



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting  
Riverton 5/20

WHA Trustee Education  
Riverton 5/21

MPQH Infection Prevention Conference  
Casper 4/21-4/22

### Other Events:

AHA Annual Meeting  
Washington, DC 5/3-5/6

National Nurses Week 5/6-5/12

National Rural EMS Conference  
Cheyenne 5/5-5/6

## 2015 Nursing Education Summit – May 18-19

The UW Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing and the Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships are pleased to announce the agenda for the annual Nursing Education Summit.

This year's program will be held May 18-19 at UW Casper College – featuring an excellent schedule of educational presentations and topics of very timely interest.

The program begins on Monday afternoon with a series of breakout opportunities for participants to select specific areas of interest.

A variety of topics are available – including review of the ATI, as the nation's preeminent e-learning provider of nursing education.

ATI offers programs that have been proven to augment curriculum, revamp coursework and faculty development, improve student tests outcomes and lower attrition rates.

Additional breakout sessions will focus on the use of virtual simulation in improving competencies and active

learning strategies for effective concept-based curriculum.

The second day of the program will include a full schedule of presentations that will continue the theme from the opening breakouts in more specific detail and content. Concept based clinical learning will focus on creating clinical learning activities that provide consistent and sustained results at all levels of nursing education.

Wyoming simulation educators, Holly Miller and David Bodily will wrap up the afternoon with full review and exploration of state-of-the-art concepts in simulation education.

For nurses seeking continuing education credits, this program has been fully approved for 5.0 contact hours to be awarded for participation in this Wyoming-based event.

There is no registration fee for the Nursing Education Summit – so is indeed clearly an excellent opportunity to gain these quality educational credits.

Additional details or questions can be directed to Kathy Luzmoor  
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In addition, also very timely to inform Wyoming hospitals and nursing leaders that applications are now being accepted for the 2015-16 Wyoming Nursing Leadership Institute (WNLi).

This statewide program is sponsored by the Wyoming Nursing Association and has served wonderful purpose over the past number of years in backgrounding nurse leaders for excellence in their important roles and responsibilities in our Wyoming hospitals.

The opening session of this year's WNLi program is scheduled to take place September 23-26 in Casper.

Questions regarding WNLi or to request application materials can be directed to Sue Howard, RN at Campbell County Memorial Hospital  
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*Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight*



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## WCHS Opens Retail Pharmacy

Weston County Health Services (WCHS) has opened the doors to a new retail pharmacy on April 6 with three pharmacists and four technicians.

WCHS began discussing the possibilities more than two years ago, and the Board of Directors moved forward to prioritize it into the Hospital's Strategic Plan.

The goal has always had the residents of Weston

County in mind as they strive to provide quality patient care at the best price for customers. Fortunately, this philosophy attracted other pharmacists who share in the desire to provide great customer service.

WCHS is thankful to the local businesses and contractors who helped with the remodel of the new store, located at 727A Washington Blvd.

New signage easily iden-

tifies both the pharmacy and Home Health.

As always, in meeting the Mission of WCHS, the Hospital remind everyone that they are a rural healthcare provider of accessible, quality, and compassionate care, this newest addition is another example of the vision to provide quality healthcare in a caring environment to improve the health of the community.

## WSHE Spring Meeting

The Wyoming Society of Healthcare Engineering (WSHE) will hold their spring meeting/seminar May 6 & 7; at the Casper Parkway Plaza.

This is an opportunity for anyone involved with healthcare engineering to get valuable education and training.

The seminar is free to all members of WSHE. Not a member? No problem, you can join or renew at the conference.

The education to be provided includes segments on refrigeration, med-gas

codes, air-cooled chillers, life safety code, boiler chemistry/maintenance, legionella treatment, and many other topics.

Besides education, there is a vendor booth area. "The education is invaluable, but I get a huge amount of knowledge talking to the vendors" according to Irv Diderrich (Sheridan Memorial Hospital Facility Supervisor).

In addition to the scheduled classes, and vendor booths, the ability to network with your peers is invaluable.

There will be a change in the agenda for the education sessions this year. Past years have spread the education over 3 days, This year, we will fit all the education classes in two days (to save travel dollars)

If you are a maintenance technician, facility manager or healthcare engineer, you should attend the seminar.

For more information, visit the WSHE website at [www.wyoshe.us](http://www.wyoshe.us)

## KEPRO Update

mines whether skilled services need to continue.

KEPRO has recently added a new feature to the website, [ww.keproqio.com](http://ww.keproqio.com).

Providers and beneficiaries can now access case status information directly from the website without having to call the BFCC-QIO.

It's as simple as putting

in the case number and the state, and a status update will appear. When the case is complete, the decision will also be listed along with the financial liability date.

KEPRO hopes this new feature will give providers and beneficiaries easy access to the most up-to-date information available.