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Telestroke technology driving better patient outcomes



photo by Bobby Anderson

Christine McMurray, RN-PCCN, is helping Integris Canadian Valley Hospital change stroke outcomes for patients across western Oklahoma.

by Bobby Anderson,
Staff Writer

Integris Canadian Valley Hospital is using technology to make a giant leap forward

in improving outcomes of its stroke patients.

And thanks to a computer screen on wheels with high resolution cameras patients

are getting the help they need anytime day or night.

Christine McMurray, RN-PCCN, serves as an administrative supervisor at Canadian Valley, and has served as the clinical coordinator for getting the new telestroke program off the ground.

"It's kind of like a fancy-FaceTime where the physicians we have, the neurologists can

New Direction brings dialysis treatment home



Leslie Whiles, Oklahoma City's New Direction Home Dialysis Administrator giving chronic dialysis patients home option.

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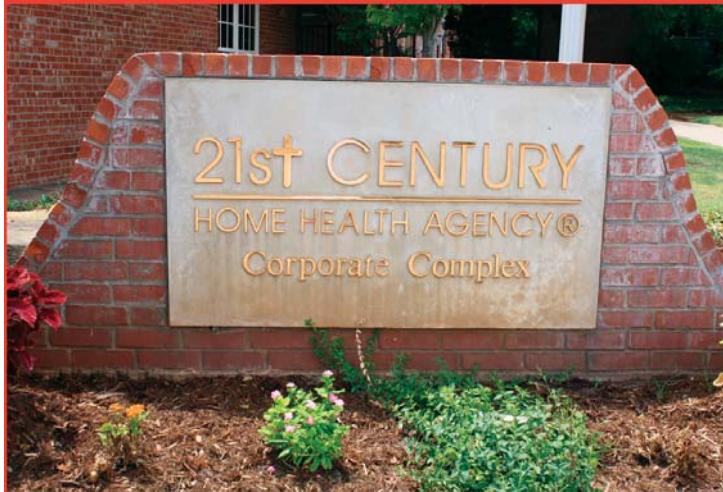
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beam in on the screen and lenses can zoom all the way into their pupils and check pupil responses," McMurray said.

Attached is a wired stethoscope that allows both the onsite clinician as well as the remote clinician to hear lung and heart sounds in real-time for those patients presenting with stroke symptoms.

The robot is controlled remotely and can be moved around the patient. The 360-degree microphone also captures sound from all directions inside the room.

The attached monitor screen allows both patient and doctor to have a face-to-face conversation as well as examination even if the doctor is hundreds of miles away.

"We were taking all of our stroke patients that required tPA to Southwest Medical and Baptist," McMurray said. "Now what we can do after they are seen in the ER with telestroke we can give them tPA on a stable patient and bring them here for a neurology consult.

"Now, rather than shipping them out of Yukon they can stay here in town, in the community and neurology will beam in if there are no complications within 24 hours they can prescribe the discharge medications, change any anti-coagulations medicines without physically being here but being present."

Integris Canadian Valley Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Teresa Gray, RN, BSN, MBA said the technology offers immediacy for both doctor and patient.

"The doctor can basically do a full assessment from any device - iPhone, iPad, computers from anywhere anytime," Gray said. "This technology allows for when you may not have services 24/7 in your facility and the patient has a change in their condition or you need a different level of care we have immediate access."

"When you talk about neurology in the state of Oklahoma and there is a shortage of neurologists, this allows them to provide access to smaller communities that may not normally have neurologists and various high-level specialities that are hard to recruit. This gives the opportunity to bring that kind of service back to the smaller communities."

Stroke is the fourth-leading killer in the United States and the leading

cause of long-term disability.

Approximately 800,000 people experience a stroke each year in the US. Successful management of acute ischemic stroke is extremely time-dependent.

According to the American Heart Association, ideally, the only Food and Drug Administration-approved treatment for acute ischemic stroke should be administered within 3 hours of the onset of stroke symptoms.

The American Heart Association estimates that only 3% to 5% of ischemic stroke patients are treated with thrombolysis (a clotbuster known as tPA).

