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NMHS Announces Hiring of New Chief Medical Officer

North Mississippi Health Services is pleased to announce that Jeremy Blanchard, M.D., MMM, CPE, CPXP, will be joining NMHS as Chief Medical



Officer on Dec. 9. NMHS launched a national search for a chief medical officer of our system to follow Dr. C.K. White, who is retiring at the end of this year.

“Dr. Blanchard, a well-respected and seasoned physician executive, was selected after a rigorous evaluation process that involved a nine-member physician committee and an eight-member executive committee,” said Shane Spees, NMHS President and Chief Executive Officer. “In addition to his experience in various physician leadership roles with rural-based hospitals and health system (both large and small), Dr. Blanchard was recognized by the interviewers for his strong leadership attributes:

communication and organizational skills, accountability and innovation as well as a passion and energy for improving rural healthcare. We look forward to Dr. Blanchard joining our healthcare team in December.”

He most recently worked with The Alliance of American Football, based in San Francisco, where he served as Head of Player and Family Wellness for a startup professional football league providing holistic care for players and their families as they work towards entering or returning to the National Football League. His experience also includes Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Innovation for Language of Caring, a cultural transformation group serving more than 300 health care systems and 50 physician practices.

Dr. Blanchard, who “chooses jobs based on fulfillment level,” has long-admired NMHS for its quality and safety initiatives, including the awarding of North Mississippi Medical Center the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award in 2006 and NMHS in 2012.

A critical care/intensivist physician by background, he served as Chief Medical Officer for St. James Health-

care, an affiliate of Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health, and Vice President of Quality and Chief Medical Officer for Peace Health Northwest Network. He was the inaugural medical director of the combined intensivist and adult hospitalist program at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington.

Dr. Blanchard completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Montana in Missoula, and his medical studies at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. A certified physician executive (CPE) and a certified patient experience professional (CPXP), he has a master's in medical management (MMM) from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business in Los Angeles, where he graduated with honors.

He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center in Ft. Lewis, Washington, and his fellowship in critical care medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He served in the US Army Medical Corps for 11 years and reached the rank of Major.

Dr. Blanchard and his wife Francie

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have already purchased a home in Tupelo. His vision is “to live up to God’s potential and help people.” He said he was drawn to NMHS because “its providers, staff and leaders have a demonstrated history of excellence. Yet its size, culture and rural nature place high value on individuals and the relationships that assure the sustainment of human kindness and caring in the practice of medicine.”

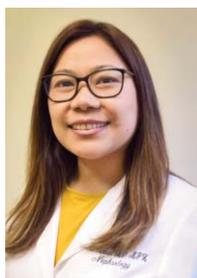
Dr. Maibam Joins Nephrology Group

Amita Maibam, M.D., recently joined Nephrology and Hypertension Associates, Ltd.

Dr. Maibam comes to Tupelo from Lexington, Kentucky, where she completed a nephrology fellow-

ship at the University of Kentucky in July. She received a master’s degree in public health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore in 2014. She earned her medical degree from the College of Medical Sciences in Bharatpur, Nepal, in 2007 and completed an internal medicine residency at Jersey City Medical Center in New Jersey in 2017.

Before moving to the United States, Dr. Maibam worked as a medical officer with New Life Drug-De-Addiction Center in Imphal, India, and at several hospitals.



Dr. Lane Joins NMMC Rehabilitation Institute

Physical medicine and rehabilitation physician Michael Lane, M.D., has joined the medical staff of NMMC’s Rehabilitation Institute.

Dr. Lane comes to Tupelo from Johnston Willis Rehabilitation



Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, where he has worked since 2016. He previously served as medical director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Southwest Louisiana in Lake Charles from 2010-2016. Prior to that, he worked at rehabilitation facilities in Virginia, Texas and Indiana.

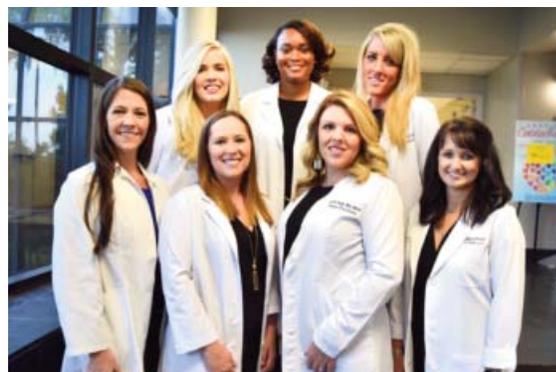
Dr. Lane received his bachelor’s degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville in 1988 and earned his medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center of Brooklyn in 1999. He completed an internship with New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens in 2000 and residency training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, in physical medicine and rehabilitation in 2003. He is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

APC Graduates

Nurse practitioners recently graduating from North Mississippi Medical Center’s Advanced Practice Clinician Fellowship include (clockwise) Kelly Grove of Booneville; Stephanie Glover, Red Bay, Alabama; Andrea Carpenter, Mantachie; Lauren Sloan, Amory; Elyse Smith, Saltillo; and Andrea Thomason, Saltillo. Kristi Graves of Mooreville also completed the program.

NMMC’s 12-month fellowship program bridges a newly licensed and certified nurse practitioner from the academic setting to the private health care delivery system.

The NMMC Advanced Practice Clinician Fellowship is accredited by the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium.



ACEP Recognizes Relias, NMMC Sepsis Care

Relias Healthcare at NMMC-Tupelo has been recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians for its outstanding performance in sepsis care.

Relias Healthcare, which provides health care provider staffing for the NMMC-Tupelo Emergency Department, uses an evidence-driven tool developed by the American College of Emergency Physicians expert panel on sepsis to guide recognition and treatment of sepsis and septic shock in its early stages.

