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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO ALLEN VAN DRIEL

Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2022 edition of Health Beat. In this issue, we highlight some existing programs at Smith County Memorial Hospital and discuss new ways we are trying to improve our service to you, our patients and our neighbors. Please take time to read about an extension to our “Grow Our Own” program by offering job shadowing experiences for high school students, new imaging equipment and services and the addition of a pain management clinic. We also cover important billing changes that have been made to help patients better understand their statements and increase our fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers who support us. I hope you share excitement about the quality of services we offer. We continue to work hard to fulfill our mission: Setting the Standard of Excellence in Healthcare for North Central Kansas. As always, we welcome your feedback regarding this publication and the programs we highlight in it.



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VISION VALUES

We are committed to setting the standard of excellence in healthcare for North Central Kansas. We strive to do the right thing every day for the health of our patients, the development of our staff, the transparency of leadership, the confidence of our communities and the improvement of systems.

At SCMH, we value compassion, quality, access, stewardship, leadership and community engagement.



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TRAUMA+TEAM



Smith County Memorial Hospital is designated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as a level four trauma center. The team at the hospital, which includes providers, nurses, lab, imaging, respiratory therapy, the CRNA, CEO and others, follow specific education and training guidelines to maintain the certification.

The group meets quarterly to review case files to learn and grow, so patient care continues to get better. They go through every aspect of the case from pre-hospital care, trauma activation, length of stay, time of interventions and what interventions were done. In addition, they review transfer routes, patient outcomes and feedback from the transferring facility.

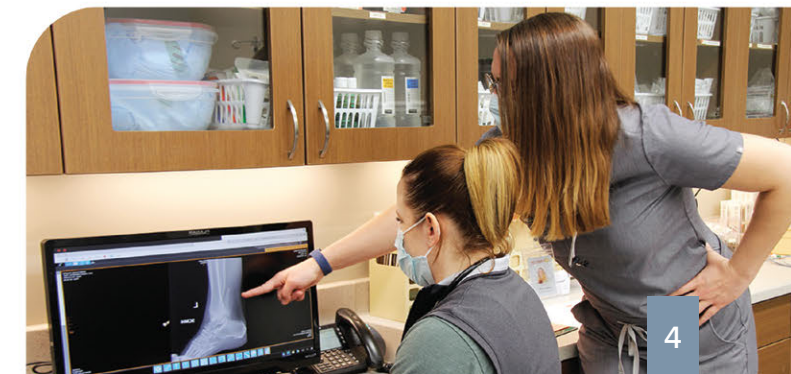
After the case review, the team takes time to go through teaching stations to stay practiced and up-to-date on procedures they may not perform very often. For example, they have practiced putting in chest tubes, pelvic stabilization, blood transfusions, football helmet removal, Stop the Bleed training and others.

This education also makes its way to the community. The trauma team is also responsible for some of the hospitals' most popular educational events. These include Stop the Bleed presentations for schools and community members, Stepping On for fall prevention and others such as texting and driving workshops or ATV/UTV safety training.

"One thing our providers and the trauma team enjoy is getting into the community for education," Kingsbury said. "The best outcome we can have is to help patients stay out of the ER by learning and using prevention tools."

"When we meet, we talk about what went well and what we could do better," said Laura Kingsbury, the emergency department manager for SCMH. **"There is no judgment around the table. Instead, we all come to the table with a mindset for learning to make our patients' outcomes the best possible for the situation."**

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BIRTHING CLASSES

GIVE CONFIDENCE TO NEW PARENTS

Bringing home a new baby is a huge life-changing experience physically, mentally and emotionally. Smith County Memorial Hospital offers childbirth and baby basics courses for new parents to help prepare them for their new adventure.

"It can be very helpful to reduce stress by familiarizing yourself and your partner with the anatomy and physiology of birth, what to expect from the hospital staff and what to expect from your new baby," said Whitney Winder, the obstetrics manager at SCM. "We find that these courses build confidence for soon-to-be parents."

