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Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center Awarded Center of Distinction Status
The Laurel Regional Hospital Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center is one of only four centers in the state of Maryland to earn Center of Distinction Status for 2015 from Healogics, the largest provider of advanced wound care services in the United States. Out of 512 eligible Healogics wound care centers nationally, only 221 achieved this award. Laurel Regional Hospital Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction higher than 92 percent, and a minimum wound healing rate of at least 91 percent within 30 median days.

Prince George’s Hospital Center TJC Continuous Readiness Tips and Tools
As we continue to prepare for Joint Commission, here are a few tips and tools you should follow if you encounter a Joint Commission representative:

- Remember, you could be asked to talk about how we provide safe patient care. If you do not know the answer, state that you know where to find the answer — know your resources. If asked:
  - **Who**: All Employees working with Personal Health information
  - **What**: Personal Health Information
    - Turn papers over that have personal health information on it
    - Keep information covered
    - Do not share information with unauthorized individuals

If you need more information, you can reference “Safeguards for Privacy Protection and Access to Protected Information,” 260-30; TJC Chapter Management of Information or contact Meredith Harrison, corporate compliance, at x34020. Educational Tips & Tools are also available on the Intranet homepage under the Joint Commission Tab or call the TJC Continuous Readiness Education Line at 301-618-3746.

Celebrate National Hospital Week
The hospital is more than just a place where people go to heal or receive treatment when sick or injured. During National Hospital Week, Dimensions Healthcare System celebrates the hundreds of employees who work together 24 hours a day, 365 days a year as OneTeam, to ensure quality medical care is available to every person in Prince George’s County and the surrounding area. DHS is proud to acknowledge and celebrate its employees, who tirelessly serve patients and the community each and every day. Thank you for all that you do for our patient, their families and each other!

Due for Your Annual Health Review
Get your annual health review done this Saturday! The Prince George's Hospital Center Employee Health Office will be open with full service this Saturday, May 14, 8:00am-4:30pm. Please call the Employee Health Office at 301-618-3150 if you would like to make an appointment to be seen on this day. Walk-in times are available as well.
Bike Tour in Need of Volunteers
The 3rd Annual Heart & Health Bike Tour will take place on Saturday May 21, 2016, at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Volunteers are needed to help make this day a success! Assistance is welcomed at registration, the water stations, and for set-up and breakdown. The day cannot happen without the help of volunteers. If you are interested and willing to assist, please complete the attached form and return to Sabra Wilson, community based health manager, at Sabra.Wilson@dimensionshealth.org. All volunteers are welcome. Questions? Call 240-568-3460 or ext. 73460. Please share with others who may be interested, including students, who will receive community service hours.

Another Successful Bowie Health Center Casino Night
The Bowie Health Center Foundation celebrated its 13th Annual Casino Night on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The theme was Kentucky Derby inspired with delicious food, a silent auction and raffle, and lots of casino-style games. It was a full house and everyone enjoyed all the festivities. All of the silent auction items were sold and the foundation is proud to report that this event raised the most money in its history! The funds raised will go to purchase retina equipment for Dimensions Surgery Center.

Volunteers Needed for Bowie Fest
It’s time for BowieFest! The daylong event is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at Allen Pond Park in Bowie. Dimensions Healthcare System (DHS) will have four tables and, as usual, volunteers are needed. The volunteer shifts are only two hours long, which leaves plenty of time to enjoy the festival offering delicious food, performances and children’s amusements including pony rides and a moon bounce. There will be craft vendors around the lake, as well as many business vendors in the ice rink building. The DHS tables are located inside of the ice rink. The two-hour volunteer shifts begin at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. If you are able to donate a few hours of your time to help us out, it will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact Judy Bloor, office coordinator of administration, at 301-809-2035 and provide your cell phone number. The event will take place rain or shine!

May is Stroke Awareness Month
More than 750,000 Americans suffer from stroke each year. In the U.S, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and the number one cause of disabilities. On May 4, the Prince George's Hospital Center stroke team hosted a stroke screening and wellness event. This event was organized to increase the awareness of the risk factors and warning signs in order to reduce the incidence of stroke. More than 70 individuals, including community members, visitors and staff, participated. The event included distribution of stroke educational materials and handouts, as well as hosting one-on-one lectures and discussions. Stay tuned for the next event, which will be held on May 26.

Scrub Sale a Success
Prince George’s Hospital Center Guild members would like to thank everyone for supporting the Uniform Sale held on May 5 and May 6, 2016. The hospital is now uniformed with a variety of bright colors so our hard working staff stands out even more! The next sale will be held Thursday, June 16, 2016. It’s a great fundraiser and The Guild looks forward to your continued support.

Inspirational Quote
“Nurses, one of the few blessings of being ill.” - Sara Moss-Wolfe

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