APRIL 2012

UTMB Breaks Ground on New Hospital

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston officially broke ground Friday, April 20 on the new Jennie Sealy Hospital, designed to promote a team-based approach to care and provide a modern medical facility for patients and future health care workers.

“This is an exciting new era at UTMB. It’s a time of renewal, restoration and revitalization,” said Dr. David L. Callender, president of UTMB. “We’ve just reopened our children’s hospital and dedicated a new Comprehensive Maternity Center, expanded our clinic services off the island and we’re wrapping up the modernization of the Blocker Burn Unit and the renovation of John Sealy Hospital. And those are just a few of the exciting projects that are helping to transform UTMB into a world-class academic health center.”

Numerous local and state officials along with more than 100 people gathered under a tent on the University Plaza parking lot to hear speeches and to witness the groundbreaking ceremony.

The $438 million facility will feature 310 patient rooms, including 54 dedicated ICU beds, a 28-bed day surgery unit and 20 state-of-the-art operating suites.

“This new facility reinforces our commitment to provide the best possible care for our patients and the best environment for our physicians and nurses to care for patients in a setting that nurtures and enriches the learning experience for all of our students,” said Donna Sollenberger, executive vice president and CEO of the UTMB Health System.

The new hospital, expected to be completed in 2015 and operational in 2016, is being built on the site of the recently-demolished Jennie Sealy Building and old Shriner’s building. The new hospital is being paid for by $150 million in Tuition Revenue Bonds approved by the state Legislature, $18 million in UTMB funds and $270 million in philanthropy, which includes $170 million from The Sealy & Smith Foundation.

At the event, Donna Sollenberger and Dr. Ben Raimer also announced the results of the Family Campaign and presented a check to Dr. Callender for more than $3.8 million.

Scheduled guest speakers included representatives of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, The Sealy & Smith Foundation, state Reps. Craig Eiland and Larry Taylor, Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and Texas City Mayor Matthew T. Doyle.
The Greatest Rewards Come From the Heart

MEET JANIE PIETRAMALE, UTMB VOLUNTEER

UTMB volunteers are some of the most visible individuals on campus and an important part of our care team. They provide our patients and guests with a smile, lend an ear and help keep patients and their families informed – all of which can help make their time at UTMB a more pleasant experience. Volunteers find many ways to improve both our patients’ and our employees’ experience at UTMB.

Like many offices, Volunteer Services was located on the ground floor at the time of Hurricane Ike, and as a consequence, they lost all their supplies. Afterwards, a small group of dedicated volunteers returned and made do with limited resources. In time, and after a coordinated recruitment effort, the program steadily grew. Today the group consists of approximately 70 volunteers who donate an average of nearly 800 hours each month.

Janie Pietramale has volunteered at UTMB since November 2011. In that short time, she has made a big impact! Before joining the team at UTMB, she also volunteered at MD Anderson, working with patients with head and neck cancer. “The longest thirty minutes of your life is waiting to hear whether or not you have cancer,” she describes. To have a person present for support is invaluable to patients whose family or friends can’t be present.

Janie has been volunteering all of her life. It was a move to Bolivar Peninsula brought her to UTMB. She currently volunteers in the waiting room outside the operating rooms in John Sealy Hospital. She understands what it’s like to be on both sides of the experience – as a family member and as a patient.

“Friends and family members are understandably worried; sometimes it’s a tense situation,” she explains. “Not everyone is familiar with the experience of being in an OR waiting room. They need someone to keep them informed. Often, they wait for hours, afraid to leave to eat or even go to the restroom in case the doctor comes out of the OR to give an update. I offer to take down the family members’ cell phone numbers so they can be reached.”

Volunteers like Janie are the voice of the family members. “They want that relationship with someone who can help keep them informed, someone to talk to, or even cry to. They need it. I know our patients are receiving the best possible care - I don’t worry about that one bit. But out here in the waiting room, the families need care, too.”

Janie volunteers at UTMB four days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. She stays busy answering the phone, talking to patients and helping keep their minds occupied. She says the staff is incredibly supportive.

