

St. Claire Regional Family Medicine Receives Award for Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Record

The Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization (NeKY RHIO) nominated St. Claire Regional (SCR) Family Medicine to receive an award at the 2012 Kentucky eHealth Summit in Lexington. SCR Family Medicine was recognized for being a leader in achieving "Meaningful Use" of electronic health records (EHR) and a valued member of NeKy RHIO. Only seven medical practices were nominated from the NeKy RHIO region.

In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) established incentives for hospitals and medical practices to become early adopters of an EHR system. This legislation linked the use of electronic health record systems to Medicaid/Medicare payments, with compensation reductions, beginning in 2015 for practices that have not implemented an EHR. As part of ARRA, practices and hospitals who prove meaningful use by meeting a strict set of requirements will receive reimbursement payments to offset the software and hardware expense of moving to an EHR.

SCR Family Medicine began implementing an EHR in 2007, even before federal mandates required it. To date, SCR Family Medicine has received \$552,500 for meeting Meaningful Use Stage I and is on target to meet Stage II by 2014.

For patients, the integrated EHR used by the SCR Family Medicine network has improved the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare by having each patient's full medical record available at



Award presented by Andrew Bledsoe, NeKy RHIO (pictured) and Kayla Rose, Executive Director NeKy RHIO (not shown) to SCR Family Medicine staff, Linda Griggs, Informatics Analyst, Mary Jane Humkey, Medical Director, Janet Stewart, Clinic Coordinator/RN and Charlotte Walker, Clinic Operations Director (not shown)

all five locations and at the hospital.

St. Claire Regional Family Medicine has clinic locations in Bath, Carter, Elliott, Menifee and Rowan counties. To schedule an appointment with a location near you please contact (606) 783-6814.



St. Claire Regional receives \$10,000 Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Grant

St. Claire Regional Medical Center (SCR) has been awarded a \$10,000 Susan G. Komen for the Cure® grant to support the organization's breast cancer screening program for under-served and uninsured women in eastern Kentucky.

"St. Claire Regional has a mission of serving the people of eastern Kentucky," explained Charlotte Lewis, St. Claire Regional's Administrative Director for Diagnostic Services. "This grant allows us to provide care for women who might otherwise skip this important, life-saving screening."

The grant has helped SCR to establish the St. Claire Regional Appalachian Breast Care Program. The program will utilize grant funding to provide free screening mammograms to 40 underinsured or uninsured women from across SCR's service area. Participants traveling long distances to obtain their free mammogram at the St. Claire Regional Women's Imaging Center will receive a \$25 gas card to offset travel expense. Additional funds have also been allocated to provide further diagnostic ultrasounds should a participant's mammogram identify a questionable area.

To help continue the fight against breast cancer, SCR staff members joined more than 5,000 people at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure[®] event in Lexington, KY on October 6. The hospital provided a breast cancer education booth in the grant recipient's section of the event and handed out women's screening information. Additionally, several SCR staff expressed support by taking part in the 5K walk/run.



(left to right) Charlotte Lewis, Conner Livingood, Tammy Jenkins, Kacie Bledsoe, Jessica Robinson and Mary Horsley represented SCR at an educational booth at the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure event, (not pictured: Regina Thompson, Riley Thompson)



(front) Regina Thompson, Riley Thompson (back) Kacie Bledsoe, Mary Horsley, (not pictured: Jessica Robinson and Charlotte Lewis) represent SCR by walking in the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure

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Randy McCleese, St. Claire Regional Chief Information Officer, led a question and answer session with, Farzad Mostashari, M.D., the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the CHIME Fall Forum on October 17 in Palm Springs, California



NEWS

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and St. Claire Regional Hospice and Palliative Care wants to ensure people understand what a valuable resource is available in Rowan and surrounding counties.

"Coping with a serious or life-limiting illness is not easy. In fact, it might be the hardest work you'll ever do. Working with doctors and hospitals, navigating the maze of care needs, figuring out insurance coverage, all in addition to



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Living life as fully as possible is what hospice and palliative care are all about. Hospice brings you and your family compasionate care when a cure isn't possible. Palliative care power does careful at a guode tarker in the course of a serious liness. Together hospice and palliative care provide sublinos beyond traditional medical lare. Nost importably, hospice brings you and your family confront, low and respect.

taking care of your family can be overwhelming," said Robin Franklin, Director of St. Claire Regional Hospice and Palliative Care. "We want the community to know that there's help available that brings comfort, love and respect when they're most needed."

St. Claire Regional's hospice and palliative care are different than traditional healthcare services. Hospice provides pain management, symptom control, support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Palliative care makes these services available earlier in the course of an illness.