By taking part in the American College of Emergency Physicians initiative for its providers, Relias Healthcare aims to improve the knowledge of its providers and nurses in early identification, treatment and reassessment of sepsis, and assistance in the ED’s implementation of best practices.

NMMC Breast Care Center Celebrates 20 Years

In the 20 years since the NMMC Breast Care Center opened, more than 5,000 breast cancers have been diagnosed there. In that time, the dedicated breast center has transformed the way breast cancer patients are treated in north Mississippi.

Ellen Friloux, vice president of NMMC Women and Children’s Services, says the evolution of the Breast Care Center has made it possible to provide much more comprehensive, personalized care to patients. “Having a dedicated

space, dedicated radiologists and dedicated staff has meant that the Breast Care Center really paved the way for diagnosis-specific care plans for other cancers,” Friloux said.

In September 1999, the Breast Care Center opened in a wing of the NMMC Women’s Hospital. They quickly outgrew that space and knew they needed to add

additional services and more support.

In 2001, the Breast Care Center moved into its permanent home on Eason Boulevard.

Friloux says the most impactful change for women has been the addition of radiologists who specialize in mammography and breast health.

Joanna Sadowska, M.D., a fellowship-trained breast radiologist, and Mary Moss, M.D., a radiologist who has more than 20 years of experience in women's health, are the providers at the Breast Care Center.

The breast care center has played a large role in the development of a comprehensive treatment program for women who are diagnosed with breast cancer.

"When we opened, we had breast health specialists who helped walk patients through the process," Friloux said. "That was the first generation of what is now a patient navigation program."

Nurse navigators are available for several common cancer diagnoses. The navigator assists patients in accessing referrals and resources that meet their individual needs, and will follow a patient through the continuum of care and treatment to help assure the patient's needs are being met. The navigator works with all members of the cancer team to coordinate care.

The Breast Care Center also led the way in the development of dedicated tumor conferences.

"The breast tumor conference meets weekly and discusses every case," Friloux said. "Before a treatment plan is started, this multidisciplinary team meets and goes over each case. This ensures that every opinion is taken into account. This has helped make huge strides not only in how we treat patients but in survival rates."

The dedicated tumor conferences have also rolled out to other specific diagnoses.

Quality Care

The American College of Radiology has designated NMMC's Radiology Department as a Breast Imaging

Center of Excellence, accredited in mammography, stereotactic biopsy, breast MRI, breast ultrasound and ultrasound-guided biopsy.

In 2018, The Breast Care Center was a key part of NMMC's breast cancer program earning the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers from the American College of Surgeons. The accreditation emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach and encompasses all of the providers who diagnose and care for patients with breast cancer. The NMMC program is only one of two in state to hold the accreditation.

Accreditations and technology are only as effective as the staff members using it, and the Breast Care Center has a long-tenured staff. Four employees have been there since the very beginning.

IRB Approves, Renews Studies

The NMHS Institutional Review Board (IRB) currently oversees more than 80 biomedical and behavioral studies. The IRB meets monthly and the following studies were approved and renewed at the October meeting.

New Studies:

Study: SOLVE CRT – Stimulation of the Left Ventricular Endocardium for Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy in Non-responders and Previously Untreatable Patients (CSP-03035)

Investigators: Karl Crossen, MD (PI); Steve Carroll, MD; Karthik Prasad, MD; James Stone, MD; Chris Bell, ACNP; Lee Ferguson, ACNP; Wanda Ikeda, DNP; Katie McDuffie, FNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to test a new way to pace the left side of the heart without using pacing leads, using the WiSE CRT System.

Study: A Phase II Open-label Study of Sacituzumab Govitecan (IMMU-132) in Subjects with Metastatic Solid Tumors

Investigators: Paschal Wilson, MD (PI); Andrew Kellum, MD; Charles Montgomery, MD; Jiahuai Tan, MD; Ashley Gilliland, NP; Jessica Glidewell,

NP; Tammy Pelegrin, NP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to determine whether treatment with sacituzumab govitecan can shrink or eliminate tumors in patients with metastatic lung, endometrial or head and neck cancers.

Study Renewals:

Study: DISRUPT CAD III – Prospective, Multicenter, Single-arm, Global IDE Study of the Shockwave Coronary Intravascular Lithotripsy System with the Shockwave C2 Coronary IVL Catheter in Calcified Coronary Arteries (CP 61982)

Investigators: Barry Bertolet, MD (PI); Joseph Adams, MD; Benjamin Blossom, MD; Roger Williams, MD; Chris Bell, ACNP; Lee Ferguson, ACNP; Wanda Ikeda, DNP; Katie McDuffie, CNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to assess the safety and effectiveness of the Shockwave Coronary Intravascular Lithotripsy System to treat de novo, calcified, stenotic, coronary lesions prior to stenting. Enrollment is open.

Study: QP ExCELS – Extended CRT Evaluation with Quadripolar Left Ventricular Leads

Investigators: James Stone, MD (PI); Karl Crossen, MD; Chris Bell, ACNP; Wanda Ikeda, DNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to confirm the safety and effectiveness of the BIOTRONIK Sentus QP lead used with the BIOTRONIK CRT-D device. Enrollment is open.

Study: WaveCrest versus Watchman Transseptal Left Atrial Appendage Closure to Reduce Atrial Fibrillation-Mediated Stroke 2 (CHX_IP 014)

Investigators: James Stone, MD (PI); Karl Crossen, MD; Karthik Prasad, MD; Chris Bell, ACNP; Lee Ferguson, FNP; Wanda Ikeda, DNP; Katie McDuffie, FNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the WaveCrest device in subjects who have atrial fibrillation by comparing it to a similar device called the Watchman left atrial appendage closure device. Enrollment is open.



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Neuro/Radiology Case Studies

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