekeeping Services
Gregg Tucker, Registered Nurse
John Walker, Surgical Assistant, Surgery
Brian Wampole, Information Services
Susan Welch, Registered Nurse

Send us your news

We recognize the accomplishments of employees in this newsletter. Share news about graduations, honors, certifications earned and presentations given in the community. Send information to Kathy Muszynski by phone (920) 803-9595, fax (920) 803-9596, or preferably by e-mail (muszyn@execpc.com). The deadline for the next insert is Friday, December 18. Please include the name and phone number of a contact person.
Volunteers needed to help children and families

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin needs volunteer respite care providers for special needs children (physically handicapped, developmentally delayed, emotionally disturbed or children from families under stress). Respite care is the temporary care of a special-needs child so that parents or foster parents can get a needed break. For information, call 453-1400.


Replacements for broken or deteriorated service excellence recognition pins are now available. To replace your Golden Sneaker pin, see Alice Witz, SLMC administration. To replace your Big Storm pin, see Kathie Foti, SLSS administration. Questions may be addressed to Allen Stasiewski, 649-6067.

St. Luke's

The Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic will be selling raffle tickets for a Super Bowl package for two people (Super Bowl tickets, round trip airfares, five nights at the Ramada Sea Club Resort, Fort Lauderdale and a Hertz compact car rental with unlimited miles). Tickets are $10 each or three for $25. Tickets are available at St. Luke's at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic, administration, philanthropy office; Aurora Credit Union and at Aurora pharmacies in the Metro Region.

Aurora Medical Group - Milwaukee West

New Baby, Changing Emotions

Join other new mothers. Explore causes of the baby blues. Get help. Lead by Margaret Malnory, MSN, RN, and Vani Ray, MD. Sponsored by Women's Health Services and Aurora Behavioral Health Services.

7 to 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month

Aurora Medical Group
4025 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa
To register, call Laura, 427-3400.

West Allis Memorial

West Allis Memorial Hospital offers free health screenings.

Appointments are required.

Hearing screening and referral, every Monday, call 328-7410.

Glaucoma screening, every Thursday, call 328-6115.
January 1999 Nursing Education Classes

The classes listed here are free to Aurora employees unless a fee is indicated in the course or class description. Courses or classes may be canceled if the minimum registrations are not received. Preregistration is required for every class and course. For information or to register, call nursing education, 647-6370, or fax the registration to nursing education, 647-4878, or e-mail on cc:Mail to nsg_ed or on the Internet to nsg_ed@aurora.org.

6 Critical Care course begins
8 RN State Board Review course begins,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aurora Conference Center.
To register, call Education Enterprises, Inc.,
1-888-263-2337, ext. 9791, or 1-847-223-7810.
13 Basic ECG Interpretation course begins,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aurora Conference Center.
26 12 Lead ECG: What's Normal and What's Not,
3 to 8 p.m., West Allis Memorial Hospital.
25 Critical Care Module – Pulmonary,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aurora Conference Center.
26 Critical Care Module – Medical, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Aurora Conference Center.

Education programs may be canceled because of bad weather. Call Nursing Education, (414) 647-6370, or the phone number you called to register, after 6:30 a.m. for a recorded announcement on the status of the program for that day.

St. Luke's & Sinai Samaritan

Is there a pregnancy in your future?
Here's a free class designed to help you make good health and lifestyle choices before you become pregnant.
6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 at
St. Luke's Medical Center
1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at
Sinai Samaritan Medical Center
To register, call Childbirth Education Services at 649-7726 or toll-free at (888) 524-8555.

School of Radiologic Technology
Applications are being accepted for the two-year program in radiologic technology that begins in July. Prerequisites include a high school diploma or GED and two years of college-bound math and science with a C average. The School of Radiologic Technology has prepared hundreds of students for rewarding careers in radiography. The school welcomes applications from students with a variety educational backgrounds and experiences. For information, call Paula Maramont, program director, at 649-6762.

January Community Programs
13 Coping with the January Blues
14 Eating Disorders: A Family Affair
These evening programs are offered in Wauwatosa. To register, call the toll-free 24-hour registration line, (888) 771-ABHS (2247). All Aurora Behavioral Health Services (ABHS) programs are free.

Hartford Memorial
Donate blood,
2 to 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.
Call (800) 243-5124
for an appointment.