"They don't have to be transferred out anymore. They don't have to wait for a bed," McMurray said of the major benefits of telestroke. "Baptist and Southwest have both been on delay several times. Then they have to go to the ER and they are put on hold there or are waiting in a hallway. Where here we've got eight ICU beds and they can come right over. They are treated with the same protocols and the same order sets. Everything is the same. If there is any problem all the physician has to do is come in over (Telestroke)."

The program is done in collaboration with the hospital's hospitalist program which follows the plan of care throughout the course of a patient's stay.

McMurray said the technology has already been used by the hospital's two hospitalists to dial in remotely to check on other non-stroke patients who are experiencing changes in condition or acuity.

On average, Gray said Canadian Valley transfers out 7-8 stroke patients per month with lower-level patients not requiring tPA kept.

Gray said Canadian Valley continues to evolve its service offerings as it becomes the mainstay for healthcare for those living in Western Oklahoma.

"This is something cardiology and nephrology can use - any of our services that are not onsite 24/7," Gray said. "That's what we hope to expand is increase our complexity of patients, add additional services to the community we haven't had and incorporate new technology."



DIALYSIS

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by Traci Chapman, Staff Writer

Chronic dialysis is difficult for any patient; when that condition is compounded by a wound or tracheostomy, it's even worse – and for many families those conditions could mean separation and loss, because local treatment options have been so limited.

Not so anymore, as Oklahoma City's New Direction Home Dialysis brings treatment to the heart of the patient's life, in the process making it possible for them to stay with their families and continue their lives, in a way never before possible.

That means people who before had to go to Texas, to Ohio or to some other far-flung medical facility for long-term, frequent dialysis treatments now can receive those services at home, where they can continue their day-to-day routine and remain with the family and friends they love.

"The bottom line is outcomes, it's quality of life, it's being able to keep families together," New Direction Administrator Leslie Whiles said.

"For a patient to have to go far away, to another state in many cases, is such a hardship – physically, financially, emotionally."

"For example, we had a patient who was forced to go to Cleveland for treatment, and she was at the end of her rope – she didn't even feel like it was worth it because it was just too much for her to bear," she said. "No one should ever have to go through that, and we want to make sure no one has to."

Whiles knows a lot about dialysis, with almost 30 years in the field. As administrator for Sooner Acute Dialysis, Whiles sees every day how the right program can make a difference in the lives of patients needing inpatient services; with New Direction, Whiles strived to bring the same level of care – and caring – to those who can take part in a long-term treatment option at home.

That's why finding the right nurses is paramount, Whiles said. As the company grows – New Direction's staff of three recently grew to six nurses – it's important to look not just at medical skills, but also at what lies underneath.

"Because we are independent, we are able to focus solely on taking

care of our patients, knowing them, knowing about their lives and their families," Whiles said. "Of course, it's about care and nursing, but there's also the deeper ability to bond with people who are going through a very difficult experience."

Home dialysis means freedom to New Direction's patients, whether they're 20 or 80 – and the company has patients of all ages, backgrounds and temperaments. They might be retired, a student or someone working to support their family while undergoing regular treatments. However they might be different, what Whiles and her staff have seen with all was the benefit of home dialysis.

"There is such a transformation because our patients can take control of their lives again, they aren't isolated in treatment," Whiles said. "It removes much of the stress and makes their treatment more effective."

New Direction offers both Peritoneal and Home hemodialysis treatments. Both have more advantages than allowing patients to take treatments at home, Whiles said.

"There are fewer dietary restrictions and we've seen less negative side effects like nausea, cramping, weight gain and vomiting," she said.

A benefit of Peritoneal dialysis, or PD, is that patients can have treatments, even at work and on vacation, Whiles said. Home hemodialysis – HHD – is broken into traditional and short daily treatments.

Traditional patients usually undergo three four-hour, or more, weekly sessions, while short daily HHD features shorter treatment times more often.

"With that, we would probably see two to three hours per session four to seven times a week," Whiles said. "It really is a matter of choice for the patient."

While New Direction nurses are an integral part of each patient's care, so too are each individual's "care partners," family members or friends who, along with the patient, are trained on dialysis equipment use and care, as well as other ancillary information.

"Care partners can be involved in setting up the machine and supplies, inserting dialysis needles, helping to record medical information and post-dialysis care and machine maintenance," Whiles said.

"It's very important that the individual have a support system in place and they need to have a caregiver, or partner, who can go through the competency evaluation and who is willing to do the work involved in successful treatments," Whiles said. "Without that, home dialysis really isn't a viable option."

