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Safe Haven Law

The Safe Haven law is intended to encourage a parent who might otherwise abandon or discard a child, to instead, voluntarily relinquish care of the infant to the state in a safe and anonymous way without the fear of prosecution. The infant can then be cared for properly and adopted by others. The relinquishment criteria are as follows:

1. The infant must be less than 30 days old.
2. The infant has not been abused or neglected.
3. The infant must be relinquished to an employee of a designated emergency care facility.

To learn more about Safe Haven refer to MC Strategies and the hospitals policy and procedure manual.

Thanks,

Kelly Guidry RN Supervisor II, Nursery/NICU

Nurse Anesthetists Week January 26-30, 2009

As the earliest nursing specialty, Nurse Anesthetists have been providing quality anesthesia care for almost 150 years. In Pennsylvania, in 1877, documents record anesthesia care by Nurse Sister Mary Bernard. On foreign shores, Nurse Anesthetists have served and provided anesthesia care in every military engagement since WW1. Proudly, Nurse Anesthetists have expanded academically and professionally with the first formal educational program commencing in 1909, and the founding of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in 1939. Today, over 37,000 Nurse Anesthetists provide two-thirds of rural anesthetics and a significant portion of all anesthetics throughout the United States. Locally, since 1978, Nurse Anesthetists at Chabert Medical Center have been serving the public providing top quality anesthesia care.



Proven, professional, passionate; We are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

Larry Pete, RN, Nurse Anesthetist Supervisor

12th Annual Health Effectiveness Forum

Tuesday was the 12th Annual Health Effectiveness Forum in Baton Rouge. Chabert Medical Center was well represented in attendance and the recipients of numerous awards.

Chabert placed in five of the six categories!

Disease Management Programs

Clinical Improvement

HIV	1st	HIV	1st
Cancer Screening	1st	Cancer Screening	2nd
CHF	2nd		
Diabetes	2nd	<u>Health Care Effectiveness</u>	
Renal	2nd	Inpatient, Patient Satisfaction	2nd

These awards reflect the culture we have at Chabert Medical Center. Our continued commitment to quality patient care is evident throughout our facility and we have been recognized for this. We will continue to strive for excellence in giving our patients great continuous care. We did not steal the show, but they sure knew we were there! Great Job everyone!

Congratulations to all,

Shane Robichaux, RN
Interim Quality Management Director
Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center

NEW FACES IN QUALITY MANAGEMENT

There are lots of new smiling faces in the Quality Management Department. Shane Robichaux, RN has taken the interim Quality Management Director position. Shanna Ledet, MSN, RN and Cindy Hancock, RN are our 2 new employees to the department. Cindy transferred from UMC in Lafayette. Welcome also to Amanda Trahan our new student worker.



Date: March 6, 2009

Time:
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Featuring food, spirits, music, live auction and a silent auction at the home of
State Representative and Mrs. Gordon Dove.

“A Night for Goodness’ Sake”

5 Glen Oaks Drive
Houma, Louisiana

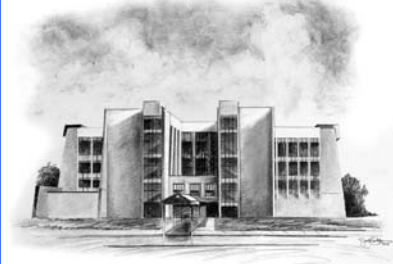
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\$150.00 per couple

\$75.00 singles

(100 % of proceeds are spent on hospital equipment Supplies & activities.)



National Nutrition Month

The theme for March 2009
Is "Eat Right."

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the American Dietetic Association. The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Registered Dietitian Day, also celebrated in March, increases awareness of registered dietitians as the indispensable providers of food and nutrition services and recognizes RDs for their commitment to helping people enjoy healthy lives.

**Registered Dietitian Day is
March 11th, 2009**

South East Louisiana Chapter of ACHE 2009 Election results:

The slate of nominees have been approved at the Chapter meeting as follows:

President: Bev Hardy

VP: Liz Berzas

Treasurer: Donna Saxton

Secretary: Naveed Awan

On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to congratulate our new Chapter officers.

The Environment of Care



On Saturday February 7, the hospital conducted emergency repairs to a transfer switch for the hospital. Everyone did a great job proactively planning and assessing their departments to ensure continued patient care.

The following is an update on major construction projects around the hospital. Please continue to have patience with the improvements.

- The 1500 kw and 750 kw generators have arrived. They are located in the back of the Maintenance building in aqua green containers surrounded by fencing. The project is on schedule with a completion date before June.
- The re-roofing project is on schedule with a completion date at the end of February.

The first phase of the elevator replacement for Public #1 and Public #2 has begun and is ahead of schedule. There will be two other phases before the project is completed. Please have patience and be considerate to patients during this time of inconvenience. A reminder: Only Authorized personnel are allowed to run the elevators due to the special training required.

Please be aware of these projects and have patience. The progress and changes are a huge benefit to all of the staff and to the patients of Chabert Medical Center. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation during this time of change.

Donna L. Pitre, RN, BSN, CHSP
Support Services Director

FIRE PREVENTION

It is your responsibility to prevent and protect against fires, which threaten the lives of our patients, personnel, and visitors. You must know how to respond in the event of fire so that you can protect not only your own life, but the life of others as well.

RESPONSE IN THE MAIN HOSPITAL BUILDING OF CMC

What do you do at the point of origin of a fire in the main hospital building? An easy way to remember is RACE.
If a fire is discovered, stay calm, activate RACE procedures.

Rescue patients in immediate, life-threatening danger is always top priority. When fire threatens an incapacitated patient, he or she must be evacuated quickly and safely.

1. If you see smoke coming from under a closed door feel the door with the back of your hand before opening it. If it's too hot to touch, don't open it. If it's touchable, open it slowly. Stay low. If you smell smoke follow the same procedure before opening a door.
2. During search and rescue procedures you should look under beds, in closets, in bathrooms, in tubs and showers, and behind any furniture.
3. If safe to do so, using chalk that is kept in the fire extinguisher cabinets, mark an "F" on the door/s of the room/s the fire is occurring in, and when all patients have been removed from a room mark the door with "X".

Announce the fire, activate the alarm and notify the operator by dialing *5 to, and communicate with fellow employees.

1. Pulling the alarm will activate the audible alarm system, and automatically close the double smoke doors in the area of the alarm pull station.
2. Tell the operator, "CODE RED", ZONE____, and the exact location and type of fire.
3. Upon hearing the alarm do not assume that everyone in the area has heard it. Work as a team. Communicate with others in the area. Inform and reassure patients and visitors in the area.

Contain the fire by closing all doors. All doors and window should be closed to contain the fire and smoke including closets and bathrooms.

Evacuate the fire smoke compartment, if/as directed by the person in charge at the time of the fire.

1. Prepare for evacuation by removing all carts and obstructions from hallways and emergency exits.
2. Orders for evacuation will be given by the Houma Fire Department and Nursing House Supervisor. The Head Nurse/Charge Nurse of a nursing unit or Department Head/Supervisor of a department can make a decision to evacuate the scene of a fire if they determine that conditions are hazardous to the patients and/or individuals in the area.