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## **Combating Strokes, One Step** at a Time

Every year, more than 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists strokes as the fourth leading cause of death in America. That's why Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital launched a partnership with Memorial Medical Center of Springfield to help save lives threatened by strokes.

Together, our hospitals are offering new telestroke technology. This cutting-edge technology uses two-way audio and video teleconferencing to provide patients with immediate access to neurologists specially trained to deal with strokes.

Lynn Stambaugh, Culbertson's CEO, said more people in the community will have around-the-clock access to life-saving care close to home. Also, the patients who need a higher level of care can be identified and transferred for additional treatments.

The telestroke technology will allow Culbertson's Emergency Department staff to videoconference with neurologists who specialize in treating strokes at Memorial Medical Center. The neurologist can then perform an assessment of the patient quickly and effectively, while neuroimages taken at Culbertson are sent electronically to Memorial.

> Patients and their families can feel comforted by the outstanding level of care this partnership can provide. Memorial Medical Center is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission. This partnership is just one way Culbertson is continually seeking ways to improve healthcare on a local level.

## Act F.A.S.T.!

Strokes kill almost 130,000 Americans each year—that's 1 in every 18 deaths. Know the warning signs and get help as soon as a stroke is suspected.

Call 9-1-1 and remember the warning signs with "F.A.S.T.":

- F: Face. Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A: Arms. Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S: Speech. Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?
- **T: Time.** If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Quality preventive care can help prevent stroke risk factors. Make sure to visit your doctor regularly. Need a primary care physician? Visit www.cmhospital.com to learn more about our Culbertson providers.



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# **New Chemistry Analyzer Benefits Patients**

Laboratory Services at Culbertson Memorial Hospital purchased a new chemistry analyzer last September that has been a wonderful addition to their in-house laboratory. The new, larger machine is significantly faster and more efficient than the old analyzer and can handle more tests at the same time. The new analyzer allowed the Laboratory to expand their in-house test menu to include: Ferritin, Iron, Iron Binding, CRP, Phosphorus and Microalbumin.

Furthermore, by upgrading to the new analyzer, the lab was able to move Troponin and CMKB to the new machine. This means the staff can now run multiple tests on more than one patient at the same time. In addition, the new chemistry analyzer performs various chemistry blood tests that check kidney, liver, heart and thyroid function such as glucose, hemoglobin A1C, Cholesterol, Triglycerides and TSH.

With the increase in efficiency and in-house test menu, Culbertson Laboratory Services is able to offer a faster turnaround time for test results. This is especially important for the hospital STAT Heart, Team Stroke and Oncology patients.

## Peace of Mind While Living Alone

Living alone? No one but the pets to help in case of an emergency?

The Culbertson Lifeline program is a vital resource for many aging adults. It includes a small, waterproof "HELP" button subscribers wear at all times. Should an emergency arise, all you have to do is push the button and a call for help immediately transmits to the Lifeline system. That is, unless you subscribe to the new Auto Alert button — for only \$40 a month. The Auto Alert button sends an automatic signal when you have fallen and cannot push your button after 30 seconds. That's a small price to pay when considering the peace of mind it can provide.

Why wait? Call Joy Mendenhall, Lifeline Program Manager, at 217-322-4321, ext. 259, for more information about the new program or to enroll today!



## Save the Date! 9th Annual Dr. Russell Dohner Golf Outing, June 7th

Get your putters ready! Call today to sign up for the 9th Annual Dr. Russell Dohner Golf Outing at Scripps Park Golf Course that benefits the CMH Foundation. Call 217-322-4321, ext 256, to sign up for this great event.



## **New Semi-Private Rooms a Plus for Surgery Patients**

Generally, everyone wants to avoid surgery. However, if you or a family member needs a surgical procedure, you can feel confident the surgical staff at Culbertson Memorial Hospital provides a caring, knowledgeable environment. And now, that environment is more private and spacious to benefit you.

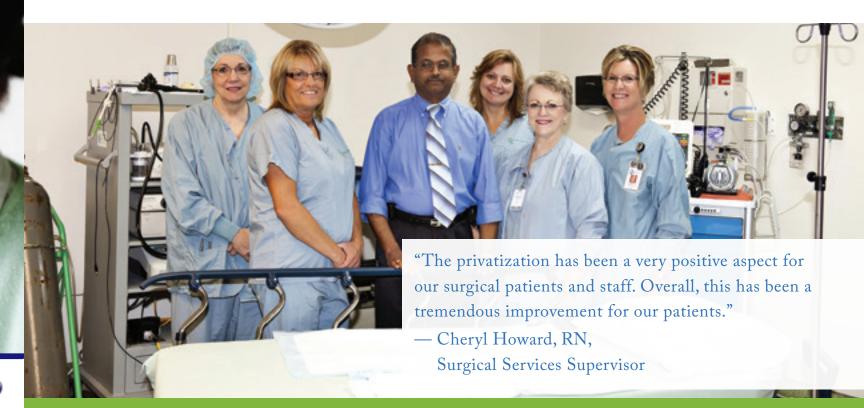
The Surgical Services Department recently acquired the old Obstetrics unit, which was closed in 2007. Previously, preop and post-op were in a single room with four areas divided only by curtains. The patients had to be taken down a public hallway to get to surgery and to return to the room post-op. Today, there are three rooms, two of which are semi-private and one private.

According to Surgical Services Supervisor, Cheryl Howard, RN, patients who have had surgery prior to the change and have since been able to experience the current setup have had nothing but compliments for the extra space and privacy. With the new Surgical Services Department facilities, staff now have a nurses' station and small kitchen and breakroom area. For the first time in their careers, they have their own area to stop, sit and complete charts.