The courses at SCM are designed to fit the needs and answer the questions of the families enrolled. Participants are encouraged to think of any specific questions or request material be reviewed in more detail.

Courses cover a variety of subject matter, including breastfeeding, epidurals, peanut balls, alternative pain control methods, monitoring the baby during labor and more.

"Content can be whatever the families want to make it," Winder said. "Parents have options, and knowing these options beforehand can make decisions in the heat of the moment easier and less stressful."

Along with answering questions Winder and her team see families become more confident in the labor and delivery process. In addition, discussing concerns and hearing questions from other parents helps bring to light things that one family may not have considered or helps validate anxious feelings.

"Being able to meet the instructors who are also staff on the OB team makes for familiar faces in the delivery room," Winder said. "It's perfectly natural to be anxious or have a lot of questions. That's why we offer these classes, and we are here to make you as comfortable and confident as possible."

When asked about the best way to prepare for the classes, Winder said, "Just bring your questions, concerns and an open mind."



SCMH AWARDED EMPOWER BEST PRACTICES GRANT

EMPower Best Practices is a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and developed by national partners and experts in breastfeeding and infant and maternity care. The program provides hospital staff with training materials, tools and resources needed to offer excellent care to parents and babies.

Winder plans to use this train-the-trainer program to equip the hospital and clinic staff and community partners like health departments in infant and maternity care.

"We all want to work together to ensure parents receive consistent information," Winder said. "This includes patients that may not deliver in our hospital but come back home for postpartum or follow up pediatric care and services such as WIC."

She points out that parents in larger, more urban areas may have access to resources 24/7, whereas the communities in North Central Kansas cannot staff their practices and offices in that way.

"Questions about postpartum symptoms, breastfeeding or newborn symptoms don't always come between 8:00 and 5:00," Winder said. "For this reason, it's extremely important that families can turn to educated staff to answer questions around the clock."

Grant recipients, like SCM, will receive materials, tools and resources to complete a competency training program, assistance in developing a sustainable staff training plan, coaching and technical support, peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and a stipend to offset costs of training staff.

Each department manager at SCM is tasked with identifying and developing quality improvement programs. With EMPower Best Practices, Winder will offer learning opportunities to the nurses in the obstetrics department and deliver the curriculum throughout SCM's service area to support infant and maternity care for the region.

TIPS FOR NEW MOMS

FROM THE SCM STAFF

"A game-changer for me was finding a sleep consultant. The one I chose used a gentle, holistic approach to creating a sleep schedule. The education I received from that program was priceless. Postpartum depression is correlated with the level of sleep deprivation. I wish I would have given in and purchased the consultation way sooner than I did."
— Ashley Behymer, Physical Therapy

"My best advice is that you won't remember the bad times, and the good times go by way too fast."
— Andrea Burks, Specialty Clinic

"It's OK to feel like you don't know what you're doing. Do your research, ask questions and make your own choices. There are a lot of correct ways to parent."
— Whitney Winder, Obstetrics

"Ask for help and be specific (meals, diaper changes, one-hour nap or shower time, laundry)."
— Laura Kingsbury, Emergency



GIVE BLOOD + SAVE A LIFE

The Smith County Memorial Hospital staff have been instrumental in pushing blood donations this winter and spring. As the country sees its lowest blood supply in several decades, community members have stepped up to meet the challenge.



In February, we challenged everyone in our service area to find a location to give blood,” said Amy Doane, director of communication and marketing at the hospital. “We know our patients step up to meet the needs of the hospital, and they responded with resounding support once again.



More than 60 people donated at the Smith Center blood drive in February, many of whom were first-time donors or hadn’t given in a long time.

Blood donations are a vital component of patient care at SCMh. Donated blood is routinely used to replace blood loss from surgery, illness or injury. SCMh typically uses donated blood for chemotherapy patients, moms giving birth, trauma cases and routine surgeries and procedures.