Together, hospice and palliative care combine the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that are so important for patients and family caregivers coping with serious and life-limiting illness.

"We're working hard all year round to make sure people know the full range of services that we provide in the community," added Franklin. "Yet during November, we ramp up our efforts to raise awareness of the high-quality care that's available."

For more information about St. Claire Regional Hospice and Palliative Care please contact (606) 783-6812.

This is to express the appreciation of the family of Malcolm Roe for the professional and compassionate care given by St. Claire Regional Hospice and Palliative Care.

Our beloved husband, father and grandfather was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday, August 29 and passed away on Sunday, September 2. The care given by your organization was outstanding.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Ann Colbert and the nurses and staff in with hospice and palliative care. Dr. Colbert kept the family informed of exactly what was going on throughout the difficult final stages of Dad's life, offering compassion and uncommon patience in answering all of our questions and discussing any issues we were unsure of. The nurses and other staff showed a love and commitment level to patient comfort that is sorely missing in many medical facilities. Please pass our thanks to each of them.

Our family will have fond memories of our last days with Dad in no small part because of the service of these top-notch caregivers. The Morehead area is fortunate to have them all.

Sincerely,

Wayne Roe, son of Malcom Roe, on behalf of the entire Malcolm Roe family.

Burrows Family to Travel to Zambia for Medical Mission



Postpartum ward at a hospital in Zambia

submitted by: Craig Burrows, MD

From December 19, 2012 to January 8, 2013, our family of 6 will work with Drs. Dan and Joan Jones in Zambia.

Having followed Dan and Joan's experience in Zambia through newsletters and then hearing the presentation of the need in that country, we have decided to spend some time there working with them.

I have been a physician at St. Claire Regional since 1996 and Brenda has served as Finance Director and now an ICU nurse over that time and we have been committed to St. Claire Regional's mission to 'Proclaim God's goodness through a healing ministry to the people of Eastern Kentucky'. We have also extended St. Claire Regional's mission around the world with short term medical missions to Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru and Congo.

During the winter of 2002, when our children were aged 2 to 11, we spent a month in the Democratic Republic of Congo, working at a jungle hospital. The effect that experience had on us as a family was immense.



Josiah, Craig, Rachael and Brenda Burrows (Luke not pictured)

To this day, all of us refer to various aspects of our time there, the work we were able to do and the impact on our lives. Now that Brenda is an ICU nurse and Rachael and Josiah are in the premed program at the University of Kentucky, we hope we can have a large impact in a short time by helping Dan and Joan in the hospital, outpatient clinic and the community in Zambia. Both Rachael and Josiah have spent a number of hours volunteering at SCR. They were both AHEC Rural Health Scholars and shadowed health care providers over the last 3 years. They are also in the AHEC "Letters from Home" program and are preparing for careers in medicine.

Luke, our 12 year old, said, "Zambia will have a big impact on my life and maybe make me want to go into medicine. If you see someone that doesn't have a home and doesn't know if they will eat tomorrow you realize that you don't have it bad. This will make me want to help people more than I do."

Those are some of the reasons for our decision to go to Zimbia, Zambia, Africa this December to serve with Drs Dan and Joan Jones at the Zimbia hospital.



A group of pregnant Zambian women out side the hospital in Zambia

We request your prayers for the following:

- That travel preparations will continue to go smoothly
- That we will prepare spiritually to see what God can do in us and through us there
- For safe travel there and back and while we are in the country

You can be involved even if you can't go on a medical mission trip. If you would like to join us by giving financially to this effort, the St. Claire Foundation has established a fund for the Zambia mission. You can donate online at www.st-claire.org , click on "Online donations", and follow the steps from there. To designate the gift, mark "Other" and type "Burrows Zambia trip" in the box. Checks can be sent to St. Claire Foundation, 222 Medical Circle, Morehead,KY 40351. Write "Burrows Zambia trip" in the memo.

We thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Go to http://www.facebook.com/ BurrowsZambia to follow us on our adventure.



To Benefit the Alzheimer's Association

Saturday, November 10th Center for Health, Education and Research

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. • Race begins at 10:00 a.m. Race Timing Provided by JOHN'S RUN/WALK SHOP

Early Bird Deadline: Monday, October 29th

T-shirt guaranteed to all who register prior to early deadline! <u>Early Bird fee</u> Adults: \$20 Kids (4-12): \$10 3 & Under: FREE

Entry Fee after October 29th - Race Day Adults: \$25 Kids (4-12): \$15

Register Online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/TurkeyTrot2012 Join Us for a Free Race Day Health Fair 9:00 am -11:00 am

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Dr. Jack D. Ellis Book Signing Friday, November 2, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Jack D. Ellis is a native of Morehead, Ky and the retired Director of Libraries and Professor of Library Science at Morehead State University. Jack served in the Army Air Corps from 1944-1947.

