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MEDICAL CENTER

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Lance Hoffman, MD, has joined Fremont Health as a full-time Emergency Physician following several months providing part-time coverage. Dr. Hoffman received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1998, and in 2001, he completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was Chief Resident. Dr. Hoffman and his wife, Heidi, have two sons. In his spare time, he likes traveling to the Rocky Mountains, where he enjoys hiking and camping. Dr. Hoffman joins Curtis Batten, MD, Brian Cunningham, MD, Bradley Hess, MD, and John Hogue, MD, in the Emergency Department.

Radiologist David Rupiper, MD, was born and raised in Omaha. He received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2008. Dr. Rupiper completed his residency at Wheaton Franciscan – St. Joseph in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and completed a Musculoskeletal Radiology fellowship at the University of Chicago. Dr. Rupiper spent the past year working on the Big Island in Hawaii. He and his wife, Rebecca, also a Nebraska native, are excited to be back home. In his spare time, Dr. Rupiper enjoys outdoor activities and considers himself a “major Husker fan.” Dr. Rupiper will join fellow Radiologists Carter Cook, MD, and Mark Johannsen, MD, in September, replacing Michael Soe, MD, who is leaving Fremont to join a practice in Iowa.

Kylee Stanley, MD, a native of Alliance, Nebraska, is an Internal Medicine Physician who will be joining Michael Adams, MD, T. Scot Robertson, MD, and Richard Setz, MD, at Fremont Health Internal Medicine in August. Dr. Stanley earned her medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she also completed her residency. Beyond General Internal Medicine and caring for adults of all ages, Dr. Stanley’s clinical interests are in Geriatrics and Women’s Health. In her free time, Dr. Stanley enjoys spending time with her husband Brett and their new baby girl. She also enjoys gardening, swimming, and fishing. Appointments can be made by calling (402) 727-5200.

Patricia Terp, MD, is an Ophthalmologist who will join Greg Haskins, MD, and Steven Samuelson, MD, at Fremont Eye Associates this summer. Dr. Terp received her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in 2011. She completed her residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Truhlsen Eye Institute in Omaha, where she was Chief Resident. In her spare time, Dr. Terp loves baking, cake decorating, playing soccer, and spending time with her husband Robert and their son. Appointments can be made by calling (402) 721-7222.
In May of 1940, Fremont Health Medical Center—then known as Dodge County Hospital—received its first patient. Our founders recognized the value of a modern facility in Fremont with lifesaving equipment and 50 acute care beds. They sought to eliminate the need for a long drive for medical care, especially in the cases of emergencies, and recognized the benefit of being cared for by your family physician during a hospital stay.

Our long-term care and skilled nursing facility—now known as Dunklau Gardens—opened in the 1950s. In the 1970s, a new acute nursing tower was completed, and the number of acute licensed beds was increased to 90—ALL in private patient rooms, a first for the state of Nebraska. Over the course of the next several decades, numerous outpatient programs and services were added to serve our community, and in recent years we have partnered with a number of medical groups to bring more doctors to Fremont. Our growing Home Health and Hospice programs have also become very important components of our mission.

As we celebrate our 75th year, Fremont Health has truly become a clinically integrated healthcare delivery system. We have also been building a solid foundation for growth and success in caring for the next generation of patients, residents, and families. The most visible sign of this investment in our community is the Building a Health Future project, now nearing completion after three years of planning, design, and construction.

This fall, when the renovation of our acute nursing tower is complete, Fremont Health Medical Center will offer 61 modern and spacious patient suites to serve six special inpatient programs: medical and obstetrical and pediatric care, intensive care, surgical, and joint replacement. Changes in medical practice, technology, and advances in outpatient care have all played a part in reducing the need for inpatient hospitalization.

Based upon all of our projections, we are reducing the number of acute licensed beds from 90 to 61 to be good stewards of our resources.

In October of this year, our new Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit will open with 20 private patient rooms for adults and geriatric patients. As documented in a recent series of articles in an Omaha newspaper, there is a large and growing need for inpatient and outpatient behavioral health facilities, programs, and staff throughout our region.