SCMH’s lab staff goes through the highly complex technique of blood banking to match patients with donor blood.

“This isn’t something every hospital can do or should do, but we feel it is an important part of patient care,” said Kate Garman, the lab’s manager. “We follow AABB standards, and CLIA ensures we comply and are up-to-date on training and process.”



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Lab techs perform a crossmatch to complete blood banking to determine a patient’s blood type and Rh. Once they determine the patient’s needs, they do a second crossmatch with a donor’s blood. This process is done in steps to ensure a safe transfusion of blood transfusion. Donated blood and blood products are stored in regulated refrigerators and freezers maintained by the lab staff.



Garman is a huge proponent of community blood drives and encourages anyone eligible to consider giving blood on a regular schedule. In addition to donating blood, the American Red Cross has opportunities for volunteers for its blood program.

“If you aren’t able to donate blood, consider becoming a community blood drive volunteer or volunteer to transport blood for the American Red Cross,” Garman says.



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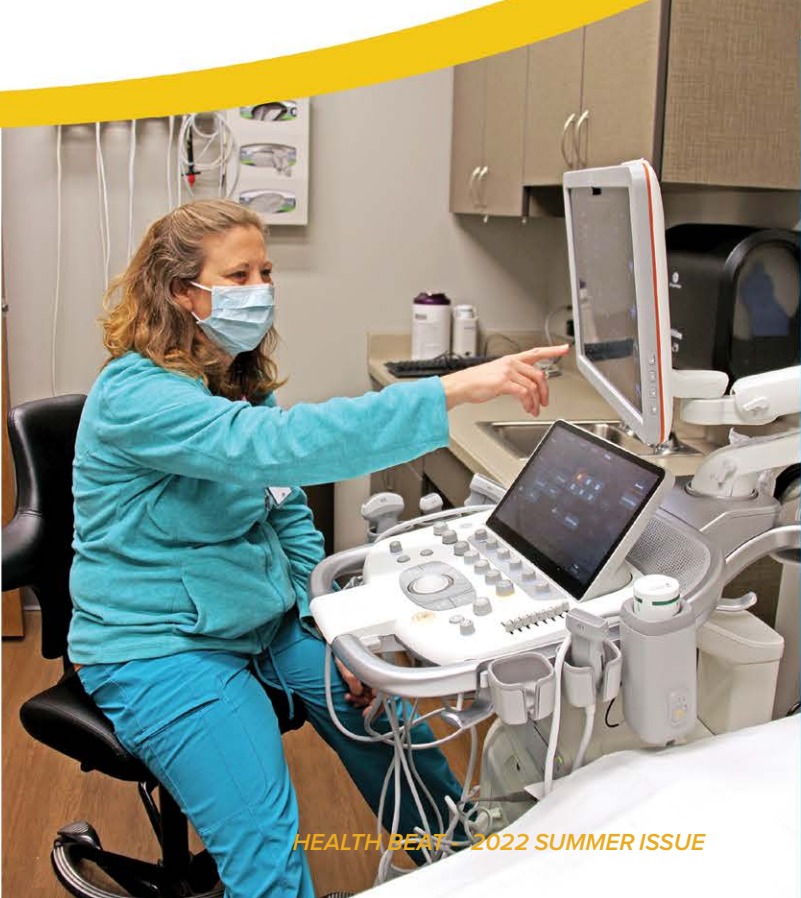
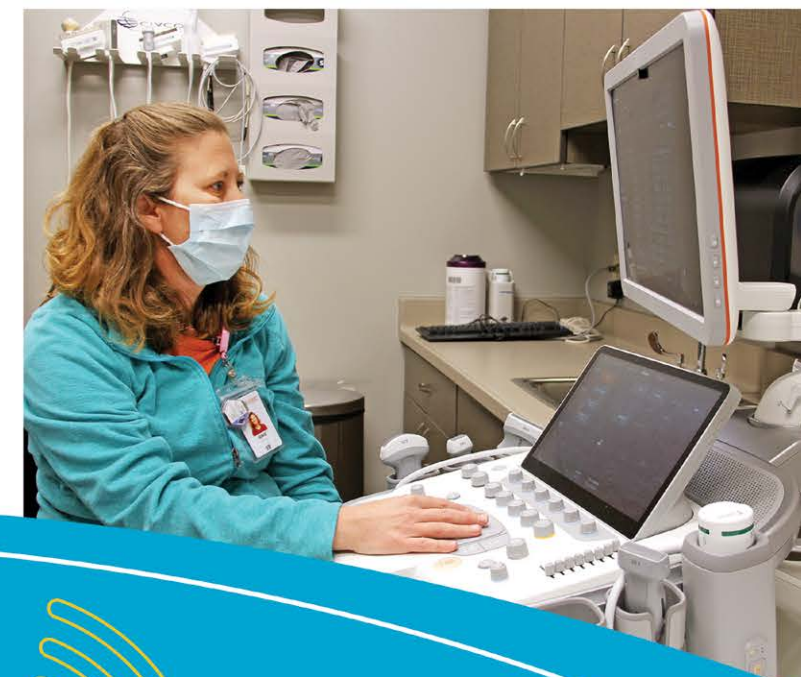
In 2020, most of the public pledges to the capital campaign to build a new hospital expired, but Smith County Memorial Hospital staff kept fundraising efforts going. Funds were collected to update or purchase new equipment to support new services as added.

