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Welcome to our new providers



Luke Herdina, a certified physician assistant, joined Big Lake Clinic.

Luke received his master's degree from Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Iowa.

Most recently, he worked in private practice in Dakota Dunes, S.D. He has special interests in preventive medicine, urology and general family medicine.



Tina Evenson is a certified family nurse practitioner who recently joined CentraCare Clinic - Melrose. Tina received her master's degree in science and nursing from North Dakota State

University in Fargo. She has special interest in women's health, cardiology, diabetes and orthopedics and is a certified QUITPLAN® counselor.

Condolences to ...

Lisa Pfannenstien, Business Office, on the loss of her mother in-law; **Susan Piehl, CNP**, River Campus, on the loss of her mother; **Rachel Schuneman, MD**, Dermatology, on the loss of her father; **Jan Teske**, Business Office, on the loss of her sister; **Leah Vornbrock**, Melrose, on the loss of her mother.



Condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of **Laurie Stillwell, RN**. Laurie worked in Internal Medicine at River Campus for 10 years and passed away June 14.

Heart Center physician honored



Electrophysiologist **Keith Lurie, MD**, Central Minnesota Heart Center, was honored as a Minnesota Health Care Hero by *Twin Cities Business* June 11 for his development of two impedance threshold devices.

Congratulations to...

Stacey Rose, Business Office, and Eric Melia on the birth of their son.

Cardiac surgery program receives top rating

Central Minnesota Heart Center's cardiac surgery program was awarded the highest rating from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) for the third consecutive year. Only 12 percent of hospitals in the nation received this award, which is based on 2008 data. The STS developed this national rating system to compare the quality of cardiac surgery. The Heart Center's three-star rating is the result of phenomenal teamwork by cardiac surgeons Edgar Pineda, MD, and John Teskey, MD, and all who assist with the care of cardiac surgery patients.

Recognition for years of service

35 years: **Rosie Maidl**, Business Center

25 years: **Janet Boeckers**, Business Center

20 years: **Eric Thompson, MD**, Women & Children

15 years: **Jurgen Craig-Muller, MD**, River Campus;
Dale Minnerath, MD, and

Sylvia Sundberg, MD, Women & Children

10 years: **Jean Zwilling, Marilyn Skurdahl, Brenda Olmscheid, Kristine Kobienia, and Ruth Aungst-Schwankl**, Women & Children;

Sandra Orton, River Campus;

Kurt Schwieters, MD, Melrose;

Paul Spinner, MD, Becker

5 years: **Barbara Johnson and Tara Kranz**, River Campus; **Kathleen Matuska**, Becker; **Diane Duncan**, Melrose; **Debra Berglund, Jessica Hengel, Virginia Pilles and Minto Porter, MD**, Women & Children; **Todd Severnak, MD**, Hospitalist; **Mary Och**, Plaza - Oncology.

Welcome to these new employees

Sarah Lucas, Insurance Analyst, Business Center

Robyn Hegland, Vision & Hearing, Women & Children

Kristie Tschumperlin, Nursing, River Campus

Kelly Benolkin, Genetics, Women & Children

Kudos to...

- **Mavis Eckes**, Long Prairie. She was the grand marshal for Long Prairie's June 21 Prairie Fest parade.
- The CentraCare Clinic - **Long Prairie 'FUN' Club** donated \$50 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Long Prairie.

Epic scheduling, billing and registration system

The roll-out date for our new scheduling (Cadence), billing (Resolute) and registration (Prelude) systems has been changed to Feb. 1, 2010. Adjusted training dates and appointment conversion timing are indicated below and continue through "go-live" (GL) unless end date is listed.

- Testing (Subject Matter Expert involvement) mid-July to GL;
- Appointment template building mid-Nov. to end Nov.;
- Cadence Super Users training mid-November to GL;
- Cadence appointment conversions mid-January to GL;
- Resolute Super User training mid-December to GL;
- End-user training for Cadence (Dec. to Jan.) and Resolute (Jan. to Feb.);
- "Go-live" support for all CRP functions (Feb. 2010).

There will be PTO restrictions for registration and appointment staff, physician schedulers, Business Office staff, Managed Care staff and nursing staff who schedule appointments in IDX. Please keep this in mind when making vacation and time-off requests.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this transition. These new EMR functions will bring functionality benefits. If you have any questions, contact your administrator.

Don't miss the scrub swap!

A "scrub swap" is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. July 7 in the Spruce Room at St. Cloud Hospital (SCH). It is designed for interested employees to sell/purchase used scrubs. With a recent change in SCH dress code, some employees have scrubs they wish to sell because they will no longer be able to wear them to work. Clinic employees are invited to purchase these scrubs if interested.

Women & Family Resource Center available

The resource center, located in the Women & Family Specialty Center at the Plaza, provides patients, families and employees with books for check out — as well as audio/visual material — covering topics such as parenting, stress, nutrition and behavioral health. All material has been reviewed by a health care professional to ensure it is credible and reliable. A library request form is available to make special requests for additional resources. In addition to resource material, two computer stations with Internet access also are available. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Melanoma Monday update

Eighty four people participated in the free skin cancer screenings offered by Dermatology May 4 and 5. The screenings revealed 15 abnormal moles, one melanoma, one dysplastic nevi, several actinic keratosis, one basal cell carcinoma and many benign moles.

Do you have questions about health insurance?

Have you or a family member been denied individual health insurance due to a pre-existing condition? If so, attend a free presentation by the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) from 10-11 a.m. July 14 in the Coborn Cancer Center classroom. MCHA offers individual health insurance to eligible Minnesotans. Please call LaNae at (320) 229-4907 with questions or to register.

Be prepared in times of emergency

The Central Minnesota Healthcare System Preparedness Program is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the St. Cloud Civic Center. The conference helps participants better plan for emergency situations, respond effectively and network with local experts and Central Minnesota partners in emergency preparedness planning. This conference is open to all CentraCare employees. For more information or to register online, visit www.togpartners.com/epc.

New Baby Day Camp offered for siblings

New Baby Day Camp features fun, interactive activities to prepare children for the arrival of a new sibling. The 90-minute session includes information sharing around a "campfire" and a hike around St. Cloud Hospital's Family Birthing Center. Register by calling (320) 229-5139. Dates are July 18, Aug. 22 or Sept. 19.

Supporting children in the health care setting

Help children cope with health care procedures by learning hands-on preparation and distraction techniques from our child life specialist at a free program from 6:30- 8 p.m. Aug. 3 at CentraCare Health Plaza. 1.5 MN contact hours. For more information, or to register, call (320) 229-5139.

Lung cancer support group available

"Working to Inspire Each Other Every Day" will meet from 3-4 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Coborn Cancer Center. The group combines education and group discussion to help support people living with lung cancer as well as family members and caregivers. Dates and topics are: July 16 - Exercise for Health; Aug. 20 - Care of the Caregiver. For more information, call Debbie Corrigan, RN, (320) 229-5199, ext. 70830.