Culbertson's Surgical Services Department is comprised of skilled and experienced professionals who are committed to providing the highest quality of care to the surrounding communities. Working with consulting and staff surgeons, Culbertson offers surgical services Monday-Friday, with most patients going home the same day. We offer Endoscopic, Laparoscopic, Ophthalmology and General Surgical Procedures, and are working to expand our services for our community.

The mission of Culbertson Memorial Hospital is to provide quality, compassionate care to the communities we serve. Private rooms during and after surgery are just one way we are fulfilling that mission.

Questions? Need to schedule a procedure? Call our Surgical Services Department, at 217-322-4321, ext. 293.



### Find the Culbertson Memorial Hospital surgeon that's right for you!

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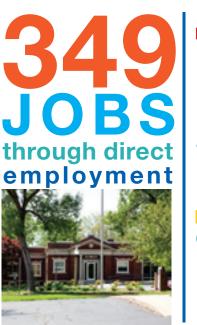
Culbertson Memorial Hospital was given an early Christmas present in the form of an additional donation of \$100,000 from the Chicago Community Foundation and their anonymous donor. This donation enabled the hospital to purchase several, much needed items off the Capital Budget including:

- Automatic Doors for Rushville Family Practice
- Automatic Doors for Dr. Robert Cox Memorial Therapy Clinic
- A New Tractor/Mower for the Maintenance Department
- Three Additional High-Low Tables for the Outpatient Rooms
- Two Trauma Stretchers for the ER
- A New Steam and Hold Unit for Dietary Services
- Two New Tmm3 Chairs for Surgical Services
- A Whirlpool for Wound Clinic
- Lymphedema Chair

## **Helping Patients, Supporting the Economy**

#### **Creating Jobs Statewide**

Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital's primary mission is to provide healthcare services to the community, but it also plays an important role in supporting the state and local economy. Culbertson supports 349 jobs through direct employment, as well as through the impact of its purchases from other businesses and spending by its employees and visitors. Culbertson employs 165 people across a wide range of skills, from highly trained doctors, nurses, therapists and technicians to workers in environmental and food services. Additionally, the hospital's purchases, from medical supplies to bed linens, create revenue for other businesses and support the creation of even more jobs. At the same time, the salaries paid to employees of the hospital and these other businesses go to purchase groceries, cars, clothing and other goods and services. Finally, hospital visitors support area restaurants, hotels and retail stores. Together, these so-called "ripple effects" mean that each hospital job supports 2.1 additional jobs.



**165** employees, from doctors and nurses **to workers in** environmental and food services

GENERATING \$46.4 million annually

#### **Supporting the Statewide Economy**

Culbertson generates \$46.4 million annually within the state's economy, including \$19.4 million in spending by the hospital. The multiplier or ripple effect of the hospital's direct spending in the state's economy, in turn, supports more than \$27.1 million in additional economic activity. Other economic activity is generated by the operations of organizations, businesses, employees, visitors and vendors in the state that provide goods and services to Culbertson.

#### **Helping Units of Government**

All hospitals, regardless of their for-profit or not-for-profit status, generate tax revenue for local and state government. With \$2.3 million in annual indirect state and local tax revenue generated due to hospital operations, Culbertson is an important part of the continued success of state and local governments in providing needed services.

## CMH Foundation Annual Appeal Update

# The annual appeal for funds for High-Low Exam Tables was a success!

The CMH Foundation exceeded their goal of raising \$35,000 to purchase six High-Low tables and was able to purchase nine chairs, allowing for the advanced exam table to be placed in each outpatient clinic room.



## **Nuclear Knowledge**

#### **Nuclear Medicine & You**

Whether you've been in the hospital or have watched a lot of medical shows on TV, you have probably seen examples of a medical specialty known as nuclear medicine. Whether it is radiation therapy for cancer or PET or SPECT scans to diagnose patients — these are all part of nuclear medicine.

Nuclear medicine uses radioactive substances to image the body and treat the disease. In the past, exploratory surgery was the only way to find out what may be causing problems. Now, non-invasive imaging in nuclear medicine produces three-dimensional images of tissue and bone, allowing doctors a way to peek inside the body to find disease or damage as early and accurately as possible.

During a nuclear medicine procedure, a technician injects a small amount of radioactive dye into the IV where it is tracked by a special camera. A computer then sends the data to a screen that produces realistic images of the tissue or bone. When this radiation exits the body, a special camera system is used to detect the gamma rays and then create images which are interpreted by specialists. A written report is sent to your physician for review.

Most patients undergo a nuclear medicine examination because their primary care physician has recommended it. Some common nuclear medicine testing includes assessing the blood flow to the heart and evaluating the bones, skeletal system or function of a patient's gallbladder. Usually, no special preparation is needed for a nuclear medicine examination. However, if the procedure involves evaluation of the stomach, you may have to fast before the test. If the procedure involves evaluation of the kidneys, you may need to drink plenty of water before the exam.

If your physician has recommended a nuclear medicine procedure for you, our Nuclear Medicine Department is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 217-322-4321, ext 271.

## Nuclear medicine is useful for detecting:

- Tumors
- Aneurysms
- Irregular or inadequate blood flow to various tissues
- Blood cell disorders and inadequate functioning of organs, such as thyroid and pulmonary function deficiencies
- The presence or spread of cancer in various parts of the body
- Urinary tract obstruction
- Sites for biopsy
- Abnormalities in the brain, such as seizures, memory loss and abnormalities in blood flow