“In addition to expanding our services, we have also seen technology changes and equipment needs continue to be part of our budget even with a brand new facility,” said Allen Van Driel, CEO of SCM. “We have always enjoyed wonderful support from the community when it comes to fundraising, and we appreciate those that contribute to the ongoing needs of our campus.”

One of the first recipients of funds for new equipment was the imaging team. A new ultrasound machine was purchased and installed in early 2022 to help meet the demand for more ultrasound services.

“We had an increase in services and added pediatric echocardiography services. Having the new machine means we can schedule two patients at the same time, reducing wait time and giving them more time to visit with their provider.”

Mariah Weis, Imaging Department Manager & Ultrasound Technician



The new ultrasound machine was purchased because it can perform pediatric echocardiograms, something new for the staff at SCM.

Last summer, Jamie Roper, specializing in pediatric echos, joined the staff. The addition of Roper meant that pediatric patients would no longer have to travel long distances for a simple imaging service. Instead, they could schedule the service and receive care near home.

Three of the five imaging techs are certified in ultrasound services. They can perform multiple procedures, including adult and pediatric echocardiograms, OB/GYN services and vascular, abdominal and general imaging services.

Certification for ultrasound procedures follows a two-year educational program and can include additional training such as a six-month program specifically for echocardiogram certification.



The imaging team will see more expansion to their services in the coming months. They already work with an interventional radiology team from Hastings to perform swallow studies and other procedures. Imaging techs will also be an instrumental partner with Holistic Pain Management to provide ultrasound guidance. In the future, Weis would like to expand further to include thyroid biopsies and breast biopsies on site.

“Healthcare professionals have a natural affinity to learning and challenging themselves with new techniques or practices,” Weis said. “Anytime we can take on something new or learn and grow as technicians to provide more services and better care to patients, we’re excited to be involved.”

SCMH EXTENDS “GROW OUR OWN” PROGRAM



“We know our best employees are the ones who are connected to the area,” Van Driel said. “They want to live here, raise a family, and contribute to a rural area’s high quality of life.”

The Smith County Memorial Hospital staff welcomed juniors from area high schools this spring. Students visited with managers, toured the hospital campus and spent one-on-one time in various departments.

“We hope by offering students an opportunity to see what we do at our facility, they know better what careers are available close to home,” said Allen Van Driel, CEO of the hospital. “There are hundreds of career options in healthcare, and SCMH employs many of them.”