But, for those who can take part, home dialysis can mean a whole new life just waiting around the corner.

"It's important for us to do all we can – we're an Oklahoma company and we're going to take care of our people," Whiles said. "That's what we're meant to do, what we're dedicated to doing."

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CAREERS IN NURSING

BRINGING HEALTHCARE HOME: RIGHT CHOICE HOME HEALTH SERVICES

by Traci Chapman - Writer/Photographer

Nursing has always been a way of life for Tina Singleton, her chance to bring healing and comfort to others.

With a heart for helping seniors, Singleton has always drawn on a personal experience more than two decades old, a painful memory that has spurred her to do everything she could for those in the twilight of their lives.

"What faces so many seniors is so awful - they want to stay in their home, but they might not be able to, assisted living can be so expensive and so impersonal, then there are nursing homes, something I will never forget," Singleton said. "My grandmother went into the nursing home and in less than a year, she was gone - she just gave up."

Singleton's wish to give others the hope her grandmother lost was what spurred the Oklahoma LPN from the start; now, a new concept called Home Choice, aimed at bringing that comfort home could change Oklahoma's home health care landscape.

"This is a completely different way of looking at things, a way to give more people an opportunity to have a real home, while they still get the best quality care," Singleton said.

To get to Home Choice, Singleton had her own path to follow. After working for private care agencies, she in 2009 founded Right Choice Personal Assistance, a company offering traditional home health services to seniors and other home-bound patients. With more than 50 employees serving about 90 home health patients, caretakers assist individuals on a daily, weekly and as needed basis.

"The service is completely tailored to each individual need," Singleton said. Helping those who needed Right Choice's home health services has been gratifying, a way of providing not only medical services, but also a helping hand to others - but something was always missing, Singleton said.

"It just seemed like there was so much more, something beyond the services we have been providing all

along," she said.

As Singleton thought and prayed about it, she was joined in April 2015 by Rhonda Baze, who would join the Right Choice team as community liaison. It was then a plan slowly came into focus - a house that could be turned into the home so needed by many seniors. "It can be so difficult for seniors to remain independent - if they don't have someone to help, there is so much to keeping up a house or even an apartment," Baze said. "The maintenance, the cooking and then the healthcare they might need."

"This is a solution, something that is not just a service but a home," Singleton said. Home Choice is just that, a home located in northwest Oklahoma City, large and specially fitted and ready for seniors to move in. While the house features some amenities found in assisted living facilities - things like 24-hour common area video monitoring, fire sprinklers, emergency lighting, an above-ground storm shelter and even a small salon

- it is a private house with large living areas, private, fully accessible bathrooms and a sunny patio and backyard. "It really is a home, like any home, where everyone has their own room - couples together or in adjoining rooms, if they like, roommates, singles on their own," Singleton said. "They can garden if they like, play games, have companionship or just be on their own when they like - but they will always have the medical care and support they need, every hour of the day."

Because the home houses only nine people, that means caregivers can give everyone everything they need, Singleton said. From nursing services to help with everyday issues like hygiene, exercise, transportation, meal preparation, housekeeping and more. Costs will include rent, utilities, home and yard maintenance, food and all care.

"It really is completely their choice," Baze said. "They can be part of meal

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Rhonda Baze and Tina Singleton with Right Choice Personal Assistance.

planning and cooking if they like, or they can be pampered and served."

"Everyone needs to feel useful, to feel needed and some people will want to do things like gardening, like helping with other aspects of the house, they might want to volunteer somewhere, they want to be independent as long as they can, and that's all possible here," Baze said. "From the most independent of seniors, those who can drive and are very active to those bed-bound - everyone is welcome." Caregivers will be on duty 24 hours a day and will be chosen from long-standing Right

Choice employees with a proven track record.

"In fact, anyone wanting to be part of this had to submit a separate application and go through a separate interview process," Baze said. "We want people who are on the same page as us and who truly understand what is expected of them."

"It's always been most important to me that caregivers treat those we serve the way they would expect to be treated," Singleton said. "We provide companionship, care and what they need to have a full and happy life - and that's what's important."



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Oh baby! Volunteer saves the day



Eleanor Fuller (right) saved the day recently for a pregnant mother who was in labor outside of Integris Canadian Valley Hospital. Also pictured is Dana Crum, volunteer services coordinator.