A patient recently sent in a letter describing their experience in the OR waiting room:

“Janie Pietramale is an amazing individual, and is excellent at her service. She watched over all of us there waiting, noticing when someone would begin to get anxious because it was taking too long and hadn’t heard anything... She referred to all of us by name, and noted when each of us would leave for a break so she could call us if need be. When we were finally able to move on to another floor, she wished each patient and their family well. You truly have a gem in her, she makes an uncomfortable situation comfortable (as comfortable as can be). I think every person that had the not-so-pleasant duty of being in that waiting room left feeling as though they had made a new friend. Please let her know she made a difference, as I am sure she does every day. It was amazing to get so much from someone who is donating their time.”

UTMB Health salutes Janie and every one of its volunteers! We truly appreciate individuals in our community who are willing to share their time and talent in the interest of a better and healthier Texas. The greatest rewards come from the heart, and you can make a difference in someone’s life.

The program continues to explore ways to coordinate with units and clinics to increase the presence of volunteers, with plans to for a recruitment drive. There is a definite need for more volunteers throughout our hospitals and clinics.

For more information on becoming a volunteer at UTMB Health, please visit www.UTMBHealth.com (follow the link “Patients Services,” then “Special Programs,” or simply enter the word “volunteer” in the search box).

For questions or to submit ideas, contact Marth Livanec, director of Patient Services at mmlivane@utmb.edu.

IN THIS ISSUE...

- UTMB Breaks Ground on New Hospital
- The Greatest Rewards Come From the Heart
- Spotlight on SANE Nurses
- New Children’s Hospital Opens
- UTMB Community Health Fair
- Construction Notice
- Shout Outs

To submit an article, photo or make a suggestion, contact us at friday.focus@utmb.edu

Miss an issue?
www.utmb.edu/fridayfocus
ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip:
Root Operations Involving Cutting or Separation Only
There are only two roots for this Med/Surg group, Division and Release.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Root Operation</th>
<th>What Operation Does</th>
<th>Objective of Procedure</th>
<th>Procedure Site</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Division</td>
<td>Involves cutting or separation only</td>
<td>Cutting into/separating a body part</td>
<td>Within a body part</td>
<td>Any -otomy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release</td>
<td>Involves cutting or separation only</td>
<td>Freeing a body part from constraint</td>
<td>Lysis of adhesions</td>
<td>Around a body part</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

New Uniforms for SANE Nurses

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) nurses recently purchased new uniforms featuring the UTMB Logo and the symbol for their certification. The uniforms arrived just in time for the national observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April).

For sexual assault survivors, a SANE nurse’s role is often the epitome of patient support. SANEs are registered nurses who have been specifically trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors during a medical forensic examination. SANEs, as health care professionals, offer not only medical care, but also provide critical assistance to law enforcement by collecting and preserving forensic evidence that prosecutors may need to hold perpetrators accountable for their sexual assault-related crimes.

SANE programs help sexual assault survivors by ensuring that a victim receives appropriate medical treatment, while at the same time ensuring that forensic evidence is properly collected. Crime victim advocacy groups note that survivors recover more quickly when they have been properly treated by a professional sexual assault nurse examiner.

Additionally, a sexual assault victim who has received compassionate treatment from the same SANE throughout the exam is more likely to help authorities pursue the perpetrator. Adult sexual assault victims decide for themselves whether to report the crime to law enforcement authorities. SANEs are trained to provide effective courtroom testimony if a victim chooses to report the crime and press legal charges against the attacker.

Nurse professionals who obtain SANE certification learn how to properly collect valuable forensic evidence. As a result, SANEs have the ability to help improve sexual assault survivors’ mental health and physical well-being, while also helping law enforcement authorities investigate and prosecutors secure convictions of sex offenders. Accurate evidence collection and increased conviction rates can help ensure that more sexual assault perpetrators in Texas are incarcerated and safely prevented from harming new victims.

*Adapted in part from a press release by the Attorney General’s Office. For more information, visit https://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/sapcs.shtml
New UTMB Health Children’s Hospital Re-opens

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston has reached another milestone in its distinguished history at the forefront of pediatric care. On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, UTMB re-opened the doors of a new Children’s Hospital on the 10th floor of John Sealy Hospital.

“The new UTMB Health Children’s Hospital offers unsurpassed care for children in an intimate, family-centered environment designed for both healing and fun,” said Donna Sollenger, executive vice president and CEO, UTMB Health System. “We are so proud to open this beautiful new facility that brings a whole new level of pediatric inpatient service to our community.”