And by year’s end 2015, the second phase of our Dunklau Gardens renovation will be complete, offering larger private and semi-private accommodations for our residents, a skilled rehabilitation unit, a new chapel, and beautiful new courtyards and gardens.

As a locally governed non-profit organization with an outstanding 75-year history of serving Fremont, Dodge County, and the region – we hope you will join us in an upcoming celebration. Look for more information soon about the community celebration. If you have been part of our community and served by one of our physicians and/or cared for by one of our programs, thank you for the trust you have placed in our dedicated team of caregivers. If you are new to our community or are simply looking for more information about our physicians and clinics or our wide range of specialized services, please visit www.fremonthealth.com soon.

Sincerely,

Patrick Booth, President and CEO,
Fremont Health
A TIMELINE OF CONNECTIONS

Since its beginning in 1940, Fremont Health has been the community’s touchstone for health and healing.

1940 — Dodge County Hospital opens, treating its first patient May 23.

1942 — Hospital Administrator A.C. O’Connor has to cut his duties with the facility short to defend our country during World War II.

1960 — The Skilled Care Unit, known as the Chronic Disease Annex, is opened for long-term care.

1973 — The hospital begins to offer community education classes to more closely involve patients with the details of their healthcare.

1976 — In the wake of an explosion at Pathfinder Hotel—an event that claimed 18 lives—nurses and physicians at the hospital provide emergency care to approximately 50 injured individuals.

During the Great Depression, Americans had to learn how to make the most of their resources and treasure the ones available to them. The medical community of Fremont and the surrounding area kept those ideals in mind when they broke ground on Dodge County Hospital in 1938. The facility opened its doors just two years later, offering northeast Nebraska residents a modern hospital with 22 physicians.

Rapid Expansion

Word spread quickly about the hospital, and by 1946, the facility had outgrown its space. Some patients stayed in the hallways awaiting care from the medical team. There was nothing to do but build.

To accommodate the mounting needs for additional space and expertise, a north wing was added to the hospital, complete with more physicians offering specialized services. What was once a general hospital began offering a robust spectrum of specialized services, including Intensive Care, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, and Urology.

New Name, New Additions

By the early 1970s, the hospital was still experiencing tremendous growth and evolving to meet the community’s healthcare needs. New towers and a Long-Term Care Unit were added to the facility, which changed its name to Memorial Hospital of Dodge County in 1971.

The medical center, which once housed only three operating rooms and relied on an orthopaedic operating table stored in the basement, had become a fully equipped center of surgical care.

Throughout the decade, Memorial Hospital of Dodge County worked steadily to enhance patient care, adding clinical services including Respiratory and Cardiology care as well as a Mammography Unit.

75 YEARS STRONG
A unique Speech Therapy program and an all-inclusive Home Health Care option fleshed out the hospital’s evolving reputation as a one-stop shop featuring a full spectrum of care.

The 1980s continued to welcome a series of noteworthy changes to the hospital, which constructed a helipad for air transportation, brought dozens of new physicians on staff, and added next-generation technologies, such as computerized tomography scans, laser surgeries, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

50 YEARS OF SERVICE
The 50th anniversary of Memorial Hospital of Dodge County was a celebration of the goals the facility achieved throughout the latter portion of the 20th century. The milestone also marked the beginning of the next era of care.

During the 1990s, the medical center added even more space—including a 20,000-square-foot imaging center—and further expanded services to include specialties such as Cancer Services and Vascular Services. The hospital’s Emergency Department was also remodeled and enhanced to accommodate thousands of patients annually.

NEW NAMES FOR A NEW ERA
As the medical center was growing and changing during the 1990s, so were the names of its key facilities. The nursing home was officially dubbed A. J. Merrick Manor in honor of the late physician, A. J. Merrick, MD. In 1996, the hospital itself officially became Fremont Area Medical Center, ushering in the next era of increased growth and exemplary care to rival the services available in larger metropolitan areas.

In 2014, Fremont Area Medical Center became Fremont Health to reflect the facility’s all-encompassing scope of services.

