Children in the Meridian area can receive the specialty care they need close to home at the new Children’s of Mississippi specialty clinic that’s now open. Neurology and orthopedics clinics are offered, and more disciplines are on the way. A child development clinic will be offered in Meridian starting in January, and cardiology and hematology/oncology are coming in February. In July, an endocrinology clinic will be added.

Telehealth clinics in urology, child development, genetics and endocrinology are available at the clinic, as are the services of the Child Safe Center.

“Children’s of Mississippi seeks to help all Mississippi children reach their full potential, and offering care closer to home for Meridian families is part of that mission,” said Guy Giesecke, CEO of Children’s of Mississippi. “We’re proud to care for these children through the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s affiliation with Anderson Regional Health System in Meridian.”

The staff of Anderson Children’s Medical Clinic
Anderson Regional Medical Center is the first acute care hospital in Mississippi to take CPR training to the next level by implementing the American Heart Association’s Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI®) program. With RQI, clinical staff members practice CPR skills in their unit every 90 days, using real-time audio-visual feedback in 10-minute sessions to achieve and maintain high-quality skills. Routine training enables staff members to feel more confident with their skills, and RQI analytics demonstrate that CPR quality is improved. Project team members include from left: Melissa Mason, Rea Brown, Vicki Smith, Jennifer Hopping, Kim Riley, Jody Burch and Terri McKelvaine.

Healthy Heart Screening

CT Techs Don Scarbrough (left) and Matt Teffeteller prepare to run a Calcium Score Test on a patient during the Healthy Heart Screening held recently at Anderson. More than 30 area residents participated in the screening, each receiving a HeartSaver CT Scan and calcium score, complete lipid profile (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides, glucose level, blood pressure and heart rate), and electrocardiogram (ECG) that was read by cardiologists from Cardiovascular Institute of the South.
The use and abuse of alcohol and/or other chemicals can disrupt a person’s life in many ways. Job loss, break-up of marriage and family, low self-esteem and even loss of life can result from the continued abuse of substances without proper treatment. However, with stabilization and an ongoing desire to remain free of the burden of substance abuse, many individuals can resume and maintain healthy lifestyles.

In an effort to address the needs of these individuals, Anderson Regional Medical Center is now offering an inpatient program to assist patients in overcoming withdrawal symptoms from drug and alcohol addictions.

The program is offered through New Vision™, a hospital-based medical stabilization and withdrawal management service. New Vision is a service line of SpecialCare Hospital Management of St. Charles, Missouri, which has been providing this service in acute care hospitals across the nation for more than 26 years.

New Vision provides adults (ages 18 and over) who are misusing certain substances — such as alcohol and prescription drugs — with medically supervised inpatient stabilization during withdrawal. The inpatient stay usually lasts three days and includes pre-screening, assessment, medical stabilization and discharge planning. Upon admission, an assessment is completed with an evaluation of the patient’s medical history, a physical, a laboratory workup and nursing assessment. Discharge planning occurs prior to the patient leaving the hospital, and the patient is referred to appropriate community based treatment programs to help prevent relapse and continue treatment.

For more information, call 601.703.8430.
Helping Hurricane Michael Victims

A supply drive for Hurricane Michael relief efforts yielded a truck full of items, including bottled water, paper products, gloves, rakes, shovels, diapers, etc. that were delivered to the Red Cross for distribution to affected areas. A big thank you to the Anderson staff, Meridian Police Department, EMEPA, Wells Lamont, Georgia Pacific and others who generously participated in this project.

Town Hall Meetings Held

President and CEO John G. Anderson and members of the Human Resources team led a series of Town Hall meetings in October to discuss employee benefits.

Breast Center Passes Inspection

Congratulations to the staff of Anderson Regional Breast Center for passing the Mammography Quality Standards Act (as required by the FDA) inspection with flying colors. All breast centers are required to pass this inspection in order to continue seeing patients. Most facilities pass the inspection; however, many are given Level 1 and 2 violations along with recommendations. Anderson Regional Breast Center has completed numerous inspections, including this one, with NO violations or recommendations. Way to go, Breast Center team!
Celebrating Retirement

Congratulations to Wayne Herrington on his retirement after serving Anderson Regional Health System for 40 years. Wayne has been an integral part of the success of Anderson Regional Cancer Center and the development of the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. With Wayne (left) is John G. Anderson, President & CEO.