The fully redesigned hospital within a hospital reflects an attention to all the details that matter to children, offering the whimsy and serenity of an ocean/island color and design scheme along with many special spaces for toddlers, older children and teenagers to play, relax, unwind and spend time with family members. Large patient rooms have couches that convert to beds, large flat-screen TVs with DVD players, in-room refrigerators and large comfortable chairs that fully recline.

Common spaces are punctuated with shiny, whimsical art commissioned by Austin artist Allison Gregory. Along the ceiling there are tiles painted as sea creatures by former pediatric patients. Transoms and doors throughout the space are filled with sea-blue bubbled glass. There is a state-of-the-art arcade, an air-hockey table, Wii game units, X Boxes, Play Stations and many other toys, puzzles, games, books and DVDs for all ages in the common rooms.

The new UTMB Health Children’s Hospital is served by a child life program. Child life specialists promote effective coping through play and provide emotional support for families and children during a hospital stay. The child life specialist is an integral part of the team during any procedure that might be frightening or painful, helping children to relax and remember to have fun even when they are sick. The entire Children’s Hospital was designed with this combination of healing and fun in mind.

“What sets our Children’s Hospital apart from other larger children’s hospitals in our area is the intimate, family-centered, personal experience our patients and families have when they are here,” said Dr. Christine Turley, vice chairwoman for pediatric clinical services.

“We provide specialty care that is unsurpassed. Our pediatric specialty and subspecialty physicians have many years of special training and the expertise that accompanies this. Our professional staff are all specially trained to care for children.

Together this reflects the deep commitment of UTMB to providing the best possible care for children and creates a multidisciplinary team of experts, focused on one common goal, improving the health of each child in our care,” said Turley.

Public tours of the new UTMB Health Children’s Hospital will be available on Wednesdays by appointment. For more information, call (409) 772-1594.

Constraction Notice:
John Sealy Hospital Façade Repairs

The 35-year-old John Sealy Hospital will be undergoing repairs to its brick façade on the 11th and 12th floors, beginning this month. UTMB Facilities officials said the repairs are necessary to stabilize some of the hospital’s exterior brick that is worn and cracked - a normal outcome as a brick facility ages.

Scaffolding will soon be erected around the front of the building, and crews will work over the next couple of months to remove the brick from the exterior of the 11th and 12th floors. Long-term plans call for extensive repair of the entire exterior of the hospital to extend its useful life for several more decades.

Employees and visitors are required to use the enclosed walkways at the front of John Sealy Hospital while construction on the building’s exterior is underway.

UTMB Community Health Fair

On May 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Health System and Ambulatory Clinics will host a Community Health Fair at the Specialty Care Center at Victory Lakes to celebrate health, wellness and family. This fun-filled family event also celebrates the second anniversary of the Specialty Care Center’s opening. In addition to free health screenings, the fair provides an opportunity for community members to meet health professionals and receive preventive medical information. There will also be an array of children’s activities, Zumba and CrossFit demonstrations and refreshments.

SHOUT OUTS!

• “I want to personally thank the UTMB Health System for providing such a wonderful weight loss clinic. The staff at the Center for Obesity and Metabolic Surgery (Victory Lakes) is outstanding! I particularly appreciate the efforts of Sukwan Jolley and Jeanette Negrotto. They are so dedicated to their jobs and are courteous and determined to help me in every possible way to learn to lose weight, keep it off and live a healthier, happy life!”

• SICU - Megan Chalmers, Felix Ombati, Robyn Dalton, Sandra Kim, Rebecca Clayton, Dr. Aristides Koutrouvelis, Dr. Michael Silva, Dr. Lorraine Choi and Dr. Amanda Garza

• Gyn/Onc: Rosalinda Rodriguez, Roselyn Ogunkunle, Ashley Rashe

• Ortho/Trauma: Dr. Robert Beach

• Neu/SnSur: Dr. Aaron Mohanty

• Ob/Gyn: Cheryl Swan, Cherise Gutierrez, Christine Varisco, Tammy Pfannenstiel, Dr. Tony Wen, Dr. Marie Claire Haver, Dr. Elizabeth Cloninger, Kara Ford, Larissa Partida, Holly Rygaard

• Medicine/FMC: Justin Wilmoth

• Cardiology: Farrar Eifstrom

• Neuro/Neurosurg: Iesha Freeman

• Emergency Department: Gary Williams, Eric Bieber

• Morrison’s: Donald Dillon

• ACE Unit: Mary Henseler, Bessie Martinez