Today, Fremont Health is the premier healthcare provider in the community, offering a corridor of care up and down Clarkson Street and across the region as well as compassionate solutions to meet patient needs.

See history in action. Visit www.fremontheshellth.com and select “75 Years” under “About Us” to learn more about our history and hear from those who helped make it all happen.
THE HPV VACCINE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects people from many serious diseases.

“NEARLY ALL SEXUALLY ACTIVE men and women get HPV at some point in their lives,” says Mark Leahy, MD, OB/GYN on the Medical Staff at Fremont Health. “There are many different types of HPV. Some are harmless, but others develop into genital warts or cancer. The HPV vaccine is one of the best ways to protect yourself against a harmful strain of HPV.”

When deciding whether you or your child should be immunized, remember:

✧ The HPV vaccination is recommended for boys and girls beginning at age 9. “While available for women through age 26 and men through age 21, the vaccine is more effective when given to pre-teens than older teens or young adults,” Dr. Leahy says.

✧ The vaccine does not promote or cause increased sexual activity. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that the HPV vaccine is not associated with increased sexual activity, pregnancy, or sexually transmitted diseases.

✧ Getting vaccinated protects you and future partners from increased risk of cancer and genital warts. The Gardasil vaccine protects against four different kinds of HPV, which together account for 70 percent of all cervical cancers and 90 percent of all genital warts.

Ask about the HPV vaccine at your next appointment with your primary care physician, your child’s pediatric visit, or your next OB/GYN appointment. Visit www.fremonthealth.com and click “Find a Physician” to locate a physician near you.

FREMONT HEALTH’S MEDICATION delivery process and new automation system enable our Medical Staff to maintain the highest standards of safety and care without making patients wait any additional time.

“We’re able to provide excellent service,” says Nick Hummel, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy Services at Fremont Health. “Meanwhile, patients benefit from the safest methods of medication delivery and more undivided attention from the nurses at their bedside.”

The advanced automation system includes a medication dispenser that syncs with patient records to prepare doses. Each day, the system automatically counts and packages medicines that pharmacy techs then deliver to the inpatient units. Medications are placed directly outside each patient’s room.

“With our new construction, patient rooms are more spread out, so we designed a new process that ensures patients can receive their medications as quickly as before,” Hummel says. “Our new process also allows nurses to spend even more time with their patients.”

You don’t have to be a hospital patient to benefit from Fremont Health’s Pharmacy. Our Medication Therapy Management Program helps you identify ways to spend less out of pocket for your prescriptions. To learn more, call (402) 727-3820.
CONCUSSIONS OCCUR WHEN a hit to the skull or a rapid acceleration of the head, as in whiplash, causes the brain to impact the inside of the skull. Youth sports, along with recreational activities or accidents, have increased the frequency of concussion.

DANGERS OF CONCUSSION

When properly diagnosed and treated, concussions rarely have lasting effects. However, one of the most significant problems associated with concussion is second impact syndrome, which occurs when an individual suffers a second concussion, causing an immediate, dangerous increase of pressure in the skull.

“Proper recovery time for a concussion is critical,” says Thomas A. Wolf, MD, Family Practitioner on the Medical Staff at Fremont Health. “Suffering a second concussion before the brain has healed can cause permanent damage and even death.”

CHILDREN ARE MORE VULNERABLE

Children are especially susceptible to concussions because their brains haven’t fully developed and can be easily jostled. Evidence suggests children who have had one concussion are more susceptible to another in the future. The danger isn’t limited to the football field: high school girls have higher reported concussion rates than do boys of the same age.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Not all concussions result in loss of consciousness. Other common symptoms include:

- Confusion and difficulty concentrating
- Convulsions or seizures
- Dazed or stunned appearance
- Lack of balance or physical coordination
- Nausea and vomiting
- Sensitivity to light and noise
- Slurred speech
- Vision problems or one pupil larger than the other

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Some concussion signs appear gradually, so if there’s any doubt about a hit to the head, call 911 or go to the Emergency Department. When a concussion does occur, immediately suspend physical and strenuous mental activities. Gradually resume these activities in stages, escalating intensity slowly, in accordance with medical advice.

