

practice notes

January 2010

Dr. Charles Pigott Elected Chairman of NMMC Medical Staff

Surgeon **Charles Pigott, M.D.**, was recently elected chairman of the North Mississippi Medical Center medical staff for 2010.

Dr. Pigott serves as clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He is also on the Health Link utilization review committee and the Health Link Board of Directors. He is a surgical review physician for the Mississippi Foundation for Medical Care and serves as co-director of trauma service for NMMC.

Dr. Pigott is board certified by the American Board of Surgery. He practices at the Surgery Clinic of Tupelo.

West Bed Tower Expansion

The Boards of Directors for NMMC and its parent organization, North Mississippi Health Services, have approved a **five-story west bed tower expansion project** that will enlarge and upgrade 250 patient rooms. The project is in response to public feedback regarding shortcomings in patient rooms on the east and west nursing units, many of which were constructed almost 45 years ago.

More than 140 planning sessions have been conducted with various constituencies including patients and their families, physicians, employees, various support groups, area citizens and elected officials. (A price increase is not anticipated for this project, as it should add less than 1 percent to the cost of providing care.)

Highlights of the project include:

- A five-story expansion will be constructed to the west along South Gloster Street.

- Existing patient rooms will be enlarged from approximately 165 square feet to approximately 265 square feet.
- Each room will have three distinct zones – one for the patient, the family and hospital staff.
- Patient area will include a comfortable bed, shower, built-in bedside table and wall closet, as well as a recliner.
- The patient will have bedside control of everything in the room, including room temperature, lights and even opening or closing the window blinds. The patient will also have a wider view out the window – 135-degree view as opposed to the current 90-degree.
- Staff area will include a desk and chair, as well as a sink for hand washing.
- Each of the five floors is designed to include 44 patient rooms. Sixteen rooms will be located in the existing area, and 28 new rooms will be constructed. A wide corridor will connect the two sections.

For more information, visit www.nmhs.net/tupelo/west_bed_tower.php. Updates will be provided throughout the construction project.

Bobby Martin Named Chairman of NMHS Board of Directors

Bobby Martin, chairman of the board, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank and The Peoples Corporation in Ripley, is the new chairman of the North Mississippi Health Services Board of Directors.

Martin is a member and past president of the Ripley Rotary Club, where he achieved the designation of Paul Harris Fellow. He has also served as chairman of the board of CREATE Foundation, past president



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of the Tippah County Fair and Livestock Association, past president of the Tippah County Development Foundation and as a board member and past president of the Mississippi State University Foundation. He currently serves as a member of the Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi, chairman of the Workforce Development Committee and past chairman and past president of the Yocona Area Council Boy Scouts, among many other professional and civic organization memberships.

James Kelley Named Chairman of NMMC Board of Directors

James Kelley, president and chief operating officer of BancorpSouth in Tupelo, is the new chairman of the NMMC Board of Directors.

Kelley received his bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas, and went on to attend the School of Bank Marketing at the University of Colorado. He received his graduate degree from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Texas.

Prior to joining BancorpSouth in 2000, he served as president, chairman and CEO of First United Bancshares Inc. in El Dorado, Ark.

He also serves on the board of directors of Murphy Oil Corporation, US Able Corporation and Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield. He is former president of Arkansas Bankers Association and former president of the Tupelo Community Development Foundation.

Work Link Staff Members Receive Certificate of Competency

Four **Work Link** staff members recently received a Certificate of Competency in Occupational Health Practice Management. This certification is earned through the National Association of Occupational Health Professionals, who provide the training and testing.

Dee Dee Coker, M.D., Work Link medical director; **Barbara Hamilton**, office manager; **Nazia Javed, M.D.**; and **Aarthur Rodgers, CFNP**, completed the testing.

Dr. Coker joined the Work Link staff in January. She received her medical training from Kansas

City University of Medicine and Biosciences, where she was a member of Psi Sigma Alpha medical honor society. She completed her family medicine residency at the NMMC Family Medicine Residency Center.

Hamilton has been employed at Work Link since June 2007. She is also certified as an emergency medical technician, a certified hearing conservationist and a certified forklift trainer.

Dr. Javed joined Work Link staff in February. She completed her medical studies at King Edward University in Pakistan, and her family medicine residency at Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Rodgers received his nursing degree and family nurse practitioner training from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. He is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association.

NMMC Promotes Ivy to Service Line Administrator of Clinical and Support Services

Octavius Ivy of Tupelo has been promoted to service line administrator of clinical and support services for NMMC-Tupelo.

Ivy was promoted to assistant administrator in 2007 after serving as assistant to the North Mississippi Health Services president for three years. He joined NMMC in 2003 as an administrative resident.

