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TRAGEDY IN TERREBONNE PARISH

A tragic helicopter crash in Terrebonne Parish claimed the lives of 8 people, dead on the scene on January 4, 2009. The one survivor was brought to Chabert's Emergency Department for treatment and stabilization. Dr. Garcia, Medical Director, attended the patient along with the ED staff and wrote the following note to acknowledge the excellent team and care provided:

"Please extend my compliments to your staff in their handling of the helicopter crash victim yesterday. I was present the whole time and was impressed with the efficiency and professionalism in handling this patient as well as their preparation in anticipating additional casualties. Its no wonder we have the best ER in the area."

Congratulations and thanks to the ED team for a job well done.



Dr. Michael Garcia,
Medical Director



ED Staff

Pam Wright, MSN, RN
Nursing Director

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department would like to remind employees that all LJCMC classified job vacancies will be posted as follows:

**Human Resources Department
Hospital (by employee elevators on each floor)
Microsoft Word (U drive)
Civil Service website
LJCMC website (www.lsuhs hospitals.org/hospitals/ljc)**

All LSU Health Care Services Division monthly unclassified job vacancies will be posted as follows:

**Human Resources Department
Hospital (by Administration)
Hospital (by Cafeteria)
Hospital (across from 1st floor employee elevators)
HCSD website (www.lsuhs hospitals.org)**

Human Resources Department hours are 7:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

"POLES" AT LJCMC PROVIDE HOPE TO EPILEPSY PATIENTS

-Pukar Ratti BEChE, MSChE, MSHCM, CIM-

POLES (Perampanel Open Label Extension Study) is a sequel to the ongoing PADS (Perampanel Anti-epileptic Drug Study) at LJCMC. The purpose of POLES is to evaluate whether the investigational drug Perampanel (up to 12 mg/day) is safe and can be tolerated when given as adjunctive treatment in subjects with refractory partial seizures and to evaluate the ability of this drug to maintain effect for the control of refractory partial seizures. Only those patients who have volunteered to fully complete the PADS study will be considered for POLES study. The study is designed to be Phase 3, 14-month, Open-label, Extension phase, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Dose-escalation and Parallel group type. The study team is comprised of Dr. Michael Charlet as Principal Investigator, Dr. Thomas Ferguson and Christine Thistlethwaite as Sub Investigators, Pukar Ratti as Research Coordinator while Ellen Gustafson and Chantel Townsend as Research Nurses. This study is fully funded by Eisai Medical Research, Inc. To see if you or someone you know is eligible for this study, please contact the Office of Research & Sponsored Projects at (985) 873-5143 or pratti@lsuhsc.edu



Ms. Christine Every & Ms. Rhonda Green, CEO

November's Employee of the Month is Ms. Christine Every...

Our Employee of the Month for November was Christine Every, a Nursing Asst. who has been working on 4 West for the last 7 months. Formerly a Nursing Asst for a nursing home, Christine applied here at Chabert Medical Center because she wanted to try something different.

Christine has been married for 8 1/2 years, and has her hands full at home with 2 teenage boys, ages 12 and 15.

When asked what she likes the most about Chabert, Christine said, "I like my co-workers and the hospital, and I really love my job. I love to do what I do!"

Congratulations to Ms. Christine Every - Employee of the Month for November!



Ms. Penny Prosperie & Ms. Rhonda Green, CEO

December's Employee of the Month is Ms. Penny Prosperie...

Penny Prosperie started in September 1986, as a Psych Aide, and loved it. She was very sad when the Psych Unit closed down in 1987. Then she transferred to 4 West as a Nursing Assistant, for about 2 years. After that she became a clerk on 4 West, for 12 years. Then she became a Clerk Supervisor in Nursing Services, working with the House Supervisors. Then, doing the same job, she transferred to Nursing Services, and is now the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Nursing. We are very proud of Penny's hard work that has led to her promotions.

In her spare time, Penny likes to go camping and fishing with her two sons, Hunter (12) and Coby (9), and her husband of 20 years.

Congratulations to Ms. Penny Prosperie - Employee of the Month for December!

Do you know when you can retire?

FOR EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE JULY 1, 2006

To be eligible for regular retirement you must be:

- Age 60 and have at least 10 years of service with Lasers
- Age 55 and have at least 25 years of service with Lasers
- 30 years of service with Lasers at any age

In addition to regular retirement there is an early retirement option of:

- 20 years of service at any age. (actuarially reduced benefit)

It is best to begin the process when you are within 1 year of eligibility for regular retirement as there are many options to consider.

CRITERIA FOR RETIREMENT HAS CHANGED FOR THOSE HIRED ON/AFTER JULY 1, 2006. PLEASE CALL YOUR AGENCY LIASION FOR DETAILS.

LASERS offers Pre-retirement Education Program (PREP) Seminars to assist active members in preparing for retirement through proper planning and informed utilization of the many benefits of membership in this retirement system.

Chabert will be having a Prep to Go seminar:

WHEN: 04/16/09 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Education building

Due to limited seating please call Robin at ext. 1858 to register.

EKG NEWS

Instead of buying each other presents for Christmas this year, the EKG department purchased toys and books for the Pediatric patients here at Leonard J. Chabert!

WAY TO GO... NICE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT !

The Joint Commission (TJC) standard EC.02.03.01 states . . .

--The hospital maintains free and unobstructed access to all exits. During the unannounced TJC survey on 12/10/08, the hospital was cited for this standard.

Generally, TJC doesn't allow wheeled items to obstruct exit corridors unless they are in use by staff members. Meaning the employee has to be actively using it.

Unattended items left in corridors can impede the required width of exit routes, which creates potential problems for evacuation during a fire. When carts/items are in use they must be all on one side of the hallway.

Crash carts may remain in the corridor at all times without penalty because they might be needed for immediate use by clinicians for life-saving measures. Isolation carts may stay outside any room occupied by an active isolation patient.



This is an example of corridor clutter. This picture was not staged.