TO FIND A PHYSICIAN, VISIT www.fremonthecare.com and click on “FIND A PHYSICIAN.”

WHEN IT’S NOT JUST A BUMP ON THE HEAD

While they’re easily treatable, concussions can lead to a much more serious, long-term brain injury if not cared for properly.
A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Home Health and Hospice services at Fremont Health are provided in conjunction with the Visiting Nurse Association of Nebraska (VNA). Fremont Health joined forces with the VNA in late 2013 to further the reach of Home Health and Hospice services. For our community members, this partnership means enhanced access to high-quality, at-home care.

“Our goal is always to work with our patients and families to achieve the highest level of health possible,” says Peg Kennedy, RN, Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive at Fremont Health. “This partnership helps us provide a better quality of life and independence for our patients and their loved ones.”

Fremont Health offers three types of in-home support: Home Health, Palliative Care, and Hospice. Here’s what you need to know about each.

AT FIRST MENTION, Home Health, Palliative Care, and Hospice may seem similar because they often enable people to receive care in their homes. But the programs treat individuals with differing needs and offer a variety of customized services.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Home Health is an option for community members who would benefit from remaining where they are or those who are returning home after hospitalization/surgery or experiencing an injury or illness. Home Health promotes physical and emotional well-being through a disease-specific approach to patients’ care, all designed to promote the highest level of health possible and assisting in avoiding hospitalizations.

Services available through Home Health at Fremont Health include:

- Skilled nursing, from performing skilled procedures, educating patients and caregivers, and coordinating care with physicians to facilitating infusion therapy to administer antibiotics, manage pain, hydrate patients, and deliver nutrients.
- Therapy services, such as gait training, strengthening, home safety, endurance improvement, exercise program development, occupational therapy, needs assessments, and swallowing and speech defects management.
- Medical social work to assist with living arrangements, finances, long-range planning, and to coordinate referrals and access to community resources.
- Home health aide provision so patients have hands-on help for daily necessities, such as bathing, changing bed linens, and other activities of daily living.

For more information about the Palliative Care services available at Fremont Health, call (402) 941-7300. To learn more about Home Health and Hospice, call (402) 941-1699.

Palliative Care minimizes the symptoms of serious illnesses and the side effects of treatments. This is an option for anyone with a chronic disease.

“Palliative Care focuses solely on quality of life,” says Peg Kennedy, RN, Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive at Fremont Health. “People with congestive heart failure, chronic lung conditions, cancer, arthritis, and Alzheimer’s disease are among those who can benefit from Palliative Care for the management of pain, fatigue, nausea, and vomiting.”

End-of-life or Hospice care is available for people with a terminal illness. Hospice services can include palliative care—the goal of Hospice is to prevent pain and to provide emotional and physical support for patients and their families. At Fremont Health, a team of physicians, nurses, medical social workers, and a chaplain provides support and necessary nursing care, either in a person’s home, area nursing homes, or in one of the onsite Hospice suites, which are large enough to comfortably accommodate patients and their family members.
CHILDBIRTH AND INFANT CARE CLASSES  
TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES, CALL (402) 727-3882.

Understanding Birth  
(Monday and Tuesday)  
September 21 & 22  
6–8:30 p.m.

One-day Class: Understanding Birth, Baby Basics & Better Breastfeeding  
October 10  
8 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Maternity Center Tours  
These can be scheduled upon request by calling (402) 941-3991.

Baby Basics & Better Breastfeeding  
September 14  
6–9 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS/CLASSES  
American Chronic Pain Association  
(402) 727-3439  
August 3 & 17; September 7 & 12; October 12  
7–9 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group  
(402) 727-3439  
August 10; September 14; October 12  
Noon–1 p.m.

Celiac Sprue Support Group  
(402) 727-3439  
September 15; October 20  
6:30–8:30 p.m.

Compassionate Friends Support Group  
(402) 727-3439  
August 13; September 10; October 8  
7–9 p.m.

