Mission: Provide excellent health care by promoting wellness, education and healing through trusting relationships.

Vision: To be the regional center of excellence in health care to support the communities we serve.

Good Samaritan Now Offering Heart Sparing Radiation Treatment For Breast Cancer Patients

Breast cancer patients who receive radiation to their left breast are at risk for increased cardiac morbidity and mortality in their lifetime. In order to avoid potential damage to a patient’s heart during treatment, Good Samaritan is introducing a breath-holding technique that reduces the impact to the heart during left-sided breast cancer treatment. This technique is called deep inspiration breath hold (DIBH) and Good Samaritan is the first hospital in the area to offer this heart-sparing technique to patients.

Deep inspiration breath hold is a radiation therapy technique where a patient takes a deep breath during treatment and holds their breath for a brief period while the radiation is being delivered. “In order to avoid radiation doses to the heart, we use the DIBH technique on patients who have left-sided breast cancer,” said Dr. Brian Gebhardt, Good Samaritan Radiation Oncologist. “This technique increases the physical separation between the heart and the chest wall, and minimizes the risk of late complications and ensures excellent outcomes for the patient.”

This inspiration technique gives the patient the ability to participate in their treatment while being expertly monitored during treatment delivery. The breath hold is for very short periods, typically 20 seconds or less, with breaks of normal breathing in between holds.

During a recent study at the University of North Carolina, patients who were treated using DIBH exhibited 0% radiation-induced abnormalities in blood flow to the heart six months after treatment. The DIBH treatment is completely non-invasive with no external markers or forced breath hold.

The DIBH technique is now a standard practice at Good Samaritan to ensure the safety of its patients “The DIBH technique allows us to deliver accurate radiation treatment to our patients while also decreasing the damage to their heart,” said Patricia Inyart, Radiation Oncology Manager. “Good Samaritan and the Radiation Oncology Department are constantly researching innovative and best practices for our patients, which is why we are the first in our region to offer this heart-sparing technique.”

The staff at Good Samaritan has been trained on the new technique and patients are given instructions on how to participate in the treatment. The equipment used includes positioning lasers, breath monitors and state-of-the-art software. The scans of the body show the therapists the location of the heart in relation to the breast which helps ensure safe, accurate treatment.
August’s Shining Star is Michael Tarr

Michael Tarr, Maintenance Mechanic, is the August Shining Star. Michael was asked to help a Rehab patient, who is a veteran, with a piece of equipment to help him while using the bathroom. As a former veteran himself, he took on the challenge of modifying a bedside commode to fit the patient’s needs. Michael’s work helped this patient regain his independence and made his experience here at Good Samaritan even better.

Michael was congratulated for receiving the August Shining Star by Rob McLin, President and CEO; Don Page, Director of Engineering; Matt Schuckman, Vice President of Operations; and his fellow Engineering co-workers. Click HERE to see the presentation of Michael’s award.

The July DAISY Award Winner is Shandra

Shandra Rains, registered nurse in the ER, is the July DAISY Award Winner. Shandra was nominated by a patient’s mother after the little boy was brought to the emergency room with a fever. When she went to go see her patient, Shandra brought in a Batman toy to ease the little boy’s worry and the gesture immediately put a smile on his face. This small act of kindness made a huge difference in the life of a sick child. The toy was such a treasure to the patient that he now sleeps with it every night at home.

Shandra, (fifth from left), is congratulated for receiving the July DAISY Award by Vicki Potts, Director of Acute Care; Karen Haak, Chief Nursing Officer; Penny Culp, ER Nurse Manager; and her fellow ER co-workers. Click HERE to see the presentation of Shandra’s award.

The June Cultivating Care Winner is Kairee Marsh

Kairee Marsh, Patient Care Tech on ICU, is the July Cultivating Care Winner. Kairee was nominated numerous times by one of her patients. The patient wrote that Kairee kept him going day-to-day by helping him and being attentive to his needs. Congrats Kairee!

Kairee, (seventh from left), is congratulated for receiving the July Cultivating Care Award by Vicki Potts, Director of Acute Care; Karen Haak, Chief Nursing Officer; Terri Poe, ICU Nurse Manager; and her fellow ICU co-workers. Click HERE to see the presentation of Kairee’s award.

Camp Memiki

Hospice Grief Camp for Kids Ages 5 to 12

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Camp Arthur, Bruceville, IN
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST)

Good Samaritan Hospice is offering a grief camp for children ages 5-12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Children will enjoy games, pet therapy, butterfly release, art therapy and more! The FREE camp is a community outreach program used to educate, empower and equip children with healthy grief and coping skills.

Applications must be turned in by August 31.
To register your child for Camp Memiki or for more information, please call 812.885.8035 or visit gshvin.org/griefcamp.

Fresh Fruit and Pies!

Fresh peaches and pies are now on sale in the cafeteria. Peaches are $1.29 per pound and pies are $12.99.

Mouzin Brothers Farm cantaloupes are also now on sale for $2 each.

Stay tuned for more produce sales, including fresh apples and apple pies!
Performance Excellence

One Year Since Magnet® Re-designation

On September 19, 2018, Good Samaritan received the call with its 3rd Magnet Designation. Since then, we have started working on our 4th Magnet journey. Below are some projects that have already been completed or started that will possibly be used in the next Magnet document.

