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Elliott Mertes Honored with PipelineRx Nursing Award

PipelineRx recently honored **Elliott Mertes**, RN, Critical Care Unit, with a Nursing Award in recognition of his exceptional partnership and collaboration. Elliott has worked at CGH since 2006.

CGH Medical Center uses PipelineRx for after hours pharmacy coverage. The PipelineRx Nursing Award is derived from the quality and education side of their company.



Presenting the PipelineRx Nursing Award to Elliott Mertes, RN (middle) included (left to right): Chris Ciolko, Owing Partner of PipeLineRx; Renee Stach, BSN, RN, CSRN, Assistant Manager of Critical Care and Cardiac Rehab; Matt Hammer, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy; and Amber Locke, PipelineRx Account Manager.

According to PipelineRx, "All the nurses at CGH Medical Center are great, but one definitely stands out and that is Elliott Mertes."

"Elliott is awesome. No matter what time of the night he calls, Elliott is upbeat, friendly and such a nice person to work with. Elliott is always extremely knowledgeable of his patients and you can tell he cares. Elliott is just one of the many nurses at CGH that make it the great place that it is."

Congratulations, Elliott, on this deserving honor!

PipelineRx is a leader in comprehensive medication management solutions designed to advance pharmacy towards more outcomes-focused patient care. More than 500 facilities in the U.S. and Canada depend on PipelineRx each day to process more than 20 million medication orders annually. Combining the cloud-based platform, PowerGridRx™, with expert clinical pharmacy solutions, PipelineRx delivers a holistic approach that connects patients to their medications across care settings, and helps healthcare organizations of all sizes improve patient outcomes while reducing cost. For more information about PipelineRx, please visit www.pipelinex.com.



HAPPY
Valentines
DAY



CGH Inpatient Pharmacy Employee Open House

The CGH Inpatient Pharmacy hosted an employee open house on Wed., February 5th. Over 100 employees enjoyed refreshments while touring the department.

The newly remodeled 6900 square foot space includes a new workspace for CGH Home Nursing/Infusion, a medication receiving room, a negative pressure hazardous drug room, two negative pressure clean rooms, a 24 hour use hood, a medication compounding area, storage, breakroom, and office space/workstations for CGH's ten pharmacists, ten technicians and the pharmacy buyer.

The space also includes a fully automated medication carousel that holds 65-70% of CGH's medications and communicates with the Pyxis machines throughout the hospital. To streamline the process of their Pyxis pulls, the carousel program automatically rotates to the location of the proper medication and tells the pharmacists exactly how many need to be pulled. Medications, bin locations, etc. are all confirmed through a scanning device to ensure that no errors are made.



Beth Jacobs, Matt Hammer & Chris Fleming



Medication Carousel

Coronavirus Update



Infection Control would like to take a moment to provide some information about the novel Coronavirus as it is gaining a lot of attention in the media.

The novel Coronavirus causes respiratory illness and was first identified in China. It is spread by close person-to-person contact from droplets from a cough or sneeze. There are not many cases in the US, so the risk of contracting it in our community is **very low**. While the risk remains low, CGH has implemented measures to align with recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

These measures include:

- Patients in both the hospital and our outpatient facilities are being screened for travel to China and for symptoms associated with the virus.
- Any patient who has traveled to China and has symptoms consistent with this new virus will be asked to wear a mask and will be taken to a private room for evaluation.
- Infection Control will be notified immediately by the staff and will make necessary recommendations.
- Signs are placed throughout our facilities asking patients to tell health care staff immediately if they have traveled and are experiencing respiratory symptoms.
- Departments are conducting inventory to ensure an adequate amount of PPE (personal protective equipment) is available.
- Infection Control Department has been and will continue to monitor the recommendations and provide revisions as needed.



CGH Main Clinic Introduces Danelle Saunders, APRN, FNP-C Cardiology

CGH Medical Center is pleased to introduce Danelle Saunders, APRN, FNP-C. Danelle joins the Cardiology department at CGH Main Clinic.

A CGH employee since 2014, Danelle received her MSN and BSN from Chamberlain University in Downers Grove. A board certified family nurse practitioner by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Danelle is certified in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.