Twenty students came to SCMH and visited the business office, dietetics, imaging, lab, marketing, physical therapy, nursing, respiratory therapy and social work. Participants described in evaluations that they enjoyed the day, but the best part was getting to work one-on-one with the staff.

In a welcome to the students, Van Driel explained that they could get the education they need to have a career in healthcare and return to North Central Kansas and enjoy a happy and successful life.

The job shadow opportunity is a newly developed extension of the hospital’s “Grow Our Own” program designed to encourage students to consider a career near home.

One of the essential parts of the job shadow experience is to show students what is available in their backyard. Smith Center Economic Development Director Dana Peterson encourages employers to be innovative to meet the needs of a changing employee pool.

“Because of declining birth rates in our country, there are fewer available workers in Generation Z than in the Baby Boomer generation,” Peterson said. “The generations after the Baby Boomers value different things in their jobs and lives. That lowers the probability of success if we design employment opportunities the same way we’ve always done.”

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Peterson knows first-hand the benefits of returning home. After nearly 30 years away, she has returned home and is a champion for making her community a great place to live and work.

“Celebrating what we have to offer can be as simple as choosing to highlight and talk about the positive attributes of rural communities, our businesses, and neighborhoods, rather than talk about or amplify the negatives,” Peterson said. “I encourage everyone to choose gratitude every day for the blessings we have living in Smith County. It will brighten your day and everyone else’s day too.”

“I was super excited to see the different career paths available to job shadow and was most looking forward to being able to see radiology,” said Gracie Parsons, a junior at Smith Center high school. “I want to be a radiologist, and this gave me a better perspective on what they do.”

While some students, like Parsons, have a firm idea of what they want to study after high school, others are less sure. Jayme Baumann currently has her own retail business and wants to learn more about running a business. She shadowed the marketing director to learn more about that part of managing her store.

“Visiting the hospital gave us a great, real-world perspective on what we would do in future jobs,” said Jayme Baumann, a junior at Smith Center High School. “The experience was similar to what I expected but opened a new perspective of what I originally thought.”

SCMH EXTENDS “GROW OUR OWN” PROGRAM, *cont.*

Baumann isn't sure what she wants to do after graduation next year but is now more open to roles in healthcare.

“I did not know what was involved in a healthcare career, but now I would for sure consider it,” Baumann said.

When students from Osborne High School visited, they also found the variety of careers available to be a highlight.

“The most interesting part of the day was hearing about those jobs that aren't talked about a lot,” said Alexandria Nicholson, a sophomore at OHS. “It was great to see the welcoming atmosphere and meet the people.”

Similarly, Kelli Schmidt, the guidance counselor for Smith Center Jr. Sr. High School, notes that students are often surprised by what they find when they visit local employers and encourages families to explore the options together.

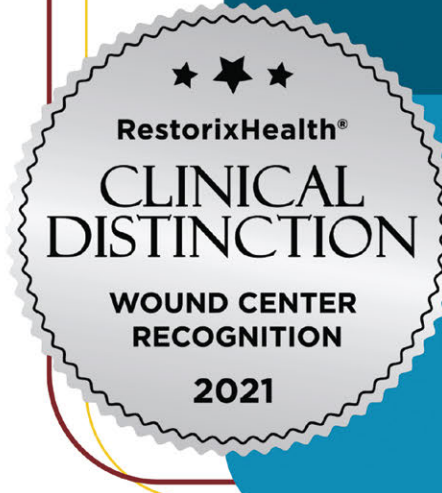
“I think parents should ask their children what they want to do when they grow up, and they should listen to them and encourage them,” Schmidt said. “Pay attention to their child's strengths, point them out and talk about the ways in which their assets could be used to find a career that they will be good at and enjoy at the same time.”