- Implementation of Bedside Mobility Tool (BMAT)
- Re-designation of Trauma Center
- Turtle Tub (swaddle bath) study on OB unit
- Nurse Resiliency Study
- Deaconess Opioid Risk Assessment Tool (DORA)
- Creation of Safety Speaks Newsletter

These are only a few examples of the many innovative and excellent things we do here at Good Samaritan. There will be many more projects in the next four years of this Magnet journey. As members of Good Samaritan, your challenge is to share your stories of leadership, autonomy, evidence based practice, innovation and teamwork. If you think you have a story to share, please contact Heidi Hinkle at ext. 3472.

Recruiter Corner

Completing a Transfer Application

In order to be eligible to transfer (according to the Housewide policy), an employee must be in their current role for a minimum of 6 months and meet the minimum qualifications/requirements of the job.

Employees must request a transfer/promotion within their department by completing an internal transfer request form or by discussing the position with their department director.

Employees must submit an internal transfer request form online to transfer to another department.

Please ensure that transfer requests are updated for the specific job that you’re applying for and include any relevant experience and/or qualifications you have for the position.

HR Specialist Tip: The HR Specialists often receive transfer requests that are not fully completed or updated and that can hinder your chances in receiving a transfer (tell us why you are the most qualified candidate for the job)! Even if you copy a previous transfer request, you must edit the new one to reflect the position that you are applying for. This also includes updating a résumé that is pasted into the transfer request form.

Step 1: Apply as current employee
Step 2: Update demographic information
Step 3: Click qualifications to update
Step 4: Update qualifications pertaining to position
Step 5: Review all information, sign and click to continue
Step 6: Complete application summary and click continue to proceed
Step 7: Complete Good Samaritan survey

Click the links below to see the July New Hires, Promotions and Anniversaries.

- Employee Anniversaries
- Physician Anniversaries
- New Hires
- Promotions

BIOMETRIC TESTING IS OVER!

Biometrics 2019 was a great success! Thank you to all who helped and participated! This program is a significant undertaking and can only be successful with the help and support of many fellow employees and volunteers. Thank you all!

The 2018 biometric wellness incentives of $12/pay will end after the August 22nd pay. Those on our medical plan who participated in biometric testing will continue the $50 insurance premium discount.

If your biometric numbers were elevated and you are interested in making changes - don’t wait! Contact Susan Yochum, Employee Wellness Coordinator, at 812-885-3316, or email slyochum@gshvin.org to learn options available to help you make positive behavior changes!
Second Quarter 2019

Congratulations to those areas who met or exceeded their patient experience goals in the second quarter! Full quarterly reports for each area can be found on the Good Samaritan Intranet under Department Links > Patient Experience.

Hospital Inpatient CAHPS scores are reported as a percentile rank. For example, a score of 70% means we are scoring the same as or better than 70% of organizations we are being compared against. Other surveyed area scores are reported on this scorecard as Net Promoter Score (NPS) and Overall Rating. The Net Promoter Score (NPS) is taken from the “likelihood to recommend” question. Based on their response, each consumer is categorized into one of three groups - Promoters (loyal and enthusiastic consumers), Passives (satisfied consumers) and Detractors (unhappy consumers). The NPS score is taken from subtracting the percentage of detractors from the percentage of promoters. The score for “Overall Rating” for the Real-Time survey areas represents the percentage of patients who gave us a positive response.

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INPATIENT

Likelihood to Recommend
56%
Goal: 60th percentile

Rate the Hospital
61%
Goal: 60th percentile

MEDICAL PRACTICE

Net Promoter Score
82.3
Goal: 80

Overall Rating of Provider
87.9
Goal: 80

OUTPATIENT SURGERY

Net Promoter Score
83.7
Goal: 80

Overall Rating
84
Goal: 80

INPATIENT REHAB

Likelihood to Recommend
97.7
Goal: 100

Overall Rating
93.2
Goal: 80

EMERGENCY

Net Promoter Score
59
Goal: 60

Overall Rating
68.1
Goal: 75

INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Likelihood to Recommend
66
Goal: 70

Overall Rating
64.6
Goal: 70

OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Net Promoter Score
82.9
Goal: 80

Overall Rating
84.7
Goal: 80

On our Outpatient Scorecard, we roll up the five outpatient service question pods together. They include: Outpatient Testing, Outpatient Physical Medicine, Outpatient Series (CDU), Radiation Oncology + Magnet, and Outpatient Oncology/Infusion Center.

JOIN US

You are cordially invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Good Samaritan’s

CHARLES C. HEDDE, MD
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
11:00 a.m. | Good Samaritan
Corner of Seventh and Nicholas Streets
Good Samaritan Campus
Vincennes, IN

Knox County Relay for Life

August 24, 2019 | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m
Highland Woods Community Center

Schedule of Events

Vendor Fair ....................................................10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Auction ..........................................................11 a.m.
Food Trucks and Carriage Rides ..........4 to 8 p.m.
Luminaria Ceremony .................................8 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Doug Carroll

Learn more about the relay and register by clicking HERE.