We congratulate Rickey Daniels on his 36 and a-half years of service with Anderson. Rickey served as a Medical Laboratory Technician. Pictured are, from left: John G. Anderson, Rickey Daniels, Mitzi Daniels, Marilyn Bell and Jason Dearman.

Congratulations to Brenda Landrum, RN, who retired after 40 years with Anderson. Brenda served as manager of the operating room.

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In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Anderson Regional Breast Center offered free 3D mammograms to 46 uninsured women in our community. Early detection is the key in the treatment of breast cancer.

AP Calculus students at Lamar High School recently took an in-depth tour of Anderson Regional Cancer Center’s radiology area with Dr. Caleb Dulaney. The seniors saw the real-life application of areas they are interested in, and the afternoon tour by Dr. Dulaney (when no patients were in the area) was “wonderful and thorough,” the students reported.
Starlight Foundation Donates “Fun Center” to Pediatric Center

Our pediatric patients are loving the new mobile “Fun Center” using Nintendo’s Wii U that was recently donated by Starlight Children’s Foundation to the inpatient pediatric unit. The fun center offers family friendly video games and movie streaming services to help keep our patients entertained during their hospital stay.

For more than 25 years, Starlight Fun Center mobile entertainment units have provided entertainment, distraction and a sense of normalcy for hospitalized kids. Powered by the Nintendo’s Wii U and featuring platforms like Netflix and Hulu, Starlight Fun Centers offer online access to family-friendly video games, movies and other programs through mobile entertainment units that can go anywhere in the hospital. Moving from ERs to waiting rooms to a child’s bedside, they are often a source of smiles, laughter and much-needed normalcy for kids and families facing difficult medical challenges.

Starlight creates moments of joy and comfort for hospitalized kids and their families. For 35 years, Starlight’s programs have positively impacted more than 60 million critically, chronically and terminally ill or injured children in the U.S., Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Starlight believes all children deserve to enjoy the magic, wonder and happiness of childhood, and are committed to providing Starlight programs to every seriously ill child in their network of more than 800 children’s hospitals and community health partners across the U.S.

PCS Implementation Going Well

After one year in the works, we are pleased to report that five of our units have successfully implemented the Patient Classification Solutions (PCS) system.

One year ago, Anderson implemented PCS — an acuity based staffing module to be used by inpatient nursing units across the organization. PCS utilizes nursing documentation and provider orders to calculate patient acuity. The charge nurse makes assignments based on these acuity scores to distribute the workload more evenly. As with any implementation, there have been challenges to overcome and we have worked together to meet those challenges.

We began monitoring compliance with PCS utilization in January 2018. Since that time, these units have met or exceeded our goal of 85 percent for four or more months: 5E, CCU, TMR, 4E and GPU.

Congratulations on a great job!
High Praise for Breast Center

Anderson’s Karla Bailey, RD, gave a large group of attendees the straight facts about adopting a healthy “Mediterranean” diet — as she demonstrated (left) with samples of olive oil.
Anderson volunteers continue to make a difference to our organization, not only with time and talent, but with fundraising for much-needed items. Here you will see many of those donations — from state-of-the-art CPR mannequins (above) to blankets for patients (right) collected during the Blanket Drive. Volunteers raised $1,500 for the new CPR mannequins, which meet current American Heart Association guidelines.

Our Volunteers Make a Difference

Pictured here, back row, from left are: Organizational Development Staff Members Kim Riley, Vicki Smith, Rea Brown and Melissa Mason. Front row, from left, volunteers Jean Willis, Pat Maloney and Linda Crews.

The team in the Labor & Delivery Department display some of the collected blankets.

