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NMHS Unveils New Connected Care Carts

North Mississippi Health Services recently unveiled 10 Connected Care carts to allow patients the opportunity to video chat with their loved ones while being treated for COVID-19.

“The need for patients to video communicate with their families has been a recurrent need during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Benton Kilman, M.D., NMHS chief medical informatics officer. “Many patients do not have their own video communication devices,

and this will allow our patients to connect with their family members while they’re being treated.”

The carts were purchased through a \$20,000 grant awarded by Toyota Motor North America to the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi. “This is what Toyota is all about – giving back is in our DNA,” said Toyota Vice President of Administration Emily Lauder. “My hope is that providing this connected technology to patients and their families will alleviate any mental or emotional stress caused by isolation.”

The generous donation allowed HCF to purchase the carts, which are equipped with iPads and will be rolled to rooms of COVID-19 patients.

“The Health Care Foundation is proud to be part of this exciting addition to our hospital’s telehealth program,” said Steven Blaylock, HCF

president. “Family and friends will be able to talk to their loved ones who are in a vulnerable state recovering from COVID-19. We feel that this communication will help heal their hearts as well as their bodies.”

“This truly encompasses our health care system’s mission, vision and values,” said Shane Spees, NMHS president and chief executive officer. “This is what connected feels like.”

HCF is working to purchase more Connected Care carts for NMHS community hospitals. To donate to HCF, visit www.nmhs-foundation.org.

Dr. Boyett Publishes Opioid Article

Addiction medicine specialist Brent Boyett, D.M.D., D.O., of North Mississippi Regional Pain Consultants



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recently published an article in the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Dr. Boyett is the lead author of the article, which seeks to establish a standardized craving scale to quantitate opioid craving. The authors' research supports using the scale to measure the severity of opioid craving and predict opioid use. The article is available at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34794061>.

Dr. Boyett treats all forms of substance abuse disorders, including alcohol, opioid, drugs and others. He specializes in medication-assisted addiction recovery and high-risk populations, including pregnant women. He is board certified in family medicine and addiction medicine, as well as preventive medicine and dental anesthesiology. He is recognized as a Distinguished Fellow by the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

For more information, call (662) 377-5199 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375). North Mississippi Regional Pain Consultants is part of the Neuroscience Institute, located in Longtown Medical Park at 4381 S. Eason Blvd. For more information, visit www.nmhs.net/neuroscience-institute.

the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi. Recipients can be Clay County high school seniors preparing to enter college or Clay County residents currently in the workforce about to embark on a second career. The application is downloadable from www.nmhs.net/youth-education and is due by Monday, April 11.

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Miller established the scholarship shortly after his death on Dec. 9, 2021. Dr. Miller was a fixture in the West Point medical community and devoted nearly 40 years to caring for patients there.

His son, Ned Miller, D.O., of West Point Medical Clinic, said his father valued education and helping those in need. "My family and I are honored that, with the help of North Mississippi Medical Center-West Point, he will be able to foster students pursuing health care as a career," he said. "He was always available to anyone who wanted guidance when choosing a career in health care. This scholarship will allow him to continue to provide that guidance for those seeking it. He would be thrilled."

To donate to the scholarship fund, visit www.nmhsfoundation.org.

emergency.

Dr. Moffett serves as the volunteer medic for the sheriff's office's special response team, which created and assembled trauma medical kits for each classroom so that teachers will have supplies that could make a difference in an emergency.

"We want to have a trauma medical kit for every classroom in the county," Dr. Moffett said.

In the case of a disaster at a school, the kits contain tourniquets and compression bandages that could be used to prevent someone from bleeding to death while waiting for first responders to arrive.

Webster County Sheriff David Gore and Dr. Moffett presented the first kits to staff at East Webster High School.

The team raised about \$2,000 in cash and secured about \$2,000 worth of donations to create the kits to cover 130 elementary and high school classrooms. NMMC-Eupora was among the organizations donating supplies.

"We look forward to having more classes and supporting our principals and teachers, all for the safety and security of our children," Sheriff Gore said.

New Scholarship Honors Dr. Ed Miller

NMMC-West Point is honoring the late Ed Miller, M.D., with a scholarship for those pursuing a career in health care.



The scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time this spring, is being administered by

Dr. Moffett, Webster SO Present Trauma Kits to Schools

Dr. Craig Moffett of Maben Medical Clinic and the Webster County Sheriff's Office want local schools to be as prepared as possible in an



Dr. Craig Moffett conducted a training session on the trauma medical kits at East Webster High School.

