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Family remembers infant through sleep sack donation to Mercy newborns



Julie and Marilyn Tuttle, left, present Chante Huen, Mother/Baby clinical resource nurse, with more than 100 sleep sacks.

Baby Taryn Suzanne Tuttle's memory continues to live on and flourish through a recent donation her family made in her honor. On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, Taryn's mom, Julie Tuttle, donated more than 100 fleece Halo® Sleep Sacks to Mercy, which will be given to babies born here. Taryn was born at Mercy on Nov. 3, 2009, and passed away on Jan. 25, 2010, during her afternoon nap due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Since 2005, the American Academy of Pediatrics has suggested the use of wearable blankets to help reduce the risk of SIDS. The Tuttle family received donations from friends and family to purchase the sleep sacks.

Mercy reshapes organization to meet patient needs and evolving health care environment



New physician leaders are (l-r): Wael Haidar, M.D.; Stephen Eckstat, D.O.; Craig Mahoney, M.D.; Bruce Hughes, M.D.; Dennis Dornbier, D.O.; Richard Deming, M.D.; and William Wickemeyer, M.D.

In an effort to maximize quality patient care with the needed flexibility for today's health care delivery, Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines is announcing a reorganization which will integrate clinical and administrative functions across the enterprise.

This new integrated leadership will better align operational functions. Under the plan, seven physician leaders have been selected to partner with an administrative colleague. Together each two-member team, or "dyad," will be accountable for the performance of their respective areas. The physician leaders, while still caring for a modified patient load, will also lead efforts to improve care coordination, review quality indicators and enhance the experience of our patients.

The following physicians, selected through an extensive interview process, will be paired with their administrative colleagues as follows:

- Hospital-Based Division: Physician Leader Wael Haidar, M.D., and Administrative Leader Chris Christensen
- Primary Care Division: Physician Leader Stephen Eckstat, D.O., and Administrative Leader Sharon Phillips
- Orthopedics Division: Physician Leader Craig Mahoney, M.D., and Administrative Leader Chris Christensen
- Specialty Medicine Division: Physician Leader

Bruce Hughes, M.D., and Administrative Leader Dan Varnum

- Surgery Division: Physician Leader Dennis Dornbier, D.O., and Administrative Leader Dan Varnum
- Women & Children's/Oncology Division: Physician Leader Richard Deming, M.D., and Administrative Leader Jackie Frost-Kunnen
- Cardiovascular Services Division: Physician Leader William Wickemeyer, M.D., and Administrative Leader Julie Younger

"This new structure creates an exciting opportunity to innovatively coordinate patient care across our broad organization," said Mercy President & CEO David H. Vellinga. "Our goal, to deliver the right care, in the right place at the right time, has never been more important. With the ever-evolving landscape of health care reform, we believe physician engagement and leadership is key to success. Mercy has always had great physician leaders, but now we're formalizing their leadership roles by clearly defining them, and engaging them to lead clinical changes and operational improvements. By implementing this model we believe we will bring the best thinking and planning together to meet the needs of our patients, families and staff."

Mercy's new integrated structure will be achieved without adding any new administrative functions in the organization or changes in staffing. The reorganization will be effective Feb. 1.

Announcements & News Briefs

CHI laptop computers to receive encryption software upgrade

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, an automatic process will upgrade the encryption software on all CHI laptop computers at Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines. Please make sure your laptop is logged onto the CHI network on Feb. 8. The upgrade will also require you to reboot your laptop when completed.

As an alternative, you may perform a do-it-yourself installation on or after Jan. 30 and prior to the automatic upgrade. If you use a laptop for clinical purposes and taking time to reboot the computer could affect patient care, you are encouraged to use the self-installation process. More information, including the self-installation steps, is available on Inside CHI.

Mercy stroke team coordinator to present at international conference in February



Teri Hamm, RN, will be presenting at the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association International Stroke Conference for the third year in a row this February.

Terri Hamm, RN, Mercy Stroke Team Coordinator, will be presenting “Community Education: A Statewide Effort,” a poster presentation at the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association International Stroke Conference to be held in New Orleans on Feb. 1-3, 2012. The presentation is in collaboration with the Iowa Stroke Coordinators Consortium (ISSC), which consists of 14 members and was founded by Hamm. The group’s

Clinic director of operations named



Kyle Robertson, clinic director of operations

Mercy Clinics (MCI) named Kyle Robertson to serve as clinic director of operations. Robertson has been with Mercy Clinics since 1997, working as manager of the former Mercy Des Moines Sports Medicine Clinic and more recently as manager for Mercy South Physical Therapy. During the past year, he also led efforts for Mercy Physical Therapy’s conversion to ambulatory electronic health records. In his new role, Robertson will oversee day-to-day clinic operations for more than 15 MCI clinics.

presentation stresses the importance of collaboration in terms of educating communities throughout the state about stroke risks, treatment and outcomes. This will be Hamm’s third presentation in as many years at the International Stroke Conference.

“To be chosen to present our projects and findings three years in a row to the international medical community shows Mercy and the state of Iowa are on the cutting edge of stroke treatment,” said Hamm. “Each year, we receive inquiries from all over the U.S. and the world asking about our protocols and education methods. To have our program recognized on this level shows we’re leading the way in stroke education, care and treatment.”

The international conference provides education in stroke advancements for neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroaudiologists, endovascular specialists, emergency medicine specialists, nurses and many other health care professionals from the United States and around the world. Mercy is the only Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center in central Iowa and treats more stroke patients each year than any other central Iowa hospital.

Congratulations to...

Ashley Bartz, Admitting, and Matthew, on the birth of their son, Kaden. Kaden was born on Dec. 30 and is the couple’s first child.

Jaime England, Mercy East Physical Therapy Clinic, and Ben, on the birth of their son Bode Benjamin. Bode was born on Jan. 9 and is the couple’s first child.

Miranda Gauthier, Mercy College of Health Sciences, and Phil, on the birth of their son, James William. James was born on Jan. 11 and is the couple’s first child.

Ashley Brown, Radiology, and Paris Thomas, on the birth of their daughter, Mya Payton. Mya was born on Jan. 18 and is the couple’s first child.

Holli Barthel, Peds Subspecialty, and Jacob, on the birth of their son Maximus Blazeur. Maximus was born on Jan. 23 and is the couple’s first child.

Paige Nelson, 9 South, and Justin, on the birth of their daughter Baya Marie. Baya was born on Jan. 24 and is the couple’s first child.

Our sympathy to...

Dr. Jon Crosbie, Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program, on the death of his grandfather.

Connie Dellaca-Hill, Mercy Urbandale Physical Therapy, on the death of her father.

Christina Halleen, Physical Therapy, on the death of her grandmother.

Leah Hemmingsen, Physical Therapy, on the death of her grandmother.

Katherine Langan, Volunteer Services, on the death of her mother.

Rose Richman, Mercy Cancer Center, on the death of her sister.

Bruce Ritchie, Physical Therapy, on the death of his father-in-law.

Dr. Shelly Soltis, Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program, on the death of her grandmother.

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