The “Grow Our Own” program also includes internships and scholarships for individuals in exchange for an employment commitment at SCMH. The hospital has successfully recruited nurses, lab techs, dietary staff, imaging and other staff members through this program.

“Education and training are critical to successful healthcare,” Van Driel said. “Our teams excel because they are always learning and searching for the best ways to care for patients. As the industry changes, our staff grows and improves. We know the next generation of healthcare workers are getting their education now, and we want to be part of that experience.”

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WOUND CLINIC RECEIVES

CLINICAL DISTINCTION AWARD

The wound clinic staff at Smith County Memorial Hospital received RestorixHealth's Clinical Distinction Award. Recipients of the award meet or exceed national quality benchmarks over a set period.

RestorixHealth launched its Clinical Distinction recognition program to recognize those centers that have demonstrated success by meeting or exceeding patient safety goals along with a 90% healing rate.

SCMH's wound clinic is dedicated to optimizing outcomes and preventing lower limb loss in those patients with non-healing wounds. The approach to wound care is aggressive and comprehensive, coordinating traditional and advanced therapies and techniques proven to reduce healing time and improve healing rates.

The wound clinic includes SCMH nurses and providers and nursing staff from RestorixHealth. It is open every Wednesday through the hospital's specialty clinic.

“Hosting a wound clinic on-site allows patients an opportunity to receive care close to home,” Haack said. “Our team enjoys seeing the impact that healing a wound can make on the quality of life for our patients.”

“This achievement reaffirms the quality of care our team provides its patients every day,” said Dr. Hannah Haack, the medical director for the wound clinic. “Our staff does an amazing job of treating and healing wounds which, in turn, prevents a host of other health conditions to arise.”



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GROWING OUR OWN SPOTLIGHT:

REBECCA PICKEL & RENEE FEENEY



Rebecca Pickel and Renee Feeney have each taken on a new challenge, expanded their professional knowledge and grown in their careers at Smith County Memorial Hospital. After encouragement from Steve Smith, the hospital's executive chef and registered dietitian, Pickel and Feeney enrolled in a certified dietary manager (CDM) program at Barton County Community College.

The 14-week program provides training to pass the initial requirement for a CDM certification. Once students receive a certificate of completion from the program, they can sit for an exam that will certify them as a CDM.

"I was very interested in the program," said Feeney, who has worked for about seven years for the hospital in two stints. She returned to the facility just as preparations to move were being finalized. Feeney prepares and cooks much of the food patients and the public eats. She arrives early in the morning and works with Smith on the day's breakfast and lunch items.

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This opportunity expanded my knowledge in diets, health risks, sanitation and personnel management.

-Renee Feeney

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Pickel, who has chronicled her journey on her Facebook account, has had ups and downs in the program. She and Feeney both completed the course and studied for the exam while working full-time and caring for their family and personal needs.

Both Feeney and Pickel said the personal satisfaction and support they received for returning to school outweighed the program's challenges.

"The most rewarding part of the experience was proving to myself that I really could accomplish this goal and follow through with it," Pickel said. "Seeing how proud my children were of me when I received my certificate in the mail might have been the best part."

Feeney enjoyed the camaraderie developed as employees studied together and commiserated over tough sections during the program.

"I showed myself I could return to school after several years of absence and do well in the classes," Feeney said. "I also liked working with my coworkers and classmates and seeing how well they were doing."

Smith is glad to have two new CDMs on the team.

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"Renee and Rebecca both did an outstanding job managing their work-family balance during this experience which is not easy with a position in a kitchen, especially one as active as ours," Smith said. "I'm very proud of them both for what they've accomplished."

Not only is earning a CDM certification a fulfilling personal goal, but the additional education means that both Feeney and Pickel can now see patients admitted to the hospital and recommend diet and nutrition updates. The course also covered personnel and business management practices.

"It adds depth of knowledge for the personnel in the café," Feeney said. "We'll have more support and flexibility."

Smith has already started meeting with Feeney and Pickel to discuss café management and get their opinion on business decisions for Hometown Café.

