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April 2014

Welcome Methodist Hospital Inpatient Rehab Unit Team to the Casa Colina Family!



Methodist Hospital of Arcadia engaged Casa Colina to manage their hospital's existing 20-bed acute rehabilitation unit, effective February 1, 2014. As part of engagement, Casa Colina will manage staffing, clinical program development and community liaison activities for the rehabilitation unit at Methodist Hospital

"We couldn't be more pleased with this collaboration," said Felice L. Loverso, PhD, Casa Colina president and CEO. "We are extremely proud of this new partnership with Methodist Hospital; together, we look forward to providing the highest quality acute rehabilitation services to Arcadia and the surrounding communities."

Casa Colina employees working at Arcadia, pictured above, are L-R Chloe Wang, Program Coordinator, Rhonda Gee, Case Manager, Ann Luc, OT, Director of Rehabilitation and Marni Scivoletti, Case Manager. An extremely competent and friendly staff, they represent Casa Colina at the highest level; we are fortunate to have them on our team. Admissions and

community liaison activities for the rehab unit are currently provided by Casa Colina's inpatient admissions staff under the leadership of Jennyfer Poduska.

Located on the hospital campus at 300 West Huntington Drive in Arcadia, Methodist Hospital's rehabilitation unit provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other physical rehab services to patients recovering from stroke, spinal cord injury, joint replacement, head trauma and other physical disabilities such as amputation and arthritis.

Welcome New Employees

Alejandra Aguilar	- FRONT DESK & INFO BOOTH RECEPTIONIST
Andrew Akers	- RESIDENTIAL TECHNICIAN, Transitional Living Center
Patricia Armentrout	- PHYSICAL THERAPIST, Inpatient Therapy
Elsa Contreras	- LVN, Inpatient Hospital
Christopher Dierks	- RESIDENTIAL AIDE, Apple Valley
Rhonda Mae Dolormante	- PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, Azusa
Melissa Dooley	- PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE, Outpatient
Cameon Haber	- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, Nursing
Alexandra Holznecht	- PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE, Outpatient
Erick Jones	- EDM ANALYST/HIM, Information Technology
Jason Lamar	- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, Nursing
Richard Llewellyn	- RESIDENTIAL AIDE, Lucerne Valley
Ruth Lopez	- LVN, Inpatient Hospital
Jaclyn Lucariello	- ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN, Imaging
Thomas McCuiston	- RESIDENTIAL AIDE, Lucerne Valley
Yaneli Najera	- ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR, Outpatient
Georgette Rodriguez	- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, Nursing
Jose Talavera	- HIM MANAGER, Casa Colina Hospital
Yennifer Toro	- RESIDENTIAL AIDE, Apple Valley
Dianne Towner	- REGISTERED NURSE, Inpatient
Mina Vergel De Dios	- PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, Nursing
Ameer Ware	- RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER, Hospital

Benefits Fair

Open Enrollment for 2014-2015 employee group insurance benefits is scheduled for May 5th for a July 1 effective date. This is the time for you to make changes to your existing benefit package for the twelve-month period

The annual Casa Colina Employee Benefits Fair will be held on Monday May 5th and will be BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE! Give-a-ways, raffle items and so many great vendors! Ensure you come by and check it out! It will take place from 11am to 3pm in the Tamkin Education Center on the Pomona campus. (Events at the Apple and Lucerne Valley locations are to be determined.)

A detailed letter explaining any changes for the benefit year will be mailed to your home the week of April 28th. Please take the time to read it carefully.

PTO CASH OUT

A significant number of employees opted to convert PTO to cash last November..... no doubt lending a hand to Santa Claus. Another opportunity to cash out will be available in May. Remember, the policy limits the cap on PTO accrual to:



- 200 hours for employees at the 1-4 years of service level
- 240 hours for employees at the 5-9 years of service level
- 280 hours for employees at the 10+ years of service level



Since *PTO will no longer accrue* after you reach your maximum level, it is very important to take Paid Time Off or submit a cash-out request. Checks will be issued on May 22nd. Failure to monitor your balance may result in lost benefits; cash out requests will not be accepted at other times during the year. Forms will be available later in the month and will be located in Human Resources, Payroll and from you department manager. All forms should be turned into the Payroll Department no later than May 12th.

ADVANCEMENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Doreen Boettcher**, Health Information Management, was promoted from HIM Processor to Coder.
- Nursing employees **Raquel Gutierrez**, **April Scolari**, **Sarah Stewart** and **Rey Vargas**, finished their Nurse Extern programs and were promoted to Registered Nurses
- **Sarah Dunahay, RN** assumed the role of Clinical Supervisor in Nursing
- **Sean Gateley, Out-Patient PT**, was promoted to Director of Rehabilitation and manages the Azusa Rehab Center
- **Health Cronk** from Inpatient Rehab obtained licensure as a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)
- **Diane Havens** was promoted to Senior Admissions Coordinator in Outpatient Admissions
- **Jennifer Kincaid, RT**, was promoted to Supervisor, Respirator Services
- **Louie Major**, transferred from TLC Residential Technician to Central Supply Technician for Casa Colina Hospital
- **Christina Nelson** from Children's Services received her COTA license (Certified Occupational Therapy Technician)
- **Sherlyn Pagulayan, RN** obtained her CRRN (Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse) and is now a RN 2
- **Helana Gardia**, was promoted to LEAD Residential Technician in TLC
- **Manuela Smith**, received her LVN license and was promoted from Residential Technician to LVN Shift Supervisor in TLC.
- **Joni Allender-Davis, RN**, was promoted from Imaging Nurse to Director, Med-Surg/ICU for the new 31-bed hospital
- **Carla Walker, RN** just finished her bachelor's degree in Nursing this past November
- **Dr. Jose Fuentes, PhD**, Neuropsychology accepted the role of Director of Neuropsychology (formally interim)



Inpatient OT took some time away from the floor to pose for a picture

Casa Colina has some of the best OT's in the industry and we want to thank you for your dedication and service to our employees! Happy Occupational therapy Month!!!

Its Bugsy

The Health Department has sent out some interesting information:

Polio-like Illness Cases in California-Over twenty cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) have been identified throughout the state. To date, there has been one confirmed and one suspect patient in LAC that meets the CDPH case definition. Among the cases reported statewide, initial diagnoses include subacute or acute flaccid paralysis, transverse myelitis, hemiplegia, paraplegia, or acute quadriplegia. Magnetic resonance imaging and clinical findings are similar to those seen in poliomyelitis.

Measles Cases in Los Angeles: To date, 36 confirmed measles cases with onset in 2014 have been reported to the California Department of Public Health. Among those, LAC has 10 measles cases. The cases had international travel to Philippines and Vietnam.

Construction Update: April 8, 2014



During the month of March the construction crew finished welding all the structural steel columns and beams together. Also during this time, the metal decking was completed and the forms and the rebar for the foundation grade beams were set. By the end of March, the concrete contractor began pouring the grade beam concrete. On the first day they poured 140 cubic yards (a cubic yard is 3' x 3' x 3'); the total for the first week was over 306 yards. That's about 460 TONS of concrete! Finally, on March 31st the iron workers raised the flag at the top of the new structural steel frame, which signifies "topping out", a builder's rite ceremony held when the last beam is placed at the top of a building.

Mt. Casa is moving! At the beginning of April crews began trucking all the dirt that was temporarily stored on the south side of the campus (in the employee parking lot along Bonita) back to the site where it is being used to backfill the trenches. The plumber and electricians are starting to install the sewer, water and electrical utilities lines under the foundation slab area and run the line penetrations through to the second floor. In mid to late April the lightweight concrete will be poured on the second floor deck followed by pouring on the roof deck. The first floor slab will be completed last. At the conclusion of all this activity, the structure will be fire-proofed where the utility lines penetrate the second floor and the roof. It will be a busy month!

Stay tuned and remember to stay safe when traveling around the construction site and equipment.