Understanding Hearts: Suicide Survivor Support Group  
(402) 727-3439  
August 18; September 15; October 20  
5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Dunklau Conference Room at FHMC

Your Best Life: Preventing Diabetes  
(402) 727-3355  
August 6 (meets quarterly)  
5:30–8:30 p.m.

SCREENING PROGRAMS  
No registration necessary.

Blood Pressure Screening  
Fremont Mall  
August 18; September 15; October 20  
8:30–10:30 a.m.

Community Wellness Blood Draws  
Fremont Health Medical Center Health Park Plaza, 3rd floor  
September 15  
7–9 a.m.

Screenings Available at Community Wellness Blood Draws include:  
• Wellness blood profiles: $40  
• Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) test: $20  
• Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test: $20  
• Glycated hemoglobin (HgbA1C) for diabetes management: $20  
• Lipid panel + glucose: $20  
A 10- to 12-hour fast is recommended for ideal results. Take medications as scheduled unless directed differently by your physician. You can drink water or black coffee. Tests are offered at a reduced fee and cannot be filed through health insurance. Cash or personal checks accepted at time of service. Screenings are not intended as a substitute for regular medical exams.

UPCOMING EVENTS  
AgeLess Prevention Connection  
(402) 727-3844  
August 19; September 16; October 21  
8:30–10 a.m.  
The Gathering, 750 N. Clarmar Avenue, Fremont

Visit www.fremonthealth.com for monthly program topics or information about joining our AgeLess program. Most classes are free of charge, unless noted otherwise. Call the number listed or visit the website to register. All events take place in Health Park Plaza, third floor, unless otherwise specified.
Many sports enthusiasts call the Kentucky Derby the greatest two minutes in sports. For the Fremont Health Foundation, it is that and so much more.

THE EVENT BRINGS a night of excitement, fashion, food, fun, and philanthropy. Presented by HDR, the 2015 Fremont Health Foundation Derby Party kicked off Fremont Health’s 75th year and raised over $86,000 in support of the Foundation’s mission to enhance and expand the programs and services of Fremont Health.

“We were so grateful to have HDR as our Presenting Sponsor helping to make this year’s event our most successful ever,” says Anne Folkers, Director of Development. “This has become such an important event for our Foundation, not only in terms of fundraising but also of being able to share with our community the many great things happening at Fremont Health and the significant role of our Foundation.”

Over 270 guests enjoyed the evening that featured a live viewing of the Kentucky Derby, guest emcee Rusty Lord of WOWT Channel 6, entertainment, a bourbon tasting, silent auction, live auction, a champagne toast to the 75th anniversary of Fremont Health, and a video tribute to our proud history.

“We wanted to share the history—the commitment, people, and community that have been a part of Fremont Health for 75 years,” says Bill Vobejda, Vice President of Administration. “We want the community to know we remain committed to improving the health and wellness of individuals and families we serve and providing the highest quality of care for another 75 years.”

As part of celebrating this milestone, guests were each given a View-Master® that featured reels showing historical pictures of the Medical Center, physicians, nurses, technology, and community. Guests also joined Fremont Health’s President and CEO Patrick Booth for a special toast, and one lucky guest took home a pair of diamond earrings.

While the night was full of laughter and memories, the focus remained on raising funds to help sustain the effort of the Fremont Health Foundation in supporting the mission of our Medical Center.

“It was such a great night in support of Fremont Health and the Foundation,” says Folkers. “The generosity shown from the community is truly wonderful. The funds we raise through events such as the Derby Party can continue to help make the Medical Center a premier location for medical care and remain an independent community hospital serving Fremont and surrounding communities for many years to come.”

While this year’s Derby is over, the great work of supporting local healthcare goes on. Visit www.fremonthealth.com/foundation to donate to the Fremont Health Foundation or learn more.
WHY I GIVE

IN 1994, JACKIE BEATON came to Fremont Health, where she currently serves as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. She has provided her talents and leadership through many of the Medical Center’s changes and challenges, as well as through periods of significant growth. During her 21 years here, Beaton has also generously shared philanthropic support to the Fremont Health Foundation.

