SAFETY COACH AND SAFE PATIENT HANDLING AND MOVEMENT CHAMPIONS RECOGNIZED

Staff members who serve as safety coaches and/or safe patient handling and movement (SPHM) champions were recently recognized for their efforts in ceremonies held at Mercy central campus and West Lakes.

Safety coaches receive special training to provide peer checking and peer coaching in and outside of their departments. They make observations on and encourage the use of error prevention techniques to provide a safe environment for our patients and staff. The group of safety coaches meet monthly to review their observation tools, which include great examples of peer coaching and peer checking.

Mercy’s 55 safety coaches serve in roles on most nursing floors/units, medical imaging, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, lab, neurodiagnostics, perioperative services, anesthesia pain center and the wound and infusion center. Safety coaches will soon be added in dietary, facilities, pharmacy, respiratory therapy and at Mercy Weight Loss & Nutrition Center.

SPHM champions are staff members who volunteered to focus on safely moving, transferring or transporting patients by assisting with training and observation of other team members within their department. These individuals work diligently to provide feedback to their departments, to the SPHM Care Team and to Mercy’s leadership team about their findings, which has resulted in increased use of safety equipment to aid in moving and transporting patients. The nearly 60 SPHM champions at Mercy serve in roles throughout the organization – including nursing, rehab, medical imaging, clinics, patient transport and valet.

Thank you to all the safety coaches and SPHM champions for their dedication to keeping our patients and staff safe by putting safety first!
New pediatric clinic opening in Waukee

Mercy Clinics has expanded pediatric health care services to residents in Waukee and surrounding communities. The new pediatric clinic is located at 25 W. Hickman Rd., Suite 300, in the same building as Mercy Waukee Medical Clinic. More specifically, the new clinic is located in the space formerly occupied by Mercy Waukee Physical Therapy Clinic, which has moved to the Mercy Waukee Medical Clinic.

Mercy Clinics Pediatrics Waukee opened on Monday, July 20. Sarah Jackson, M.D. – a pediatrician at Mercy Central Pediatric Clinic since November 2011 – has moved her practice to this new location, with additional providers expected to join her in the near future.

Mercy Clinics Pediatrics Waukee is open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Jackson, call (515) 643-7090.

Mercy welcomes new plastic surgeon

Mercy Plastic Surgery is proud to welcome Michael Carlisle, M.D., plastic surgeon, to its practice. Dr. Carlisle received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in otolaryngology – head and neck surgery, at University of Kansas Medical Center and most recently completed a residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Carlisle is board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, and his interests include breast reconstruction, breast reduction, rhinoplasty, cosmetic surgery, skin cancer treatment and reconstruction, head and neck cancer and post bariatric surgery body contouring.

He joins Dr. Samuel Maurice and Sonya Mack, PA-C, in Mercy Plastic Surgery, located at 411 Laurel Street, Suite 2225. To make an appointment or referral, call (515) 643-5455.

Mercy College professor honored for spurring civic engagement

Joseph Moravec, DMin., professor of philosophy and theology with Mercy College, was named this year’s Mission winner at the Engaged Campus Awards held by the Iowa Campus Compact. In its second year, the Engaged Campus Awards recognize individuals or groups in Iowa higher education for their work toward the Iowa Campus Compact mission of deepening and strengthening campus civic and community engagement.

“Dr. Moravec’s efforts have been a key piece in helping to change the college’s philosophy from students rendering community service to that of students engaging in meaningful service learning,” said Dr. Jeannine Matz, dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who nominated Dr. Moravec for this award. “He is deeply devoted to the mission of the college and has opened the doors and helped Mercy College connect to some of the neediest community members in Des Moines.”

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ANOTHER GREAT EXAMPLE OF LIVING UP

The Mercy Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center infusion nurses were joined by the son of one of their patients, who brought goodie bags for the patients as part of a 4H project recently.

Mercy Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center patients got a special treat one afternoon when the son of one of their infusion patients visited as part of a 4H project.

As part of the project, the young man brought all of the infusion patients a gift bag filled with goodies -- including a pen, puzzle book, hand lotion, lip balm, drinking water and more. It was a wonderful gesture of compassion and community service and the patients loved his effort!

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