"I have seen growth and change in them and want them to keep learning," Smith said. "Both Rebecca and Renee have the potential to manage people and help make decisions on everything from purchasing to patient care."

While she doesn't see a lot of day-to-day change in her role at the hospital, Pickel has seen personal changes in her approach to work.

"I have grown and matured," she said. "I approach work with an open mind. It's not easy to match diets with good-tasting food, but it can be done, and I believe we do it well. Now I'm better prepared for making those decisions."

Feeney and Pickel both note the original reason they applied to work at Hometown Café—helping people.

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"I have a strong work ethic and do my best to provide a great meal to patients and staff each day," Feeney said.

Both women credit Smith, their coworkers in the kitchen and the rest of the hospital staff with helping them complete their educational goals.



"I want to thank Steve and everyone at SCMh for giving me this opportunity and believing in me."

-Rebecca Pickel



WHAT IS PRIOR AUTHORIZATION?

Prior authorization is the process insurance companies use to ensure that patients are receiving medically necessary and appropriate procedures or treatment for diagnoses. This process alerts insurance companies that a provider has seen a patient, diagnosed a condition and recommended a treatment plan. Healthcare facilities must contact insurance companies with this information before performing a procedure to ensure that the insurance company will pay their portion of the fee associated with the procedure.

This process applies to several types of procedures, prescriptions or treatments. It includes everything from physical therapy to CT scans, extended stays in a facility and outpatient surgeries such as a knee replacement.

An authorization or the "OK" from the insurance company may come immediately or take up to two weeks, depending on the request and level of need. For example, an insurance company may take more time to respond to ongoing back pain relief requests than they do a hospital stay following major surgery.

Smith County Memorial Hospital spends hundreds of hours on the phone and on insurance companies' online portals each month working on patients' behalf to request authorization for procedures and treatments.

Correctly completing the prior authorization process ensures fewer incorrect bills and more timely payment from insurance companies. As a result, patients will benefit from more accurate billing and procedures that may have been categorized as self-pay may now be paid by insurance. SCMH's mission to provide excellent patient care includes being better stewards of patients' financial resources.

PA PROCESS



1 Provider orders treatment, test, or drug.



2 Staff checks for PA requirements. Health plans all have different rules that are complex and constantly changing, with different payer/provider contract negotiations.



3 Staff completes forms online or by phone.



4 Clean approval: 1-10 days



5 Denial/Appeal: SCMH will provide additional documentation to appeal or develop an alternative care plan. Appeals average 7-14 days after a denial.

SPECIALTY

PROVIDERS



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General Surgery



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Cardiology



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Urology



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DR. **HART**
Interventional Radiology



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APRN-C, Dermatology



KIRBY **KNUTH**
APRN, Cardiology



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Vascular Surgery



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Obstetrics & Gynecology



DR. **RUMP**
Orthopedics



DR. **SINHA RAY**
Nephrology



DR. **STRITT**
Pulmonology



DR. **TEGET**
General Surgery



DR. **VARMA**
Cardiology



SERVICES AT SCMH

HOSPITAL & CLINIC SERVICES

- Anesthesia/Pain Management
- Cardiac Stress Testing
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chemotherapy & Immunotherapy
- Chronic Care Management
- Emergency & Trauma Care
- Imaging:
 - 3-D Mammography
 - Bone Density
 - CT Scan
 - MRI
 - Ultrasound
 - Echocardiography
 - Nuclear Imaging
 - Radiology
- Inpatient Nursing
- Laboratory
- Nutrition Consulting
- Occupational Therapy
- Outpatient Treatment, including Infusion Services
- Patient Advocacy
- Physical Therapy
- Primary/Family Care
- Prenatal and Obstetrics
- Respiratory Therapy
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Speech Therapy

SPECIALTY SERVICES

- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Interventional Radiology
- Nephrology
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Sleep Studies
- Urology
- Wound Care



SCMH WELCOMES
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PAIN MANAGEMENT

This spring, Smith County Memorial Hospital added services from Holistic Pain Management to its specialty clinic. HPM sees patients for several pain management procedures. Patients experiencing the following are encouraged to contact their primary care provider for a referral.