Rheumatology Referrals Made Easier

Rheumatology Consultants has simplified its referral process for providers. To refer a patient to Jennifer Kennard, M.D., or Charles King, M.D., call (662) 377-1130. Every effort will be made to see the patient as soon as possible.



FMRC resident advocates for primary care

Dr. Nathaniel Sparks, a second-year resident at NMMC Family Medicine Residency Center, attended the Primary Care Day at the Mississippi State Capitol on Feb. 9 and met with State Rep. Lester “Bubba” Carpenter, R-Burnsville.



Sparks was one of 22 residents from six family medicine programs who joined the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians to talk about issues affecting family medicine with lawmakers. Sparks is set to return to his hometown clinic, Belmont Family Medical Clinic, after completing the residency program in 2023.

CME Program Launches New Tool

The NMHS CME Program is excited to introduce an easy way for you to complete most of your everyday CME tasks directly on your phone or tablet. With this new tool you will be able to:

- Record your own attendance at a continuing medical education activity
- Instantly have your credits recorded
- Get transcripts
- Complete evaluations
- View and annotate presentations and more

You may access this new tool at <https://nmhs.cloud-cme.com>.

STEP 1:

To register your profile once you access the portal:

- Click the sign in button.
- Use your email to advance to your profile/set up your account.
 - o Note: If you have a NMHS email, you are most likely in the system. Use your NMHS email and the same password you use to access your account to sign into CloudCME.
 - o Edit/update your information. Return to Home page.

- If you are new user, set up your account by clicking the button to the right.
- Click on Live Courses and find your desired course.
- Register for the course.

STEP 2:

In your phone browser search CloudCME® mobile app and download to your Apple or Android device(s). Our organization code is NMHS.

This app features mobile access to your transcripts, access to the calendar of events, ability to text for attendance (sign in) and many other exciting features.

STEP 3:

- Save this number as a contact labeled NMMC CME (or something you will remember for future activities): 1 (844) 974-4333.
- To sign in for CME activities,

you will text your email to the CloudCME phone number, access the check-in menu OR scan a QR code if applicable.

This is a one-time set up. If you have any questions, call (662) 377-3401.



IRB Update

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 on Jan. 20 and Feb. 17.

New Studies

Study: JEWEL – A Clinical Evaluation of the Jewel™ P-WCD in Subjects at High Risk for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (PR-2053)

Investigators: Jim Stone, M.D. (PI); Karl Crossen, M.D.; Karthik Prasad, M.D.; Chris Bell, ACNP; Lee Ferguson, ACNP; Katie McDuffie, CFNP; Brandon Petty, FNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to gather information on the safety and effectiveness of the Jewel P-WCD.



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Study: A Phase III, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo- and Active-controlled, Treat-through Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Mirikizumab in Patients with Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease (16T-MC-AMAM)

Investigators: John Phillips, M.D. (PI); Stephanie Atkinson, CFNP

Summary: The purpose of this study is to determine the safety and efficacy of mirikizumab in the treatment of Crohn's disease compared to ustekinumab and placebo.

Study Renewals

Study: DyeMINISH Registry - DyeVert™ System Use for Contrast Monitoring and Minimization in At-Risk Patients Undergoing Angiography

Procedures: A Real-World Registry (TP6647)

Investigators: Barry Bertolet, M.D. (PI); Joseph Adams, M.D.; Dane Ballard, M.D.; Benjamin Blossom, M.D.; Michael Boler, M.D.; William Calhoun, M.D.; Steve Carroll, M.D.; Murray Estess, M.D.; Douglas Hill, M.D.; James Johnson, M.D.; Nelson Little, M.D.; Francisco Sierra, M.D.; Roger Williams, M.D.

Summary: The purpose of this registry is to compare health outcomes for subjects undergoing angiography procedures in which the DyeVert System was used versus similar subjects in which the DyeVert system was not used. Enrollment is open.

Study: RESTORE – A Safety and Technical Feasibility Evaluation of the CurvaFix® Intramedullary

Rodscrew System for Fixation of Pelvic and Acetabular Fractures (CLP-0001)

Investigator: Karl Van Osten, M.D.

Summary: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the safety and technical feasibility of the CurvaFix® Intramedullary Rodscrew System which is designed to provide fixation of broken pelvic bones. Enrollment is open.