By Bobby Anderson, Staff Writer

It was a Monday morning when for some reason Eleanor Fuller decided to come to work a few minutes early.

The volunteer at Integris Canadian Valley Hospital still doesn't quite understand what caused her to arrive at work a few minutes early in late August, but to one pregnant woman and her husband those minutes were just what they needed.

"I was coming down the sidewalk and I heard this 'Oh, Oh,' groaning," Fuller remembered. "I thought maybe somebody had fallen or was hurt. I went over and saw this woman who was really pregnant."

Fuller had parked in the back of the hospital like normal and had started on her way into the hospital when she encountered the couple in distress.

The woman, who was in obvious pain, could barely move.

Fuller remembered a wheelchair that she had seen tucked inside the west entrance. She rushed to get it and brought it back for the woman to sit down before pushing her inside the hospital and to the waiting nurses.

"We were hoofing it down the hall

to the women's center as fast as we could," Fuller said laughing. "Later I asked how soon the baby was born after we got there."

Four minutes was the reply.

"I'm going to start carrying gloves in my pocket," Fuller joked. "I was in the right place at the right time I can say that."

After talking with the family later in the day Fuller learned the couple had driven from Corn – an hour away – driving 80 miles an hour the whole time on the highway.

A beautiful, healthy eight-pound baby boy was the outcome and he wasn't born in the hospital parking lot thanks to Fuller.

"I'm just very thankful I was able to be there at the right place at the right time," Fuller said.

Fuller doesn't remember why she was early that day, only that she arrived just when she needed to.

It's been that way for the last nine years as Fuller has volunteered at the outpatient desk. Before that she volunteered six years at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

"I do like the patient desk very

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much, interacting with people," Fuller said. "I like people. I like to do for people. I tell people I was a preemie and I weighed two-and-a-half pounds. I'm very thankful to be here so that's why I feel like I'm here to help people."

More than a few times Fuller and the volunteers at Canadian Valley have been there to provide that reassuring word, a cold drink or just a willingness to listen. "I try to make them feel good," Fuller said. "I tell the ladies they look beautiful. I get them a warm blanket, just make them feel good and get their minds off of it."

The "it" is also different. Maybe it's the worry before an impending surgery or maybe it's an unexpected outcome that a family is just starting to sift through."

Fuller considers being there for people as a blessing. She feels the same way about those she volunteers with.

"They're very good friends. I've made a lot of good friends through the years," Fuller said. "I really enjoy the camaraderie. They'll do anything for you."

Dana Crum serves as the volunteer services coordinator and is Fuller's boss.

"She's kind of an icon of the volunteer unit," Crum says. "People look up to her and she's easy to talk to. She's just a big part of the family."

It's volunteers that help Integris Canadian Valley run smooth.

"Imperative," Crum said of how important they are. "They're just about in every department. They supplement what the health professionals would normally be doing. What they do relieves the professional staff and lets them spend the extra time with the patient. They give them that extra time."

In her professional life Fuller retired from Moore Public Schools as the accounts payable supervisor. She paid every bill in the district for 25 years before retiring in 1996.

A Moore High graduate, Fuller is one of four generations that have gone through Moore Public Schools.

Fuller has a granddaughter in Indiana in her third year as an OB/GYN resident and she plans on listening a bit harder the next time she calls.

"I've heard her talking about delivering babies," she said.

Local nonprofit announces scholarship offering; doubled from last year

By Ron Hendricks

Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter (HLAACOC) announces the 2017 scholarship program. For the second year there will be two scholarships. The scholarships will be \$1,000 each and are to be awarded to students enrolled for the fall 2017 school year. Scholarships have doubled from last year's \$500 to \$1,000 each. Applicants must have a hearing loss and be entering higher education in the fall. There is no age limit but the student must plan to attend an Oklahoma higher learning institute. Applications may be obtained at the Hearing Helpers Room, 5100 N Brookline, Suite A, Oklahoma City or on line at www.OKCHearingLoss.org and may be submitted between now and April 3, 2017.

Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter is a 501(C)3 organization, now in the 26th year of service. HLAACOC was

established to assist Oklahomans with hearing loss live successfully in a hearing world. HLAACOC offers 3 hearing friendly meetings monthly with speakers ranging from technical details regarding hearing loss to fun and friendly things like gardening. Two meetings in NW Oklahoma City at Lakeside Methodist Church, 2925 NW 66 and one in Norman at Norman Regional Hospital Education Center, 901 N Porter to answer questions, inform, and encourage those with a hearing loss or anyone who knows a person with a hearing loss. There is no admission charge and membership in HLAACOC is free. The Hearing Helpers Room is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers and offers all kinds of hearing assistive devices -- none for sale but all 'live' and operable. For more information about Hearing Loss Association, meetings, or the scholarship, please visit the website at www.OKCHearingLoss.org.

The Hospice Directory above does not represent a list of all Hospice facilities statewide. For a complete list visit www.ok.gov/health

St. Anthony Earns "A" Grade for Patient Safety in Fall 2016

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S., were announced earlier this week by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog. St. Anthony Hospital, including Bone and Joint Hospital at St. Anthony, was one of 844 hospitals to receive an "A", ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States.

"The 'A' rating we received is a reflection of our employees' dedication to providing safe, compassionate care to every patient," said Tammy Powell, president of St. Anthony Hospital. Patient safety is our number one priority at St. Anthony and Bone and Joint Hospital at St. Anthony, and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful health care team."

"Protecting patients from harm is the most important charge for any hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We recognize and appreciate 'A' hospitals' vigilance and continued dedication to keeping their patients safe."

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully

transparent and free to the public.

To see St. Anthony Hospital's full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter or Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.



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Q. I am the parent of two teenagers who have been encouraged by their social studies teacher to learn about the election process. I think this is a great idea but as I have been watching the debates, news shows and what is posted on social media, I was also acutely aware of how much I didn't want them to watch and listen to the negative education they were receiving. Here is what I want to share.

A. WHAT I WANT MY CHILDREN NOT TO VIEW AS ACCEPTABLE:

1. People do not have to trash talk each other. Educated adults do not need to seek media attention based on the nasty statements they make about one another.
2. Lying is not a positive character trait.
3. Blaming is a sign of insecurity.
4. Giving false hope is mean. (anyone tired of the same old rhetoric, "we are going to create jobs, repeal Obama care, strengthen the middle class, etc, etc.)
- 4a. We have to remember the people talking about the middle class are not the middle class. Is any one of these people paying \$900.00 for their health care premium? Does any one of them wait to buy a new vacuum cleaner until it goes on sale? Do they fear loss of their job because the government might shut down and relocate to Mexico? whew.....sorry about that! Back to my list.
5. Rationalizing and minimizing bad behavior is very ugly. If you said it, admit it.
6. Bullying is shameful.
7. If you are going to run for office, know what you are talking about. Talk smart.

We cannot let the behavior of politicians determine what our norms should be, nor should we emulate bad behavior or make lies our truth. We CANNOT become desensitized to irresponsible, inappropriate behavior and call it "the new norm."

A quote that says it all:

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George Orwell



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"My family and I play games and crafts together. We enjoy doing things with our church."



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"Spend time with my kids, my family. I play on a pool league and workout."



Teresa Schroeder, RN

"My hobbies are playing with my grandchildren and cooking."



Tina Goble, RN

INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center Names New President

INTEGRIS Miami Hospital President Jordan Cash has been named president of INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center is a 389-bed, high-acuity hospital with one of the busiest emergency departments in the state. It offers one of the most comprehensive continuums of care in the region including cardiology and oncology services as well as the state's premier rehabilitation facility on its campus.

Cash appreciates the opportunity to continue his career with INTEGRIS and looks forward to his new opportunity as leader of a large, urban medical center. "This is a tremendous opportunity for me and my family," says Cash.

Cash earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration from Oklahoma State University and a Masters of Health Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He joined INTEGRIS in 2008 as assistant vice president of INTEGRIS Grove Hospital, then moved to Enid as assistant vice president of operations and physician practice management before being named president of INTEGRIS Miami Hospital in 2014. He will begin his new position at INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center on Jan. 3, 2017.

The search for a new president begins immediately. In the interim, Tim Bowen, president of nearby INTEGRIS Grove Hospital, will serve as the administrative leader at the Miami hospital facility.



Jordan Cash, president of INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center.



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