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St. Claire Regional Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Free Health Screenings and Breast Exams



Jennifer Campbell receives a bone density scan



Women's Imaging Center staff pose for a photo



Frannie Merritt, CNM discusses women's health during the event.

In honor of breast cancer awareness month the St. Claire Regional Women's Imaging Center hosted an open house and free health screening event Friday, October 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Women were invited to visit the center and participate in free breast exams, health screenings, enjoy refreshments and experience the relaxed environment of the Women's Imaging Center.

Over 50 women attended the event and 34 women received free screenings. Women were encouraged to take advantage of the wide

range of free health screenings offered during the event. St. Claire Regional medical staff provided free breast exams, cholesterol screenings, bone density screenings and blood pressure readings. Beverly Powell and Margaret Ashcraft, with the American Cancer Society's Look Good Feel Better program provided hand paraffin hand treatments. Additionally, the Rowan County Health Department provided information on available services and funding for under insured individuals.

St. Claire Regional HomeCare Holds Annual Board of Directors Meeting



(from left to right) Jackie Jackson, RN, Dr. Charles Derrickson, Michael Gray, Linda Skidmore, RN attend the SCR HomeCare Board of Directors Meeting

In September, St. Claire Regional HomeCare held its annual Board of Directors meeting. The Board is comprised of community members, representatives from other health care organizations and SCR staff. St. Claire Regional HomeCare reported data such as utilization reports, financials, performance improvement data and tracking.

St. Claire Regional HomeCare is a comprehensive in-home service system comprised of home health, hospice & palliative care and home medical equipment. The committed staff includes nurses, therapists and aides working as a team to help meet virtually every home care need.

2011 St. Claire Regional HomeCare Board of Directors

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Sister Margaret Mouch	Carolyn Taylor, RN
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UPCOMING C.E.Programs

November 1 | Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma

10:20 am - 12:30 pm CHER 416 Credit: Nursing RSVP with KaSandra Stone at ext. 6830 or KNStone@st-claire.org

November 2 | Tumor Board

7:30 am - 9:00 am TeleCare Conference Room Credit: ACPE, Category 1 AMA, Nursing

November 2 | Faculty Development Conference

12:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rowan County Arts Center Credit: Category 1 AMA RSVP with Kacie Bledsoe at 606.783.8995 or KDBledsoe@st-claire.org

November 7 | Journal Club

8:00 am - 9:00 am SCR Education Room Credit: Category 1 AMA

November 8 | ACLS Renewal

9:00 am - 4:30 pm CHER 102D RSVP with KaSandra Stone at 6830 or KNStone@st-claire.org

November 13 | Morbidity and Mortality

8:00 am - 9:00 am SCR Education Room Credit: Category 1 AMA

November 15 | CPI: Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

8:00 am - 3:00 pm CHER 102ABC Credit: Nursing RSVP with Mary Staton at ext. 6664 or MRStaton@st-claire.org

November 15 | PALS Renewal

9:00 am - 4:30 pm CHER 102D RSVP with KaSandra Stone at 6830 or KNStone@st-claire.org

November 16 | Tumor Board

8:00 am - 9:00 am TeleCare Conference Room Credit: ACPE, Category 1 AMA, Nursing

November 29 & 30 | PALS Provider

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CHER 102D Credit: Nursing, Category 1 CME RSVP with KaSandra Stone at ext. 6830 or KNStone@st-claire.org

NEWS & EVENTS

SCR Auxiliary Purse Sale

Date: November 5 and 6 **Location:** Café A and B

For additional information contact Thelma Johnson, ext. 6517

Books R Fun - Book Sale

Date: November 19 -20 **Location:** Café A and B

For additional information contact Thelma Johnson, ext. 6517

SCR Auxiliary Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Date: November 20 **Location:** Second Floor Hallway

For additional information contact Thelma Johnson, ext. 6517

SCR Tree Lighting

Date: November 28 Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: SCR Lobby

Join SCR staff as we welcome the holiday season with prayer, music and refreshments.



Have an article **NEWSBRIEF** or event to submit for the Newsbrief?

Please send articles and/or information to be placed in the SCR Newsbrief to <u>jlrobinson@st-claire.org</u>.

Visit the SCR website at www.st-claire.org/newsbrief to read past editions of the SCR Newsbrief.

NEED A CAMERA TO COVER A SCR EVENT?



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