

News 4 You

An Iron County Medical Center Monthly Newsletter

A NOTE FROM JOSHUA

On behalf of the Iron County Medical Center, I would like to extend my appreciation for your ongoing support of our Hospital District. It has been a good month for us here at ICMC and while we have a long ways to go before we get where we want to be, we have begun to see some good results. First off, both Medicare and the USDA have signed off on agreements with us that will allow us an opportunity to stabilize financially. Second, the month of August has brought with it improved revenue capture for us. That being said, we do know that one good month doesn't make a pattern, but it is a step in the right direction.

From the specialty provider end, we are making progress on bringing Orthopedics back to ICMC. I anticipate having clinics begin sometime near the end of October or early November if all continues as planned. Additionally, we are working hard to get Urology back and have begun conversations with a couple of different providers that may be a good fit for us. ENT is set for a transition as of September 5th, and we have been working diligently to find a replacement with some recent interest that we are pursuing. All in all, we're excited to be looking at the stabilization of specialty services here in Iron County.

Another big change that will be coming is the transition of the Rural Health Clinic back into the Hospital, where we originally had it housed. We are looking forward to easier access to labs, radiology and infusions for all our RHC patients with this move. Additionally, we are looking at better reimbursement which will go a long way in helping us to stabilize financially.

Last but not least, we are working with the various different entities that are involved with healthcare here in the valley. We are looking to create a better network of care for the many patients of this region. We're collaborating with local partners to see how we can work together to increase the quality and continuity of care we provide to the benefit of the patients. Our first step is to look at how we can work together to make a difference with the opioid problem by coordinating our resources to get the patients the right care at the right time as close to home as possible. Having a Pain Management physician has been very beneficial for us and we want to expand on the good work the Dr. Glanton has been doing while also increasing our collaboration with the MO Highlands FQHC and the local Health Department.

These are busy and exciting times for all of us here at ICMC and we look forward to continuing our work to improve the quality and sustainability of care here in Iron County.

Joshua Gilmore, CEO



SOLAR ECLIPSE PHOTOS

The August 21, 2017 eclipse was the first total solar eclipse visible from anywhere in the mainland U.S. since 1979. Hope everyone had a good time at our solar eclipse party.



SHARPS SAFETY

Occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens from needlesticks and other sharps injuries is a serious problem, resulting in approximately 385,000 needlesticks and other sharps-related injuries to hospital-based healthcare personnel each year. Similar injuries occur in other healthcare settings, such as nursing homes, clinics, emergency care services, and private homes. Sharps injuries are primarily associated with occupational transmission of hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), but they have been implicated in the transmission of more than 20 other pathogens.



BE PREPARED

- Organize your work area with appropriate sharps disposal containers within reach.
- Work in well-lit areas.
- Receive training on how to use sharps safety devices.
- Before handling sharps, assess any hazards—get help if needed.

BE AWARE

- Keep the exposed sharp in view.
- Be aware of people around you.
- Stop if you feel rushed or distracted.
- Focus on your task.
- Avoid hand-passing sharps and use verbal alerts when moving sharps.
- Watch for sharps in linen, beds, on the floor, or in waste containers.

DISPOSE OF SHARPS WITH CARE

- Be responsible for the device you use.
- Activate safety features after use.
- Dispose of devices in rigid sharps containers; do not overfill containers.
- Keep fingers away from the opening of sharps containers.

BRANDI HOUSE

We are very pleased to announce the addition of Brandi House, APRN to our ICMC team as hospitalist. Brandi is a Nurse Practitioner with a wide variety of experience who will be training with our physicians to provide hospitalist and some ER care to our patients. Brandi will assist us in providing the continuity of care that our Acute, Observation and Swing bed patients truly need, and will be an active member of our Case Management team. Brandi will begin work in the first part of September. Please take time to introduce yourselves and to welcome her!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

On Saturday, September 23rd hospital employees in conjunction with the Auxiliary will be doing a fundraiser at the Battle of Pilot Knob. Items sold will include chili, chili dogs, Frito Chili Pies, homemade baked cookies, and drinks. Monetary donations are being accepted to help cover the cost of food supplies along with donations of bottled water and canned soda that can be brought to Administration for storage. If you would like to volunteer/donate please see Angie or Christi. Sign-up sheets will be located in Administration.



Employee flu shots will be required and be available:

- October 4th - 7:00am to 9:00am
- October 5th - 7:00am to 9:00am
- October 11th - 8:00am to 10:00am
- October 12th - 8:00am to 10:00am

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CONTENT PUBLISHED?

If you have content that you would like included in the next newsletter then please email details to Shaun Kerr - sakerr@icmedcenter.org no later than the 3rd week of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Examples of newsletter content could be a news article, an event or announcement.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

