The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) has granted an additional Three-Year Accreditation to Anderson Regional Cancer Center. The Center has remained accredited by the CoC since it opened in 2003.

To earn CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet or exceed 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

“By voluntarily submitting to a survey that closely examines our facility and procedures, we are showing our patients that we strive for the highest quality care possible,” stated John G. Anderson, President and CEO, Anderson Regional Health System.

As a CoC-accredited cancer center, Anderson Regional Cancer Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

“Commission on Cancer accreditation is another demonstration of our team’s dedication to clinical excellence” according to Cancer Center Director Robert J. Guasco. Earlier this year, Anderson Regional Cancer Center was recognized as the first cancer treatment center in North America, and second in the world, to interface one of the most advanced radiation delivery systems, TomoTherapy®, with a highly effective computerized clinical platform developed by RaySearch Laboratories, USA. “These achievements are a reflection of our commitment to serving the oncology needs of our community with technology, knowledge and compassion,” Guasco said.

The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for the Cancer Center to improve its quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psychosocial support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life.

Like all CoC-accredited facilities, Anderson Regional Cancer Center maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB. This nationwide oncology outcomes database is the largest clinical disease registry in the world. Data, on all types of cancer, is tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care. CoC-accredited cancer centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which are used to create

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Over the years, the three typical methods for treating cancer have included surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. In the past 15 years, interventional radiology has continued to offer multiple minimally invasive image guided treatment options for patients. Dr. Patrick Robbins, Interventional Radiologist with special interest in Interventional Oncology, specializes in procedures that directly target tumors in minimally invasive procedures.

While some bone, liver, kidney and lung lesions can be removed surgically, many are inoperable and must be addressed using an alternate approach or combination of therapies. That’s where Neuwave Microwave Ablation System comes into play as the newest tool in the interventional radiology tool kit at Anderson Regional Medical Center.

During an ablation procedure, a small probe is inserted through the skin, guided to the target lesion, and the probe location is confirmed with imaging. Electromagnetic waves are delivered from the ablation system through the probe, heating the target area and destroying the tissue. When the ablation is complete, the physician slowly removes the probe and places a small bandage over the site of the insertion. The procedure time ranges from 30 minutes to one and a half hours, with only ten to 30 minutes of active ablation. Many patients leave the hospital the same or following day.

Dr. Robbins, said, “Recently, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines have been updated to show the widespread nationwide support for image guided ablation therapy. Top ablation programs around the country are using Neuwave because the probes are the smallest on the market today, making the procedure more comfortable for the patient. Also, only Neuwave offers an “ablation confirmation” software that affords me the greatest chance of success of the ablation during the procedure.”

John G. Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson Regional Health System, said, “We are always looking for new technologies and advanced medical procedures that will benefit our patients. Image guided tumor ablation, and specifically microwave ablation, serves as another example of that commitment. We are grateful to Dr. Robbins for bringing his expertise in interventional radiology from the University of Alabama-Birmingham to Meridian and helping to increase the quality of life for patients.”
The staff at Anderson Regional Birth Center recently completed three years of training on the journey to become designated as a “Baby-Friendly” facility. In doing so, **the Birth Center joins more than 500 facilities in the United States who are Baby-Friendly**, including University of Mississippi Medical Center, Forrest General (Hattiesburg), Merit River Oaks (Flowood) and University of Alabama - Birmingham, to name a few. The prestigious “Baby Friendly” hospital designation is part of BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi’s Maternity Quality Model to support healthy mothers and babies.

The Baby-Friendly story begins in 1991 when the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) launched the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI), a global program to encourage the broad-scale implementation of the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. The BFHI assists hospitals in giving mothers the information, confidence, and skills necessary to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding their babies and gives special recognition to hospitals that have done so. In cases where patients have a medical indication or have made an informed decision to use formula, the safe preparation and feeding of formula is provided to mothers.

In 2007, less than 3% of United States births occurred in approximately 60 Baby-Friendly designated facilities. In 2018, those numbers rose to more than 25% of births in more than 500 Baby-Friendly designated facilities, and they continue to rise. Baby-Friendly hospitals and birthing centers can be found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Baby Friendly practices are centered around new moms making educated, informed decisions that work best for her and her baby. New moms are now given the opportunity to keep their babies snuggled close, because we have moved nursing care to the bedside instead of older standardized nursing practices that separated mom and baby. Scientific research on the benefits of breastfeeding, skin-to-skin care, and rooming-in is being used to help new families establish a lifetime of good health. With hours of staff training behind each Birth Center nurse, Anderson is prepared to support each mother and her individual wishes.
Dr. Caleb Dulaney, Radiation Oncologist with Anderson Regional Cancer Center, has received Board Certification in Radiation Oncology from the American Board of Radiology (ABR). Board certification serves as an important marker for the highest standard of care and reflects the critical core values of compassion, patient-centeredness, and a passion for education. Congratulations, Dr. Dulaney!