The Hospital Medicine Staff gives a big thank you to Volunteers who donated 80 blankets for cancer patients during the Volunteer Blanket Drive. From left: Dr. William Brohawn; Dr. Bruce Brown; Tresleon Flowers, AGNP-C; Jessica Lewis, PCC; Sondra Odom, AGACNP; and Cedric Ruffin, PA. (Not pictured are: Kenyada Marshal, AGACNP; Stacie Sammons, NP; Dr. Bridget Tah-Clayton; and Dr. Justice Gondwe.)
The annual Volunteer “Pot Luck” lunch brought lots of smiles and lots of good eats!

Anderson Volunteer Auxiliary donated baby clothes to help Anderson Regional Birth Center patients in need.

Volunteers were busy this Fall with many fundraisers, including their annual book sale. Working hard, from left are Theresa Lisenbee and Carolyn Jones.
Our Volunteers Make a Difference

Volunteers held their Masquerade Jewelry sale in October. Pictured assisting at the event are, from left: Jean Willis, Pat Branning and Sarah Crenshaw.

ATTENTION: EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Professional Nurse Practice Council

Nurses...we have heard you!! You asked for a forum in which your voice can be heard as a professional. Anderson Regional Health System is implementing a Professional Nurse Practice Council (PNPC) in order to enrich our nursing practice and provide nurses a voice in nursing practice and patient care. It is our goal to recognize the professional status of the nurse. We need your voice and we need your innovative ideas as we advance care for the community we serve.

If you would like more information, please call ext. 7800. Applications are located on the Infocenter.
Halloween Spirit Spooks Up the Halls

Coding and CDCI welcomed Halloween and the fall weather with a chili cook off. Everyone’s chili was so delicious that a winner just couldn't be picked!

Anderson Family Medical Center - Airpark

Anderson Urology
Clinic of Meridian

Anderson Ear, Nose & Throat Center
Anderson recently celebrated Pediatric Nurses during “Pediatric Nurses Week” in October. According to the Society of Pediatric Nurses, “It is a time to reflect on the contributions pediatric nurses make to patients, families and communities” and promote the care that pediatric nurses give.

A group from Anderson recently attended a meeting of the Mississippi Rural Health Association in Jackson. Back row, from left: Kevin Adams, Jennifer Tucker, Katie Odom and Marcus Willis. Front row, from left: Brittany Winstead, Julianne Jones and Terri Eubanks.
Our Float Wins 3rd Place!

Congratulations to our Christmas Parade Committee for a third place win in this annual holiday event. The theme was “Don’t be a Grinch... Donate Life!” The float committee was in charge of both design and construction. The committee: front row, from left: Lee Cottrill, Amy Harley and Connie Lee. Middle row: Regina Roberts, Adonia Ross, Ashley Loper, Mallory Hardy and Daricek Shelby. Back row: Florence Wright, Ernie Sloan, Ben Hatcher, Waylon Temple

Not pictured: Johnny Sowers, Tim Goss, Sonja Twilley, Savannah Ivey, Leon Ross, Hannah Farr and Brian Fortenberry.

Horizons Geri-Psych Center participated in the “Walk 4 Alz” in November raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer’s Disease. From left are: Brighton Simpson, Lindsay Brooke Simpson, Lisa Thompson, Joanna Tucker Stewart, Benjamin Chris Stewart, Ray Gullette, Sophie Thompson and Kimberly Parker.

Heather Lewis, RN, and Lindsey Robertson, RN, represented Anderson Regional Birth Center at the Baby Bump Expo held in the Temple Theatre Ballroom in November. Attendees received information about many aspects of motherhood such as pregnancy, breast feeding, and newborn care.
In preparation for the Christmas holidays, Anderson Regional Health System Nursing staff members spread some Christmas cheer by donating items to Care Lodge.
The staff at Anderson Health & Fitness Center gathered gift items for Wesley House to distribute to needy children.

Anderson Quality and Risk Management staff spread Christmas cheer recently with a donation of gifts to Hope Village for Children. From left are: Lee Cottrill, Amy Harley, Wanda Cooper and Marion Abston.