Each year, Beaton generously makes a pledge to the Foundation through the Employee Giving Campaign. She also gives tribute to friends and coworkers with recognition and memorial gifts. At the Fremont Health Foundation’s two special events each year, the Derby Party and Golf Classic, you can almost certainly expect to see Beaton volunteering her time. She offers her support not because it is required but because she wants to give back and knows the important impact it can make.

“Being a part of this organization since 1994 has given me the opportunity to see firsthand the positive impact the Foundation has made on the programs and services of our Medical Center that help so many in our community,” Beaton says. “I continue to support the Foundation because I believe it is such an important part of Fremont Health, our mission, and our future.”

Want to give back? Visit www.fremonthealth.com/give and discover the many ways you can support health in our community.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SCHOLARS have been awarded $191,000 in scholarships since 1989. June 6 is the deadline to submit applications for 2016 scholarships. To apply, visit www.fremonthealth.com and click the “Scholarship” link in the top menu bar or call the Foundation office at (402) 721-3636.

Congratulations, Scholars!

SINCE 1989, THE FREMONT HEALTH FOUNDATION has helped over 200 area students continue their education and pursue their dreams through scholarships. By awarding scholarships, the Foundation aims to help local students further their education and encourage more individuals to become healthcare leaders who continue to improve the health and wellness of individuals and families in our communities.

The Fremont Health Foundation offers scholarships each spring for graduating high school seniors and in the fall for collegiate students with one year of completed coursework. Many recipients have gone on to serve the Fremont community as nurses, physicians, physician assistants and therapists.

“We continue to see more and more students apply,” says Anne Folkers, Director of Development. “I think this demonstrates not only the continued interest of students in pursuing a course of study in healthcare, but also the continued financial assistance students need. We are so grateful to those who support scholarships through our Foundation so it can continue to be an organization helping students further their education.”

Congratulations to the 2015 high school scholarship winners:

Robert Weinberg Memorial Scholarship
McKenna Hotovy – Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School

Fremont Health Foundation Impact Scholarship
Callie Fischer – Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School
Makayla Nemeck – Scribner-Snyder High School

Fremont Health Foundation Scholarship
Jacklyn Friedrich – Fremont High School
Emily Kreikemeier – Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School
Cari Leick – Fremont High School

Fremont Health Foundation Employee Child Scholarship
KateLynn Ness – Logan View High School
Gage Clark – Fremont High School

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NEW OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT LOCATION IMPROVES PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Fremont Health recently moved our Outpatient Department to the Medical Center’s new addition, and patients enjoy the improvements.

ON MARCH 9, 2015, the Outpatient Department began welcoming patients to just inside the new Patient Entrance East location. When patients arrive, they enter a waiting room flooded with natural light—one reason the department’s new home has proven popular with patients and providers alike.

“It’s a beautiful area,” says Kathy Malm, RN, Outpatient Clinical Coordinator at Fremont Health. “Efficiency and safety are even more important than aesthetics, however, and the department’s dedicated entrance and restricted access help everyone render and receive care in a secure, effective way.”

The Outpatient Department features 10 exam rooms, including a negative-airflow room that can be used for infectious disease testing and a fluoroscopy room. Several services are based in the department, including clinics for pain management, pulmonary disease, vascular, and palliative care.

The department’s location is new, but its staff is very knowledgeable.

“Our nurses have more than 400 years of experience combined,” says Pat Callaway, RN, Director of Emergency and Outpatient Services at Fremont Health. “I’m thrilled they have such a fantastic place in which to care for our patients.”

Visit www.fremonthealth.com for information about services at Fremont Health, including those offered by the Outpatient Department.

INFUSED WITH COMFORT

The biggest beneficiaries of the new Outpatient Department area at Fremont Health may be the individuals who visit the department regularly for infusion therapy. These patients, who receive intravenous medications or blood transfusions to treat a variety of illnesses, now have five private infusion rooms to call their own.

“Each room has a flat-screen TV and an automatic, heated recliner,” says Pat Callaway, RN, Director of Emergency and Outpatient Services. “The infusion area was designed to be both efficient and pleasant for patients.”