Anderson would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Clarke County Standing Together Against Cancer Committee for raising more than $18,000 for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. This fund helps local cancer patients with transportation, medication and special needs not covered by insurance. From left are: Troy Dew, Ginny Ruffin, Regina Davis, Sally Wedgeworth, Verlynn Robinson, Robert Guasco, Sasha Phillips, Mona Odom and Sherry Williams.

Congratulations to two Anderson employees who completed the Leadership Lauderdale program recently. The Leadership Lauderdale program (through the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation) provides participants an opportunity to enhance their civic knowledge and network. For more than 15 years, this EMBDC program has helped participants better understand how our community works, build relationships with the area’s current and future leaders and become inspired to serve our community. Our two grads were, from left, Marcus Willis and Jason Cain. Anderson President & CEO John G. Anderson is in the middle.
Thankful for opportunities, Meridian Community College student Jimesha Walker said, “I will continue to shoot for the stars.” Walker was one of seven MCC third semester Associate Degree Nursing Program students who received Anderson Regional Health System Scholarships that were presented at an awards ceremony held in the health care facility.

The students were applauded by MCC nursing faculty and administration as well as by Anderson officials and family and friends at this 31st annual presentation. The scholarship recipients are outstanding nursing students who receive the honor based on academic ability, nursing excellence, the recommendation of MCC faculty, an application and a written essay on why they chose to nurse as a career.

In offering thanks to Anderson officials, Dr. Lara Collum, MCC dean of nursing, said, “these scholarships truly impact lives.” She added the recipients are excellent students, and the nursing program is proud of them.

Specifically, Walker, who was the recipient of the Jeff Anderson Scholarship, said she was thankful. “I am very, very grateful for this scholarship. It will help out a lot,” she added.

John G. Anderson, President and CEO of Anderson Regional Health Systems, said with roughly 70 percent of their employees who serve as nurses, “we have the luxury and benefit of Meridian Community College Nursing Program to recruit and pull nurses to this organization to take care of those who are ill and infirmed who cross our threshold every day.”

Nurses follow a calling and often show characteristics of being tenacious, compassionate and driven. “That’s special and unusual in this world,” said MCC President Dr. Thomas Huebner as he addressed the recipients and hospital officials.

Walker received the Dr. Jeff Anderson Scholarship. Dr. Jeff Anderson founded Anderson Infirmary in 1928. At that time, the hospital had room to accommodate 30 patients and was staffed by three physicians and a handful of nurses. Dr. Anderson’s vision for the future, and his commitment to providing quality medical care for the residents in East Central Mississippi and West

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Central Alabama are the foundation of what has now grown to be Anderson Regional Health System, a 400-bed medical center with over 160 physicians representing more than 38 specialties. The scholarship was created in 2004 to honor Dr. Anderson.

Shydai Lewis was awarded the Dr. W.J. Anderson III Scholarship. Dr. Anderson was the son of Dr. William J. Anderson and the grandson of hospital founder Dr. Jeff Anderson. Dr. Anderson was a general surgeon from 1962 until his retirement in 1998. Dr. Anderson served as president and chairman of the board of directors at Anderson until his death in October 2002. This scholarship was created in 2003 to honor Dr. Anderson's visionary leadership to the hospital.

Brandi Wyatt was the recipient of the Reuben S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Johnson began his 47-year service to Anderson Regional Medical Center in 1947. He was president and chairman of the board for 38 years. He was instrumental in the successful transformation of the hospital from a small infirmary to what became Anderson Regional Medical Center. Johnson also served as the internal management consultant from 1976 until his death in 1994. The scholarship was created in 2007 to honor Johnson's many accomplishments.

Receiving the Dr. William J. Anderson Jr. Scholarship was Parker Rigby. Dr. Anderson was the son of Dr. Jeff Anderson, the founder of the hospital. Dr. Anderson served as a general surgeon at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. The scholarship was created in 1988, a year after his passing, to honor the many accomplishments of Dr. Anderson.