Everyone at Anderson Urology Clinic of Meridian channeled their inner “urologist elf” selves for the holidays!
2018 Service Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following departments that showed the

The year-to-date overall winner of the Service Excellence Award for 2018 is Anderson Family Medical Center - Airpark.

Labor & Delivery Department

Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center

Anderson Regional Breast Center
Fall Flu Shots
Guy Purvis, Telemetry (left photo) receives shot from Employee Health’s Scottie Bayne, LPN.
WorkHealth was also busy this fall giving flu shots to many area companies. In the photo at right, Libba Cooper, RN, gives a flu shot at Northeast Elementary School.

Fall Benefits Fair
Sharon Cox (center), Human Resources Business Partner with Anderson, reviews enrollment options with Rachel Heidelberg (left) and right Gail Hall.
Casey May (left), Benefits Analyst Manager, reviews the new enrollment guide with Walter McLelland.
Thank you to Highland Baptist Church Women of Worship (WOW) Sunday School Class who donated toys for children staying in the William G. Riley Pediatric Center at Anderson Regional Medical Center during the holidays. Pictured at right with her new toys is patient Kalie Comans; along with Kelsie Chilsolm, RN, Nurse Manager; and Dr. Bob Eubanks, Pediatric Hospitalist.

Open Houses During December

Photo at left: The staff at Anderson Health & Fitness Center welcomed friends and family for a Christmas Open House.

Photo at right: Anderson Pharmacy Gift Shop staff held a wonderful Open House event to welcome the Christmas season. From left: Skylar Vance, Olivia Files, Maddie Johnson, Ashley Loper, Lexie Duvalle, Krissy Monsour and Selena Miller.
Anderson Regional Cancer Center held its annual Christmas Tribute in the North Lobby of the Medical Center. This year’s event honored and remembered 428 individuals and raised more than $6,500 for the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund which assists area cancer patients. Pictured: Ronna Nichols, (second from left), who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, was honored by her daughter, Erica Dear (far left), friend, Katrina Kelly (back), sister, Susan Reynolds (far right) and grandchildren Ayden and Merritt Dear.

Anderson Regional Cancer Center’s Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund received a donation of $1,800 from Amanda Cassell through the sale of her Give HOPE Designs art work. Thank you Amanda and all who participated in the sale! Pictured with Ginny Ruffin (left) are little Lilla Esther Cassell and Amanda Cassell.
Anderson Regional Cancer Center’s Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund recently received a donation of $763 from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in honor of long-time Anderson volunteer Helen Shannon. Helen has faithfully supported the Cancer Center and Benevolence Fund for many years. The CPBF was created to help local cancer patients with special needs not paid by insurance such as transportation assistance, prosthesis, medicine assistance, lymphedema supplies and durable medical equipment. Pictured, from left, are Judy McInnis and Ginny Ruffin.

We appreciate the employees of Outback Steakhouse who donated $500 to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. Outback employees sold t-shirts during the month of October as a fundraiser. The check was delivered by Restaurant Manager John Elkins (left) to Ginny Ruffin.

A special thank you goes out to Central United Methodist Church for their donation of $8,890 to Anderson Regional Cancer Center’s Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. Pictured with Ginny Ruffin (left) is Rev. John Branning from Central United Methodist Church.
Thank you to Haven Salon for donating $1,280 to the Cancer Patient Benevolence Fund. Haven hosted a “Sport the Pink” event during the month of October where clients were able to show their support for cancer patients by adding a pink hair extension. Bringing the donation to Ginny Ruffin (center) were Jordan Mathis and Jamie Ainsworth.

Students Brighten Day for Youngest Patients

Thank you Newton County Middle and High School students — from Sherry Akins’ Visual Arts classes — for donating canvas pieces to the William G. Riley Pediatric Center at Anderson Regional Medical Center. The students’ goal was to “brighten a sick child’s day” and they definitely completed their mission. Representing their classes are, down front, seated, Brian Todd; then from left, Lela Jones, Roxie Keen, London Seale, Emmy Cooper and Destiny Kidd.
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