COMMON PROCEDURES

- Epidural injections for back and neck pain
- Image-guided joint injections (*spine and peripheral*) steroids
- Radiofrequency ablation for longer-term management of neck, back, knees & shoulders
- Trigger point injections for muscle pain
- Piriformis injections for buttocks pain
- Migraine and headache treatments
- Lumbar puncture for diagnostic & therapeutic evaluation
- Cervical, thoracic, lumbar facets and medial branch injections



GREAT SLEEP LEADS TO



GOOD HEALTH



It is easy to understand why a good night's sleep promotes a healthy lifestyle. Good sleep can lower the risk of heart disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure, stroke and mental health diseases. Sleep also keeps chronic pain at bay and is a factor in maintaining a healthy weight.

It is important to get enough hours of sleep and good quality of sleep. Trouble sleeping or still feeling tired after sleeping may be signs of a more significant issue that can be diagnosed through a sleep study at Smith County Memorial Hospital.

Sleep studies collect information about what is happening in a person's body during sleep. Studies are used to diagnose insomnia, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, sleepwalking, sleep talking, REM sleep behavior disorder and other disorders.

A sleep tech visits the hospital to work with patients monitoring sleep overnight. After analysis, results are sent to the patient's provider for consultation and review.

SCMH has two bedrooms specifically designed with sleep studies in mind.

"When we were planning the new hospital, we determined that two rooms in our rehab services department would work well for a dual purpose," said Allen Van Driel. "They are equipped with full-size beds and other furniture typical of a home bedroom. We use them for occupational therapy during the day and sleep studies at night."

SCMH has been certified to perform sleep studies since opening the new facility in 2018, and this spring began the process to renew the certification. In addition to submitting reports and paperwork, the hospital must also answer questions for a surveyor who evaluates the facility.

"Once again, this is a unique service we are happy we can provide close to home," Van Driel said.

Individuals interested in a sleep study should seek a referral from their primary care provider. Studies are scheduled through SCMH's specialty clinic.



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PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL HEALTHCARE



There are numerous ways to give to Smith County Memorial Hospital. As you consider your financial picture and budget for the coming year, we encourage you to plan to include SCMH in your giving portfolio. Donations to SCMH can be designated for equipment or staff development and education or left as undesignated for the development office to share with the fund in the most need at the time of the gift.

Donations to SCMH are an investment in the future of high-quality healthcare in North Central Kansas. With the right equipment and people, SCMH will continue to serve patients for many years to come.

ONE TIME GIFTS

Gifts can be given online, through the mail or in person. Donors may use the envelope enclosed in this magazine or go to scmhks.org/ to donate to contribute.

RECURRING GIFTS

Donors can schedule monthly, quarterly or annual gifts by using a debit or credit card on SCMH's online gift portal at scmhks.org/donate or by contacting their bank to set up a direct deposit to the hospital's account. The SCMH development office would be happy to walk donors through this process.

MATCHING GIFTS

In many workplaces, when employees make donations, the employer matches the employee's gift. Donors should ask their HR or finance office if this is offered at their workplace. In addition, employers may consider including SCMH in company-promoted matching gift opportunities.

ESTATE PLANNING

Donors may want to prepare for the future by including SCMH in their estate plans. They should contact a lawyer or financial planner to discuss options and opportunities for investment.



Since the new facility's completion in 2018, SCMH has shifted its focus of fundraising to two new categories:

EQUIPMENT FUND & "GROW OUR OWN" PROGRAM



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Financial contributions to SCMH should be sent to the development office. Questions about donations can be directed to Amy Doane, who oversees communications, marketing and development activities for the facility.

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