Jacob Whitney is the recipient of the Dr. Jeff Hollingsworth Scholarship. Dr. Hollingsworth, the grandson of Dr. Jeff Anderson, was a cardiovascular surgeon in Jackson and was instrumental in getting the Cardiac Catheterization program started in Meridian. Dr. Hollingsworth passed away in 1986. This scholarship was established in 1988 to honor Dr. Hollingsworth.

Anna Holmes received the William J. Gunn, Esquire, Scholarship. Gunn began his service to the medical center in 1965 as secretary to the board of directors and general counsel for the hospital. In 1967, he became a member of the board of directors and continued his faithful service until his death in August 2001. The scholarship was created in 2002 to honor Mr. Gunn's service to the hospital.

Brittany Boone was the recipient of the Anderson Board of Directors Scholarship. The board works behind the scenes to ensure that Dr. Jeff Anderson's vision, to give quality health care to the people of our region, is carried out. Each member brings expertise in a different area that enhance the quality of care given to patients. These individuals work tirelessly and with very little recognition for their labor. The scholarship was created in 2012 to recognize the valuable contributions of each board member.

Chest Pain Observation Unit Planned

Effective Fall 2019*, 2-West at Anderson - North will be used as a Chest Pain Observation Unit. This unit will care for a subset of otherwise healthy patients who present to the ED with chest pain and do not meet inpatient criteria. These patients will be admitted to the observation unit for further work up and either discharged with outpatient follow-up or admitted to inpatient status if their clinical scenario is deemed necessary. This will free up more telemetry beds and facilitate the moving of patients out of the Cath Lab and out of the Critical Care Units as well as opening beds for patients coming from the Emergency Department. This process will improve patient flow and reimbursement, while increasing positive clinical outcomes for our patients. Positions for experienced RN’s and PCT’s are posted on the Careers page of the Anderson website.

*Official opening date is tentative until the unit is fully staffed.
Anderson Regional Health System is pleased to announce a new award — to be given to one employee quarterly, as chosen by the Board Quality and Patient Safety Committee. The Josie King Hero Award was created by the Josie King Foundation to be given to those who work hard to create a culture of patient safety, by listening to the patient/family; encouraging them to speak up and ask questions; improving communication; improving teamwork; looking for the good catches (near misses) and fixing those near misses before they harm a patient.

These awards are for those who set an example for others every day and who inspire positive change. The Josie King Hero Award will be presented by the Board of Directors to the one employee who identifies a potential or actual patient safety issue and who develops innovative ideas to correct the process deficiencies. The winner will receive a plaque and a lapel pin to be worn at work letting everyone know they are a “Hero.” To qualify, any Anderson employee should either enter an incident report outlining the specific near miss or patient safety event, or email their supervisor with the identified issue, and submit their plan, or actions taken, to correct the identified process deficiencies.

33 Years Ago
A longtime employee recently found a piece of Anderson history tucked into the back of her desk drawer — a hospital newsletter that documented the first heart surgery performed in Meridian. Since 1986, the heart team at Anderson has performed 6,816 surgeries and continues today to be the leader in heart health in the East Mississippi/West Alabama area.

23 Years Later
It’s always an honor to deliver babies, but to deliver the baby of a baby you delivered makes it special. Longtime Anderson employee Diane Burt, RNC, helped deliver Macy Bush Boykin (right) 23 years ago, and she also had the privilege of delivering Macy’s baby, Huey James Boykin, on May 1.
“Donate Life” Month Celebrated

Congratulations to the winners of the National Donate Life Door Decorating Contest! The WorkHealth Department at Anderson - North and the Operating Room at Anderson - South took top honors. With the theme of “Life is a Beautiful Ride … Donate Life,” multiple departments across both campuses participated in this contest to pay tribute to organ donors and recipients — each bringing awareness to the importance of registering as an organ donor. The judges had a difficult time picking a winner because of all of the creative designs!

FIRST PLACE — Anderson - North, WorkHealth

Raising the Donate Life flag.

FIRST PLACE — Anderson - South, Surgery

SECOND PLACE — TIE — Anderson - South; Administration & Organizational Development (left) and Tom C. Maynor Rehab (right).