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Caring Fund Scholarship

Congratulations to **Morgan Pope** (*Pediatrics*), winner of the CGH Employee Caring Fund Scholarship for the spring semester. Morgan works as a Health Unit Coordinator/CNA in the Float department at the hospital.



Morgan Pope

CGH Employee Caring Fund Coat Drive



Many people lack enough warm clothing to stay protected throughout winter, and lack the money to buy that clothing. The CGH Employee Caring Fund is currently accepting donations for clean, reusable coats and jackets to be distributed free to children and adults in our community.

Please submit donations to the Business Office in the Main Clinic lobby.

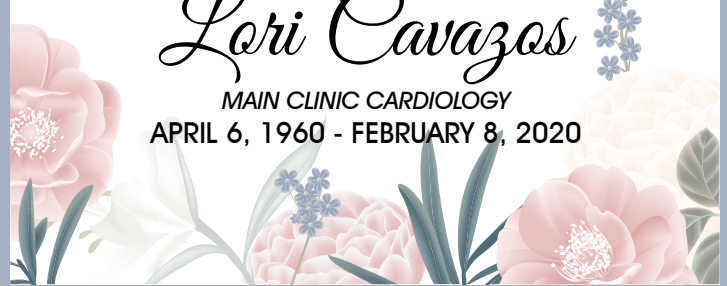
An advertisement for a scrub sale. It features a blue scrub top on the left. The text reads: "Scrubbs On-Site Sale Tuesday, February 18th 6:30 am - 4 pm RYBERG AUDITORIUM Payroll Deduct, Cash, & Credit Card". Below that, it says "CGH Logo Apparel Online Store: Feb. 19-29 Payroll Deduct & Credit Card". At the bottom, there is a "#SCRUBS" logo and "Sponsored by CGH Auxiliary".



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lori Cavazos

MAIN CLINIC CARDIOLOGY
APRIL 6, 1960 - FEBRUARY 8, 2020



February New Employees



Front Row (L - R): Nate Coulson (CNA, Surgical Floor); Kim Lenarz (Check-In Representative, Business Services); Samuel Covarrubias (Cafeteria Worker, Dietary); Madison Korstick (Cafeteria Worker, Dietary)

Back Row (L - R): Cally Hibbard (CNA, Pediatrics - Clinic); Landi Tichler (Receptionist, Orthopaedics - Clinic); Kathleen Sciacero (Receptionist, Rheumatology - Clinic); Kaleigh Tarbill (CNA, Medical Floor); Colton Smith (Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy)



Front Row (L - R): Elizabeth Reed (RN, Float - Clinic/Oral Surgery); Kinnedy Poff (HUC/CNA, Emergency Department); Shaylee Baumgart (Switchboard Operator, Float - Clinic); Donna Carter (Section Supervisor, Laboratory)

Back Row (L - R): Becca Mayberry (HUC/CNA, Emergency Department); Penny Capesius (Respiratory Care Practitioner, Respiratory Care); Emily Fisher (CNA, Oncology - Clinic); Alyssa LaMendola (Switchboard Operator, Patient Access)

FEBRUARY 2020

Employee of the Month



Breah Sharp
RN, BSN, Emergency Department



I live in: Morrison

Joined CGH on: November 24, 2014

Education: BSN from Allen College and currently working on MSN

Family: Husband, Brandon; daughter, Brooklyn; and puppy, Millie

Proudest Achievement: Becoming a nurse! I love what I do - especially in the Emergency department. I am so incredibly honored to be nominated for this award by my coworkers. My ED crew is my second family and I work with the most amazing people on the planet. I couldn't do this job without their encouragement and support. Thank you all!

Hobbies: Spending time with my 2 favorite people: my husband and daughter! I love DIY home improvement projects and being crafty. I also love learning to do new things like trying new recipes and using power tools.

Breah is a blessing to CGH's Emergency Department! She genuinely cares about not only her patients but her co-workers too. She remains positive during the most difficult times and her smile is infectious. Breah is always ready and willing to help her co-workers and is such a pleasure to work with.

~ Randy Sturtevant, RN, Emergency Department; Sandy Huizenga, Shift Coordinator; and Taylor Colville, Medication Reconciliation Technician, Emergency Department

We congratulate her on being chosen February's Employee of the Month.

Purpose, Worthwhile Work, Making a Difference!

National Wear Red Day • February 7

