

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting Riverton	5/16
Trustee Education Program Riverton	5/17

Other Events:

WSHE Spring Meeting Casper	5/22-5/24
NE Wyoming Skin and Wound Symposium Sheridan	6/7-6/8

Clinical Resource Database – Hosted on WHA Website

An affiliation of organizations representing the interests of quality healthcare in Wyoming is pleased to announce the development of a new database of information available for public access.

The intent of this database is to provide an aggregated source of information for healthcare professionals, and all persons interested in infection prevention and health care quality.

The Infection Prevention Resource Database is the result of a collaborative effort among partners at the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA), Mountain-Pacific Quality Health – Wyoming, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), and the Wyoming Infection Prevention Advisory Group (WIPAG).

The database is being provided via the official WHA website at the address referenced below – and can be quickly accessed, directly through the tab labeled “Infection Prevention”.

The documents contained in this database have been compiled by those involved WIPAG as well as infection preventionists and healthcare quality leaders throughout Wyoming.

The roster of topics is extensive, with all materials posted having either been

carefully peer reviewed, or published as guidelines, recommendations, or specific mandates for evidence-based best practices and procedures.

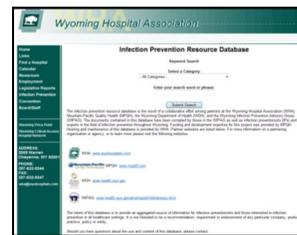
This effort is primarily driven in recognition of the increasing level of knowledge desired and interest expressed by the general public and hospital staff regarding effective health care practices – particularly in the areas of infection prevention, avoidance of adverse drug events, and general preventative measures.

Initial funding and development expertise for this project was provided by Mountain-Pacific, with hosting and maintenance of the database provided by the Wyoming Hospital Association.

WHA would like to personally recognize the efforts of Emily Thorp, Epidemiologist with the Wyoming Department of Health; Russ Forney, WDH State Surveyor; and Ellen Williams with MPQH – as these individuals have been very instrumental in formulating this plan and selecting the vast array of documents and reports to be utilized.

Consistent focus and attention on the quality of healthcare services, patient safety, and effective hospital protocols is clearly an ongoing effort, with opportunity for performance improvements and better education always at hand. WHA is pleased that this information

now being readily available with be of great benefit statewide – for providers and patients alike.



For more information on the partnering organizations and agencies, please visit the respective websites:

Wyoming Hospital Association (database host):

www.wyohospitals.com

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health: www.mpqhf.org

Wyoming Department of Health:

www.health.wyo.gov

Healthcare Licensing and Surveys:

www.health.wyo.gov/ohls/index.html

Epidemiology:

www.health.wyo.gov/phsd/epiid/index.html

Wyoming Infection Prevention Advisory Group:

www.health.wyo.gov/phsd/epiid/HAIAdvisory.html



Memorial Hospital’s Medical Office Groundbreaking

On Thursday, April 4th, both local and hospital officials took part in Memorial Hospital of Converse County’s groundbreaking ceremony for the hospital’s new 22,500 square foot medical office building.

The new state-of-the-art structure, located at 700 Center Street in Douglas, features best design practices from across the country

and will include provider offices, wellness services, lab services, radiology, and a separate urgent care clinic with extended evening and weekend hours.

The hospital expects completion of the project next winter.

CEO Ryan Smith, shared on the significance of the new medical office building along with Douglas Mayor,

Bruce Jones; Converse County Commissioner Chair, Jim Willox; Hospital CMO, Dr. James Morgan; and Hospital Trustee Chair, Bob Kayser.

The hospital’s new \$6.8 Million, self-funded project, is being managed by Erdman Healthcare Solutions, headquartered in Madison, WI.

Don’t forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight

Wyoming Chapter of Cancer Group for Young Adults

The Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium (WCCCC) is working to support the state’s young adult cancer survivors by bringing them together in a new group.

“We are looking for young adult cancer survivors to help start a Wyoming chapter of the ‘Stupid Cancer’ organization,” says Jessica Perez, WCCCC outreach coordinator with the Wyoming Department of Health.

Stupid Cancer is a national non-profit organiza-

tion designed to support young adults affected by cancer.

Perez said there were more than 557 young adult (between the ages of 15 and 39) cancer survivors living in Wyoming in 2009.

“Young adults are a largely overlooked and perhaps less understood group in the war on cancer,” she said. “For example, young adult survivors may have concerns that are different than older survivors such as fertility questions; body image; cognitive function; late

treatment effects; and issues related to education, employment and insurance.”

“Experts also tell us cancer survival rates for young adults have not improved as much as for other age groups,” Perez said. “It’s also believed that young adults have less likely to have insurance coverage, which may lead to delayed diagnosis and care for cancer.”

To get involved with the new chapter or for more information, please contact Perez at jessica.perez@wyo.gov or 307-777-7362.

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WMS Annual Meeting to be held in June

The 2013 Wyoming Medical Society Annual Meeting will be held July 7-9 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Laramie, Wyoming.

This year’s meeting brings 30 hours of Category 1 CME to choose from, and includes topics such as hormone therapy, latest in dermatology, updates in connective tissue disorders, adolescent depression and cyber bullying and coronary

artery disease updates.

The 2013 meeting will provide the perfect opportunity to enjoy networking with colleagues while taking advantage of valuable CME training.

Author, film produce and social innovator, Jim Owens, will be this year’s keynote speaker. Mr. Owens created the Center of Cowboy Ethics and Leadership to help spread the message

that “we can all be heroes in our own lives.”

Registration is available online at www.wyomed.org along with meeting details, a tentative agenda and more registration information.