SECOND PLACE — Anderson North, Human Resources & Organizational Development

THIRD PLACE — Anderson - North, Surgery
2019 Handprints of Hope

Anderson Regional Cancer Center treats hundreds of patients each year with the goal of helping each and every one to become a cancer survivor. In honor of national Cancer Survivors Month, we invite all survivors to our Center to create a canvas with “Handprints of Hope.” The results are always astonishing and uplifting. This year, we had 151 cancer survivors place their handprints (via paint) on our canvas — representing 1,277 total years of survivorship!

A special thank you is extended to EMEPA for their donation to Anderson Regional Cancer Center's Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. EMEPA donated $3,500 to assist area cancer patients through their recent “Shoot for a Cure” event. Shown presenting the check to Ginny Ruffin is Randy Carroll and Margaret Brewer with EMEPA.

Anderson’s Clinical Engineering Team as part of Crothall Healthcare became ISO 13485 certified recently. The ISO 13485 standard sets requirements for a quality management system designed to ensure medical device safety, risk management and process improvement. Crothall Healthcare is a Compass One Company that provides specialized, high-quality, innovative, and responsive support services exclusively to the healthcare industry. From left, Ryan Wheat, James Vaughan, Josh Smith and Ben Webb.
The State Games of Mississippi is our state’s largest amateur sportsfest, bringing more than 6,000 amateur athletes together to compete for medals in 40 different sports. Anderson was pleased to sponsor the baseball competition in Meridian as the State Games of Mississippi celebrated its 28th year.

Anderson Sports Medicine Team helped athletes get back in the game at the Gray Massey Memorial Soccer Tournament sponsored by the Alliance Futbol Club in Meridian in April.

With a motto of #BeAndersonFit, Anderson Health & Fitness Center continues to lead the way for a healthier lifestyle for all area residents. The 36th annual Anderson Cup Road Race featured 258 participants in 2019 and raised more than $2,000 for the Meridian Freedom Project, a local leadership program for students. At right, kids line up for the Fun Run. Above, representatives from our nursing staff were also on hand for the Anderson cup road race.
At Anderson, we are always pleased to support students who may become staff at our many campuses. Most recently, we sponsored members of Southeast Lauderdale High School’s HOSA (Future Health Professionals) to help them attend the International HOSA Competition in Orlando, FL. HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of ACTE. HOSA’s two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA’s goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

We work at all times to educate the public about health issues, and one of the ways Anderson accomplishes this goal is through Lunch & Learn sessions. At a program in April at Anderson Regional Cancer Center, Registered Dietitian Karla Bailey (left) discussed how you can "Eat Smart for a Healthier Brain," with tips on including green tea, nuts, salmon, blueberries and other nutrients for a healthy brain and diet.

Congratulations to Bridgette Cerda Marin who was chosen as Lauderdale County’s 2019 Rural Medical and Science Scholar, sponsored by Anderson Regional Health System. Bridgette, a junior at Clarkdale High School, will attend a four-week program at Mississippi State University this summer where she will take two college courses and participate in activities that will allow her to explore career options in healthcare. Presenting Bridgette with a check to cover the cost of the program is Dr. Keith Everetti, Chief Medical Officer of Anderson Regional Health System.

Sheila Davidson, RN, MSN, NP, led a community Lunch & Learn program where she discussed how to take better care of yourself by knowing what health screenings are best for you at each life stage.
Two Central Sterile Processing Staff Certified

Congratulations to Kasey Anthony and Sherry Mangum who recently completed the requirements to become Certified Registered Central Service Technicians. Kasey and Sherry join the rest of Anderson's CSP staff in this certification, making Anderson one of very few fully certified CSP teams. The Central Sterile Processing profession is ever-evolving in the terms of surgical instrumentation, processing equipment and standard and best practices. To stay abreast of all these changes, it is essential that CS department professionals have ready access to the most current standards and guidelines and the ability to apply them. The International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management supports certification and recognizes it as an important component to patient safety.

Zachry Receives Bachelor's Degree

Congratulations to Whitney Zachry who received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Mississippi State University in May. Whitney became a certified Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) in 2009 and has worked at Anderson in the Lab since 2014. Whitney studied geoscience, history and business to earn her degree — with a love of science, as well a desire to understand cultural and workplace diversity. She plans to take the ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathology) certification examination in August to earn a promotion to medical laboratory scientist.
The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. We salute their outstanding contributions and thank all of them for being an integral part of Anderson Regional Health System. Members of the Volunteer Auxiliary have assisted in many projects between January – April 2019 including:

- Donated five wheelchairs
- Donated two patient lifts, one to 3-East and one to Telemetry
- Donated one geriatric chair to Horizons Geri-Psych Center
- Donated and assembled 100 cartoon/crayon bags for 2-East and the ER
- Collected 500 blankets for oncology outpatients
- Collected and distributed 4,884 greeting card faces to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children
- Collected and distributed 110 pairs of reading glasses to the inpatient units
- Purchased 20 gowns and onesies for the NICU
- Donated five wigs to Anderson Regional Cancer Center
- Donated four new chairs and a prayer cushion for the Chapel
- Purchased two infant car seats for the Anderson Car Safety classes
- Donated $500 to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund (see top photo)

Anderson Volunteer Auxiliary members presented a $500 check for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund to Bob Guasco (second from left). With Bob are (from left) Jenny Hertel, Dorothy Stovall, Jean Willis, Barbara Holmes and Teresa Lisenbe.
Anderson Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center has been named a 2018 Center of Excellence by Heallogics, Inc. for outstanding dedication to their patients. This award is important as it demonstrates the Center's continued and consistent commitment to excellence and a focus on creating an exceptional patient experience.

To achieve the Center of Excellence designation, Anderson Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center performed medical surveillance reviews per policy and excelled in all of the Key Performance Indicators, including patient satisfaction (93.1%), healing rate (94.85%), outlier rate (11.96%) and median days to heal (34).

Congratulations to Sharon Schwan on her retirement after serving Anderson Regional Health System for 36 years. Sharon served as Administrative Assistant in Administration and she will be missed for her warm smile and cheery disposition with everyone she encountered. With Sharon is Anderson President & CEO, John G. Anderson.

A new patient program has started on 2-East for our pediatric patients — Tutu Tuesday. On the first two Tuesdays of every month we provide tutus and bowties for our pediatric patients to wear, plus our nursing and other 2E staff are wearing tutus and bowties. Our young patients love it, and our staff gets a big kick out of Tutu Tuesdays as well!
Thanks to Quitman High School for donating $1,000 to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. Presenting the check are Chris Coleman, basketball coach; Clancy Slay, valedictorian of Senior class; and Emily Odom, MSIS Secretary, Quitman High School.

We give a special thanks to Dr. Lee Thornton, Dr. Kenneth Saul and Dr. Mark Elliott for participating in the recent Skin Cancer Screening at Anderson Regional Cancer Center. From left are: Christy Napp, RN; Dr. Lee Thornton; Libba Cooper, RN; Kerri Gibson, RN; Dr. Kenneth Saul; and Dr. Mark Elliott.

The nursing staff on 4-East helped us celebrate National Oncology Nurses Month.
Anderson’s first Joint Camp was a success with patients receiving important information about their upcoming joint replacement surgery from many departments including nursing, rehab, pharmacy, sleep lab, fitness center and more. At the first session, Nurse Manager Heather Cleveland, RN, discusses what to expect after surgery and gives tips on the recovery process.

Thank you to Dr. Dru Denison and Dr. Hans Tulip for leading our recent Hernia Screening. From left, Christy Napp, RN, Dr. Denison, Dr. Tulip and Libba Cooper, RN.

Anderson is excited to be a part of the East MS Baby Café, which recently held a “grand opening.” Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church. For those pregnant or breastfeeding who would like more information, please call 662.792.0206 or send an email to eastmsbabycafe@gmail.com.
EDITOR’S NOTE: We get many good suggestions from staff members, and thanks to a question about PolicyStat procedures, we are happy to bring you the information below.

A search through PolicyStat’s search bar works like most other Internet searches. The search bar displays the top five most relevant results for the search criteria. A search will give results on active policies, not pending or retired policies.

Example: A search for active policies containing the term “medication” displays the most relevant results at the top. PolicyStat’s search engine recognizes root word similarities in terms to provide a full scope of results. A search for “medication” can also provide results for “medicate,” “meds,” “medicine” or even “medical.”

Search by PolicyStat ID:
If the PolicyStat ID number for the specific active policy is known, it can also be entered as search criteria. Archived past versions are not searchable since they are no longer active.

Proximity, Not Use of Quotes:
Use of quotation marks do not impact search results. The proximity of two terms to one another will impact the ranking of the results. The closer two or more terms used in the search are to one another anywhere in the corresponding policy, the higher that policy will display in the search results.

Filtered Search:
If a full-text search returns too many results or doesn’t match your needs, filtered searching is another option to consider. PolicyStat’s filters narrow searches by Title, Area or Owner.

