

Hospital Happenings January 2019

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New Year...Twice?

For hospitals and other organizations that run on a non-calendar fiscal year, January is considered a second “New Year” of sorts.

For Muenster Memorial, the fiscal year begins July 1 and by January 1, we are 6 months in. But we can’t help but join the crowd in using the new calendar year as a chance to reflect and plan.

What’s in the works for your local hospital? We would love to hear what direction you would like to see us take. Write us at: MMH Future, P.O. Box 371, Muenster, Texas 76252, or email gblanton@muensterhospital.com

Board Filing Period Begins This Week

If you would like to have an active role in deciding our future, filing for three seats on the Governing Board of the Muenster Hospital District began last Wednesday.

Those interested must be a resident of the Muenster Hospital District to apply. Applications are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Administration office at MMH.

Applications must be returned by Friday, February 15.

Muenster Pharmacy Adds Prescription Filling Station, Outside Handrails

The retail pharmacy is no longer counting pills by hand, with the delivery of their prescription filling station. The unit accurately counts and scans pills for type as prescriptions are filled. If there is a pill in the container that does not belong there, it will alarm the tech – a big plus for patient safety. The pill counter will also be used to maintain accurate counts for inventory.

The pharmacy has also added a handrail on the outside steps to make access to the pharmacy easier and safer for clients.

Specialty Clinic Features Cardiologists, Orthopedist

Denton cardiologists Babu Makkena, M.D., and Mian Atif Yousuf, M.D., along with Gainesville Internal Medicine and Cardiology specialist Khawaja Anwar, M.D., provide office hours and

consults for patients in Muenster and surrounding areas with office hours weekly at the MMH Speciality Clinic, 503 North Maple Street.

Orthopaedic Surgeon Christian Vissers, M.D., also sees patients every other Thursday morning at the Specialty Clinic.

Go to www.muensterhospital.com - *Services* for additional information.

Also seeing patients on the third Wednesday of each month at the MMH Family Health Clinic is Flower Mound pediatrician Debra Naylor, M.D. Go to www.muensterhospital.com – *Family Health Clinic* for contact information.

MMH Experiences Heavy Volume in Summer, Fall

The hospital has been seeing steadily increasing volumes for quite a while now, however, the numbers for Fiscal Year 2019 (July-December) have risen above last year's by almost 13 percent. Typically, hospitals see decreases in volume over the summer months, and with a slow start to winter flu season, the increase is especially atypical.

MMH Publishes Rates

Regulations under the Affordable Care Act require that all hospitals be transparent with their standard charges for medical procedures by disclosing them publicly, via the Internet, beginning January 1, 2019. In accordance with these regulations, Muenster Memorial Hospital has published its pricing on its website, www.muensterhospital.com. Interested parties can find the list in spreadsheet or pdf format by linking from Chargemaster, under *Our Services* on the Home Page.

Ideal Protein Meeting Scheduled February 7

If your New Year's resolution hasn't caught up with your excuses yet, now is the time to consider taking the step and getting on track to a healthier life.

Join the growing group of people who have successfully lost and maintained on the Ideal Protein weight management program offered by the MMH Family Health Clinic.

Attend the next educational seminar at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 7, at the clinic, 509 N. Maple Street, and see if this medically managed program is for you.

There is no obligation. For more information on Ideal Protein, go to www.muensterweigh.com