As assistant administrator his responsibilities included day-to-day operations of NMMC's Food and Nutrition Services, Diabetes Treatment Center and Wound Center. He has been integrally involved in NMMC's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award process, patient satisfaction initiative and the implementation of best practices.

Dr. Raymond Arriola Receives State Award

Raymond Arriola, M.D., a physician with Fulton Medical Clinic who serves as medical director of the Courtyards Community Living Center in Fulton, was selected for the Mississippi Health Care Association's first-ever Medical Director of the Year award.

Dr. Arriola was chosen because of his commitment to caring for the residents and his active involvement in their lives and treatment. "He is a doctor who serves as a professional and a friend," said David Seay, Courtyards administrator. "Long-term care is often a lone choice for family members. Dr. Arriola takes the time to hold hands and be a comfort in their time of need."

New Resident Joins NMMC Family Medicine Residency Program

Will Jennings, M.D., recently began his family medicine residency at the NMMC Family Medicine Residency Center.

"The family medicine residency training program emphasizes quality medical education through traditional medical and surgical rotations. The program's quality is also enhanced by a broad-based curriculum in family medicine in the NMMC Family Medicine Residency Center and in rural rotations throughout North Mississippi Medical Clinics," said Michael O'Dell, M.D., director of medical education for NMHS and residency director.

Dr. Jennings graduated from Delta State University with a bachelor's degree in general studies, majoring in biology, chemistry, exercise physiology, business and mathematics. He received his medical training from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson. During medical school, he was a member of the American Medical Association and the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Doctor's Drawing Best Ever

Thanks to the generosity of the NMHS medical staff, this year's **Doctor's Drawing** was the best ever. The lucky employees whose names were drawn definitely had some extra spending money for Christmas.

Long-considered one of the most popular traditions at NMMC, the annual Doctors' Drawing is open to all full-time employees, excluding administrative staff and department managers, who have been employed for one year or longer.

The winners were randomly selected by department by Bo Calhoun, M.D., chairman of the medical staff. The winners' names were posted

Dec. 18 on the bulletin board across from the Security Control Desk at NMMC before the main unit Christmas party. Winners at outlying facilities were notified if they won some of the Christmas cash.

Christmas drawing funds are made possible through the dues paid annually by NMHS' active medical staff. This year's pot was \$35,080 with one \$500 winner, two \$100 winners, two \$90 winners and 855 \$40 prizes.

'Conscious Cuisine' Chef to Headline 6th Annual Spirit of Women Getaway, Jan. 16

Chef Cary Neff, who introduced the internationally acclaimed "Conscious Cuisine®" and revolutionized healthy cooking, will headline NMMC's sixth annual **Spirit of Women Getaway** planned for Saturday, Jan. 16, at the BancorpSouth Arena.

Tickets are now on sale for \$20. With the theme, "Good taste. Good health. Good times," the event is sponsored by NMMC and BancorpSouth and encourages women to take a well-deserved day away, at least from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. that Saturday.

Based on the idea that nutritious food can be exciting and flavorful, Chef Neff incorporates readily available ingredients such as herbs, spices, fruits and vegetables that provide rich flavor along with optimal nutrition. Chef Neff has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the "Today" show, Food Network, and "Masterchef USA" and has been profiled in The New York Times, Bon Appétit, Gourmet, Food & Wine and Condé Nast Traveler.

The Spirit of Women Getaway will also feature fun and informative booths; shopping; free makeovers, massages and manicures; educational sessions; food vendors and scores of door prizes.

Purchase tickets online at www.nmhs.net/getaway2010 or charge by phone at (662) 377-4099. Tickets are also available at the NMMC Gift & Floral Shop; NMMC Women's Hospital; NMMC Wellness Centers in Baldwyn, Eupora, Iuka, Pontotoc, Tupelo and West Point. For more information, call 1-800-843-3375.



Continuing Medical Education

The CME Program is based in the NMMC Education Department and works to provide quality educational programming that will meet general as well as specific professional needs. Please call (662) 377-3826 or the Consult Line at 1-800-952-8101 if you have CME comments and/or suggestions. Select CME programs are by invitation only and are also subject to change. **Please RSVP upon receipt of invitation.**

Jan. 7-8

ACLS Two-Day Provider Course

8 a.m., NMMC North Education Center

Jan. 15

PALS Renewal

8 a.m., NMMC North Education Center
Call (662) 377-3900 for more information.

Jan. 21

Medical Ethics Committee

Incarceration of Mental Health Patients
David Sparks, J.D.
7:30 a.m., NMMC East Tower, Room 21

Jan. 29

2010 Emergency Medicine/Trauma Conference

8 a.m., NMMC North Education Center
For more information, call Tracie Maxey at (662) 377-3826
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