Title Filter: Click on the Title tab and use the search bar to focus solely on policies with the term in the title. A secondary option in this filter is to browse titles by the first letter of the policy title.

Area Filter: Click on the Area tab and use the filter boxes to search for policies based on the Area(s) to which they are assigned. Multiple Areas can be selected during one search. When searching within the selected Area(s), a text search can narrow the results further to find the right policy fast.

Owner Filter: Click on the Owner tab and use the filter boxes to search for policies based on the author of the policy. Like the Area filter, multiple Owners can be selected, and an additional filter can be applied to narrow the list of Owners. If an Owner or Owners return too many policies, a text search can narrow the list of policies to find the right policy fast.

Please contact Katrina Kelly at extension 3851 if you need help or have any questions.

During May, the Anderson Leadership Team was hard at work during a strategic planning session.
Congratulations to the following departments that showed the greatest increase in their “rate this hospital” scores this quarter.

Neurology Center

CT Department

Labor & Delivery

Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center
In celebration of Wound Care Awareness Week, Meridian Mayor Percy Bland issued a proclamation to promote the importance of tending to chronic wounds. There are 6.7 million Americans living with chronic wounds right now — and our Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center is a leader in caring for patients with these issues. This is the sixth year we have celebrated this national awareness week.

Dr. Joe Anderson (seated) leads readings during the re-dedication of the Anderson Chapel. The Prayer Room is located on the first floor in the ICU/CVR/CCU Waiting Area and is available for your use from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. With Dr. Anderson, from left, are Sheila Nettles and Jenny Hertel.

A representative of the Mississippi Hospital Association was on the Anderson campus recently assisting employees with voter registration. Pictured is Richard Roberson, MHA Vice President of Policy and State Advocacy, and Lula Rhone-Hudgins.
In celebration of National Hospital Week, Anderson Regional Health System recognized 178 employees during our annual Service Awards Reception. A total of 2,330 years of service were represented by this dedicated group of people. Pictured with John G. Anderson, President and CEO, are, from left, Deb Nichols, Betty Cryer, Gloria Dancy and Cathy Clark, who have achieved 40 years of service. Not pictured are Gloria McAlpine (45 years of service), Patsy Thrash (40 years of service) and Rosie Thompson (40 years of service).

Ice Cream Socials Make for a Special Hospital Week
Hand Massages Take the Stress Away

Anderson employees enjoyed relaxing hand massages, provided by Anderson Health and Fitness Center, to wrap up National Hospital Week.
Mission

To continue our heritage of healing and improving life for the people we serve.

Vision

To be the healthcare provider of choice.

Values

We recognize: Respect, Trust, Dignity and Responsiveness.

Kelly Copeland is a Registered Nurse who works at Anderson Family Medical Center - Airpark. She began working at the clinic as an LPN in 2008, and in 2014 she went back to school to be a registered nurse. Her coworkers said, “Kelly is an excellent nurse. • She comes in every day with a good attitude and is kind towards everyone. • We all know we can count on Kelly to help with anything. Her work ethic is excellent. • Kelly consistently has a good attitude and is friendly to our patients and their family members.” In her spare time, Kelly enjoys spending time with her family, working out, running and singing. She and her husband have been married 14 years, and they have two sons, Brody and Jase. They attend Sandtown United Methodist Church where Kelly assists with leading the youth group. She also serves as the worship leader.

Dolleen Moulds is a Registered Nurse who has worked at Anderson for 16 years. She started her career as a patient care tech on 3-East and went on to work in many different areas of the hospital including nursing services, float pool, ICU, CCU, ED, med-surg and PACU, where she is currently. Her coworkers said, “Dolleen is always calm with her patients and coworkers. • She is a competent nurse and always puts patient care first. Dolleen has an exceptional work ethic and offers her assistance in any situation. She is a team player with a friendly personality and a great attitude. • We have to remind her to let us help out and that she doesn’t have to do everything such as put supplies up, keep the coffee fresh, etc. Dolleen personally walks visitors to their destination instead of just giving directions. • She treats everyone with professionalism and compassion. • Those who have the pleasure of knowing Dolleen know she is truly happiest when serving others.” In her spare time, Dolleen enjoys spending time with her family, sewing and wood working. She has been married for 37 years and she has two children and five grandchildren. Dolleen attends Fellowship Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday School and helps with Vacation Bible School.

