

DCMH NEWS SCAN

Insight to Monthly Happenings & Highlights at DCMH

Decatur County Memorial Hospital

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DCMH Receives Additional Accreditation

Decatur County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) announced that it has achieved national accreditation from DNV Healthcare, the newest and first Medicare-approved hospital accreditation program that integrates the ISO 9001 quality management system with the Medicare hospital standards and which requires the organization to evaluate the continuum of patient care throughout an entire healthcare system and take measured steps to improve when it is warranted.

“The DNV program is more consistent with our long-term commitment to patient safety and total quality,” says Linda Simmons, DCMH President, CEO. “There has not been a new hospital accreditation organization in over 40 years. The ability to integrate the ISO 9001 quality management system with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward.”

DNV hospital accreditation addresses the demands of quality-driven hospitals that are dedicated to patient-centered care. As part of the accreditation process, DNV surveyors track the care of patients across various departments and facilities of Decatur County Memorial.

Being accredited allows DCMH to receive reimbursement for its patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The DNV accreditation program was authorized by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2008 and is the only program that integrates the ISO quality management system with Medicare’s Conditions of Participation, the core requirements for hospitals set forth by the federal government. Decatur County Memorial Hospital will have three years to become compliant with the ISO 9001:2008 standards in order to maintain its accreditation with DNV.



Westport Health Fair Serves Community



Decatur County Memorial Hospital departments and many other booths travel south for the Westport Clinic’s Health & Business Expo held in October in partnership with the Westport Area Business Association. The event is being marketed in multiple ways and features “Will—the Westport Wellness Kid,” challenging the public to make a “healthy” pledge and take the first step by visiting the many health-conscious vendors.

The event takes place in the Westport Community Building on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features free health screenings, flu vaccines, safety information, face painting, baking and decorating contests plus much more. Those wanting more information regarding the event may visit www.dcmh.net/westporthealthfair or phone (812) 663-1228.

“Event ‘fore’ Caring” Features Tie-Breaker

The Hospital Foundation’s “Event ‘Fore’ Caring” was held on Wednesday, September 14 at North Branch Golf Course and featured an ending “chip off” to decide the winning foursome, while raising over \$11,000 to benefit the Hospital Foundation and Decatur County Memorial Hospital.

Heart Partners of Indiana took home the top prize. The Heart Partners team included Dr. Ed Harlamert, Steve Toon and Nathan Lambert. The second place Signmasters/WTRE team included Angela Gauck, Mark Parmer, Robin Meyer and Mike Trabel. Third place went to the First Federal Savings & Loan group which included Daryl Smith, Jason Raver, Brad Smith and Alan Goddard.

Spirit of Women Offers Girl's Night Out

Spirit of Women is offering "Girl's Night Out" to members and guests on Thursday, October 13 at Wolf Theatres. The event includes a presentation by Dr. Jaime Ayon, a hematology and oncology physician at DCMH regarding the prevalence and types of cancer that may impact women in today's society. Attendees will browse vendor booths, socialize and then be treated to an early-release viewing of the remake of "Footloose." Interested persons may contact Annie Wilkison at (812) 663-1325 for more information.



Flu Vaccine Clinics Announced

Dates and times for the popular flu immunization clinics provided by Decatur County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) have been announced. This year's vaccines are being supported with a grant of \$10,000 from the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County and \$1,500 from the Decatur County Community Foundation, yet actual costs of administration of the thousands of vaccines far exceed those commitments. Despite that fact, DCMH will charge no fee for the vaccines this year in support of the community and recognizing the importance of receipt of the vaccination by the general public. The DCMH clinic schedule is as follows:

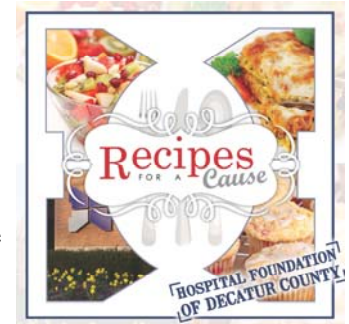
Date	Hours	Location
Thursday, September 29	2-5 p.m.	1 st Floor Outpatient Clinic @ DCMH
Saturday, October 1	10 - 2 p.m.	YMCA/Gilliland-Howe Health Fair
Tuesday, October 4	9-10 a.m.	September Place
Tuesday, October 4	5-7 p.m.	DCMH Drive – thru @ Primary Care
Wednesday, October 5	9-11 a.m.	Lake Santee Community Building
Wednesday, October 5	5-7 p.m.	St. Maurice Catholic Church, Napoleon
Thursday, October 6	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Greensburg Adult Center
Tuesday, October 11	9-10 a.m.	Grace Lutheran Manor
Thursday, October 13	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Westport Town Hall
Saturday, October 15	10-1 p.m.	Westport Health Fair (Comm. Building)
Tuesday, October 18	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Skybird Manor
Thursday, October 20	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Jerman Place
Tuesday, October 25	5-7 p.m.	DCMH Drive – thru @ Primary Care
Thursday, November 3	3-6 p.m.	1 st Floor Outpatient Clinic @ DCMH

DCMH has noted that these clinics are for adults and children 9 years of age and over. Children 8 years old and under will be vaccinated only at the Immunization Clinic in the Medical Arts Plaza or at the Board of Health. The full vaccination schedule, additional flu information and a printable registration form may be found at www.dcmh.net/flu. For general flu vaccine or DCMH clinic questions, residents may call 663-1310.

Advance Cookbook Sales Begin Late Next Week

The Hospital Foundation is dedicating proceeds from the soon to be published "Recipes for a Cause," to the proposed 2012 DCMH building project. The cover was recently unveiled and advance sales of the book will begin late next week.

The cookbook promises to offer a great gift option and will feature nearly 300 recipes from Hospital Staff, Physician's Offices and the Hospital Auxiliary. The books will be published just in time for the holidays and arrive in November. The hardcover book will include a professional dust jacket and sell for \$20. Advance orders will be taken in the Foundation office and through a special site available at www.dcmh.net/cookbook. For more information phone the Foundation office at (812) 663-1220.



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