

Health Matters

Your Health, Your Community, Your Syringa



Why Syringa Hospital Thrives

Leadership refusing to succumb to National Trends

You have security of mind knowing your district owned hospital isn't simply 'making it' - it is thriving. How is that possible? Statistics show that rural hospitals across the nation are being forced to close their doors, but Syringa Hospital, in the heart of Idaho County, remains strong.

This is made possible by visionary leaders within the hospital in 2008 and 2009 that saw the importance of the electronic health records (EHR) movement. With diligent work, Syringa was able to go live with the EHR in 2011. Just seven months after going live, SHC achieved HIMSS Analytics Stage 6, becoming the first hospital in Idaho and one of only 229 hospitals worldwide to achieve this level of EHR adoption. HIMSS Analytics is the health-care technology industry's leading resource and describes Stage 6 hospitals as having achieved a significant advancement in their IT capabilities that positions them to successfully address many of the upcoming industry transformations expected in the near future. The four years following this stage achievement,

SHC received national Most Wired Awards from Hospitals & Health Networks magazine, the most recent received in 2015.

This is but one example to show the clarity of Syringa's leadership as they position the hospital for the future and lay groundwork for the next growth areas in improving patient care. The next big push is for "interoperability" - the ability to share patient information between and among the variety of medical professionals in the region so that our patients experience seamless care, regardless of where they are seen.

As a resident of the Syringa Hospital District, you can have security and confidence that your hospital will continue to be here to take care of you, your children and your children's children. SHC is forever grateful for the support of a wonderful hospital district, loyal community members, and dedicated employees. The hospital is alive because of you; it thrives through the loyalty of each and every individual it is surrounded by. Thank you!



Here to serve, here to support

Addition of services to better assist patients

The Primary Care Clinic has recently added Medical Social Worker, Maja Ledgerwood, LMSW, to the staff. Ledgerwood is a native Idahoan from Caldwell, and loves being an advocate for patients and their families. She is introducing Case Management to SHC patients, along with multiple other social services.

Case management services are offered to patients who may need assistance locating community resources or coordinating care with specialists. Case Managers are highly qualified, licensed social workers who have experience with medical social work roles, chronic illnesses and a variety of populations and specialize in caring for people with complex health care needs.

Other social services Ledgerwood provide include:

- Bereavement
- Education
- Emotional support/coping skills
- Complicated discharges
- Support groups
- Biopsychosocial-spiritual care
- Community resource referral

If you have any questions or would like more information on any of these services, Ledgerwood can be reached by calling 208-983-8590.

Mark your calendar!

- May 3, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Hospital Remodel Ribbon Cutting Celebration – Syringa Hospital
- May 21, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
FREE Health Fair – Grangeville High School
- June 4, 9 a.m.
Just For the Hill of It Bike Challenge
'Old' White Bird Hill

CPR/First Aid Classes

Due to low attendance in 2015, CPR classes have not been scheduled for 2016. Those who need a card can take the online course from AHA and have any instructor do the hands on skills check, which takes about one hour.

If a group of six or more people need cards, a class can be set up by contacting Max at maxpelham@msn.com Max is also available for hands on skills check for those who take the online course.