Amber Tubby is our Native American Liaison and she has worked at Anderson for two years. Her coworkers said, “Amber is a huge asset to the hospital. Sometimes there is a language barrier between our staff and Native American patients and that’s where Amber comes in. • She goes over and above to ensure patient information is correct and that they fully understand everything about their billing. • Amber is often able to identify if Native American patients have additional health insurance which helps the hospital save money.” In her spare time, Amber enjoys going to church and singing. She and her husband have a one-year-old son named Trevor.
National Nurses Week 2019
Staffers Hold Certification in Special Area

The Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS) credential provides a mark of distinction for this unique profession and Anderson is very pleased to have several staff members with this distinction.

The mission of the CCDS credential is to elevate the professional standing of clinical documentation specialists. The program draws from experienced clinical documentation specialists in the field to establish criteria for competency in the broad and multidisciplinary bodies of knowledge clinical documentation specialists must possess. These include knowledge of healthcare and coding regulations; anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and pathophysiology; proficiency in medical record review; communication and physician query techniques; CMS quality programs and reportable diagnoses that impact quality metrics, and data mining and reporting functions.

CERTIFIED CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION SPECIALISTS — Above, from left: Leigh Ann Tollison, BSN, RN, CCDS – Clinical Documentation Coordinator; Kim Moffett, RN, CCDS – Clinical Documentation Specialist; Debbie Godwin, RN, RHIT, CCDS, CCRN, CCS, CCS-P – Clinical Documentation Specialist; April Floyd, RN, CCDS – Clinical Documentation Director; and Jackie Coleman, RN, CCDS – Clinical Documentation Specialist.

POPULATION HEALTH SPECIALISTS — In the photo at right, from left: Melissa Ellis, BSN, RN – Population Health Coordinator; and April Floyd, RN, CCDS – Population Health Director.
High Praise for Anderson

Dr. John Anderson, 3/9/19

My dad, Mr. Wiley Strahan, has been in ICU, Telemetry, and swing bed for about two months. It has been hard watching our sweet father decline in his health. We wanted you to know that you have an amazing staff! Debbie Williamson, Marley, Nancy, David, Dr. Beall, Dr. Hallen, Dr. Alexander and Dr. Brown have gone above and beyond to call to show us care, kindness, and the best for his health. We will forever be grateful for Anderson Hospital.

In a world where we only hear the negative, I wanted you to hear the positive from our family. Kindest regards, Nancy Smith

Dear Sir:
I want to compliment Ron Fairchild who was my x-ray technician this morning. He was kind, caring, and an asset to Anderson.

In fact, that whole department functions rapidly and efficiently. I don’t ever mind returning. But Ron is a dear!

My thanks.

[Signature]

May 13, 2019

Leslie L. Priest
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Anderson Hospital
X-ray Dept

Compliments to Dr. Durbin and staff for professional and personal treatment of my 97 year old mother while at Anderson.

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Anderson Regional
2: Patient Louise Lucas
Feb 25, 26, 2019

Compliments to Dr. Durbin and staff for professional and personal treatment of my 97 year old mother while at Anderson.

[Signature]
High Praise for Anderson

Staff at Tom Magner Rehab:
I wanted to take a minute to say "Thank you." I wish I could list each one of your names because each one of you deserve it! My dad, Fred Gray (RM 410) was recently at Tom Magner after life threw him a curve ball. You all not only did what was expected of you but you went above and beyond. I wanted you to know how much it means to a family—my family, for you to care whether you brought in the food or provided diet care, please know that your help, your attitude, your caring words helped us through this difficult time. We are very grateful for all of you. Keep up the good work because it does make a difference.

With much appreciation,
Lee Lee Marlow & Family

Dele Metry Nursing Staff,
Thank you all for your care and concern for my daddy (Fred Gray) during his recent stay (RM 267). Many of you went above and beyond and we are very thankful.
Best Wishes, Lee Lee Marlow

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Anderson's Infusion Center

WOUld like to thank the Infusion Team for Jobs well done. All are very kind and helpful. All are very appreciative.

Thanks
Anthony Hall
Megan Minor, NICU Registered Nurse, has recently met the requirements for Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST). Minor attended a three day course in Biloxi provided by Safe Kids Worldwide and learned many aspects of car seat safety. Minor said, "I learned so many things that I thought I already knew but didn't. For instance, the weight limit of the LATCH system that holds the car seat in place includes the weight of the seat PLUS the child. The LATCH weight limit varies from vehicle to vehicle, so you have to check the manual to be sure."

As Lauderdale County’s first and only CPST, Minor will be offering complimentary car seat checks for Anderson Regional Birth Center patients to help reassure parents that the seat is installed properly. She will make sure parents aren’t making common mistakes like adding things to make their child more comfortable. "Newborn cushions that surround an infant actually interfere with the safety of the seat. We have to put the baby’s safety ahead of comfort, and at that age it’s not likely that he/she is actually uncomfortable," Minor said.

Anderson will be offering periodic safety checks for the community where families can have their car seat installation checked for accuracy. During these events, Minor will also be on the lookout for car seats that have been recalled, checking the placement of the tether strap and airbag locations, and making sure the LATCH weight limit is in range. Anderson will also be providing parents with tags to hang from the rear view mirror as a reminder to "Look Before You Leave". The tag will be hooked to the car seat and must be removed in order to put the car seat in place. This effort is part of the movement to end children dying as a result of being left in a hot car.

As part of Anderson’s Childbirth Education Series, the Infant CPR Class will now be named Infant Safety Class with car seat safety being taught in addition to CPR training. "Even the most expensive car seat isn’t safe if it’s installed incorrectly," Minor said.

Clint Cannington recently passed his registry exam as a Certified Medical Laboratory Tech. Clint received his Medical Laboratory Training in the U.S. Air Force while serving his country from November 2004-2017. He has been employed at Anderson in the Clinical Laboratory since July 2018. Congratulations, Clint.
Lee Spotlighted by CHAMPS

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Each week, CHAMPS (Communities and Hospitals Advancing Maternity Practices) recognizes a CHEER Champion for all the work they have done for CHEER (Center for Health Equity, Education, and Research). We are honored that Reba Lee was chosen. Here is the write-up that appeared on the national CHAMPS site about Reba.)

Reba Lee, RN, IBCLC, RLC, is a Lactation Nurse and the Lactation Team Lead at CHAMPS hospital, Anderson Regional Medical Center, in Meridian. She was nominated as CHEER Champion of the Week for her many years of dedicated service to mothers and babies, and for her help with the Baby-Friendly journey at her hospital.

Reba has worked at Anderson Regional for 26 years. She began as a Nursery/NICU staff RN, then transitioned to Lactation Nurse in 1997. She has taught newborn care and breastfeeding classes since 1997. She became a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) in 2000 and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) in 2012.

The Lactation Center at Anderson Regional offers prenatal breastfeeding classes, inpatient and outpatient consults, and a warm-line for breastfeeding support. In addition to running these services and teaching classes, Reba also writes magazine/newspaper articles and interviews with local news outlets to educate the public on the benefits of breastfeeding. As CHAMPS Lactation Team Lead, Reba has participated in Baby-Friendly task force meetings and CHAMPS phone calls and webinars; and assisted with updating policies, writing prenatal education brochures, obtaining/reporting Baby-Friendly stats, and organizing staff education and skills fairs. Reba is also co-host of the East Mississippi Baby Café-Meridian.

Early in her career, Reba received a letter from a former patient that “rocked [her] world.” Inspired by the story, CHAMPS asked Reba if she would be willing to share it here.

Reba said “In the letter, this particular mother thanked me for the breastfeeding education and support that I had given. But then she made several comments about the ‘way’ that I spoke to her, the ‘respect’ that I gave her, the ‘tenderness’ that I displayed with her baby, and the ‘patience’ that I shared as she and her baby worked through the learning process. Then she wrote this, ‘In those few visits, you taught me more about being a good mother than my own mom ever taught me.’ In that moment, I was totally humbled as I tried to even recall the specifics of that particular patient. But since receiving that letter, I am daily challenged each time I meet with a patient to remember how easily a new mom may be influenced one way or the other by my words, actions, and attitude. Supporting breastfeeding mothers...what a great opportunity to influence healthy lifestyles of the future!”

Cathy Carothers, BLA, IBCLC, FILCA, CHAMPS Mississippi Liaison & Trainer, comments: “Our patients DO notice us. They see when we are listening to them, when we show respect, and when we help them meet their goals. We might never know how the seeds we are planting will sprout and bloom, but it is a unique privilege and precious opportunity to be able to be in this position at what could be for many women, the most important point in their life.”

Congratulations, Reba! Thank you for all that you do and for this incredible story!
May was National Trauma Awareness Month. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan recognized the need for trauma awareness and established May as the month for us to dedicate our time and resources to increasing education and prevention activities. Staff in the Emergency Department took a minute out of their busy day to celebrate this important month.