Healthgrades® Names Beebe One of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopaedic Surgery, Joint Replacement, and Spine Surgery

For the third year in a row (2012, 2013, 2014), Beebe Healthcare is one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopaedic Surgery, Joint Replacement, and Spine Surgery, according to a report from Healthgrades, a provider of information designed to help consumers decide which physicians or hospitals to choose.

The findings are part of Healthgrades’ Hospital Quality of Clinical Excellence Report 2014: Finding the Keys to Quality, which evaluates the performance of approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide across nearly 30 of the most common conditions and procedures. The 2014 performance outcomes are available free to the public at www.healthgrades.com.

To learn more about the Orthopaedic Services that Beebe and our Medical Staff can provide you and your patients please visit our website, www.beebehealthcare.org/patient-care-services/orthopaedic-services-beebe.

Orthopaedic Surgeon Ronald J. Wisneski, MD, Named Medical Director of Beebe HealthyBack

Ronald J. Wisneski, MD, a Board Certified orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in spinal reconstructive surgery, has been named Medical Director of Beebe HealthyBack, which is opening an outpatient clinic this spring at the Beebe Healthcare–Georgetown location.

Beebe HealthyBack provides non-surgical, tailored, one-on-one treatment to those with chronic back and neck pain. Dr. Wisneski will work with you to help your patients improve. The program includes care given by physical therapists, exercise physiologists, and health coaches.

Dr. Wisneski says he is enthusiastic for many reasons, including the research-based program’s focus on efficient use of diagnostic studies, exercise and strengthening, and the elimination of unnecessary surgery, narcotics, and sedating medications.

Dr. Wisneski has worked and taught at prestigious healthcare organizations such as The Ohio State University Medical Center, Geisinger Medical Center, and University of Pennsylvania. Call (302) 217-3000 for more information about Beebe HealthyBack or visit our website www.beebehealthcare.org/healthyback.
HEALTH eRECORD

Patients Obtain Their Health Records Online

Beginning March 9, Beebe began offering its patients easy and secure access to their health records through our Health eRecord system. The results of lab tests completed during recent hospital stays and Emergency Department visits and discharge instructions are documented and reported in this system. Interested patients receive instructions upon admission. Patients can call (877) 621-8014 for help.

MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Beebe Medical Foundation Names Thomas J. Protack Director of Development

The Beebe Medical Foundation has named Thomas J. Protack Director of Development. In his role, Mr. Protack will work closely with the Boards of Beebe Healthcare and the Beebe Medical Foundation, and the Foundation’s Board of Ambassadors to raise awareness and financial support for Beebe and the health services that it provides.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Diabetes Management Offers Classes for High-risk Patients

Beebe Healthcare Diabetes Management has added a new Self-pay Education class to its list of educational offerings for your patients at high risk for diabetes, but who do not have diabetes. The class includes information on healthy eating and disease prevention and is taught by registered dietitian Patricia Bradley, RD, MA, CDE. Education is one of several programs the department offers. Please call (302) 947-2500 for more information.

Getting In and Out of the Car Made Easier

Orthopaedic surgery patients and other patients who have movement and flexibility limitations due to their medical conditions or procedures are getting a rehab boost at Beebe’s Medical Center in Lewes with a device called “The WT-960 TRAN-SIT® Car Transfer Simulator.” Located in the Orthopaedic Unit on the 3rd floor, the TRAN-SIT patient training device looks like the inside of a car, complete with a bench seat, steering wheel, pedals, and functioning doors.

Beebe physical therapists use the device to educate patients on how to safely get in and out of their vehicles without hurting themselves, even if they use a wheelchair. While patients with new hip replacements have to be particularly careful to avoid dislocating the new joint, many non-orthopaedic patients also will benefit from this education. Beebe Rehab Services will make the education available to any patient who may benefit. Call Rehab Services at (302) 645-3235 for more information.

Beebe CAREs Gives Additional Support for High Risk Patients

The Beebe CAREs Outreach Care Coordination program is proving to be so successful in helping chronically ill patients manage their care and medical conditions that the program is now expanding with additional staff members. Beebe CAREs’ team of providers works one-on-one with patients and caregivers to coordinate a network of support and health services so that the patient can have an improved quality of life while remaining at home.

CAREs serves patients throughout southern Delaware who have experienced multiple hospital readmissions. Please call Beebe Healthcare’s Population Health at (302) 645-3337 for more information or to refer a patient.

Cindy Carevari, PTA, and Natalie Heller, COTA, use “The WT-960 TRAN-SIT Car Transfer Simulator” to educate patients on how to safely get in and out of their vehicles without hurting themselves.
Beebe: First in Delaware to Receive Baby-Friendly™ Designation

Beebe Healthcare is proud to announce that it has earned the designation as a Baby-Friendly™ Hospital, reflecting its commitment to the optimal level of care for infant feeding and mother-and-infant bonding.

Beebe Healthcare is the first organization in Delaware to earn this international designation, launched as part of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) in 1991 by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It recognizes birthing centers that successfully implement the “Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding” and the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes. BFHI advocates practices that protect, promote, and support breastfeeding, and has been implemented in more than 152 countries.

INTERNET-BASED SOLUTION

Making It Easier for You to Order Outpatient Services

Beebe has created a more convenient way for you to order outpatient services for your patients. Order Facilitator is an Internet-based solution for automating outpatient orders between hospital services and community physicians. It provides an electronic bridge for outpatient order submittal, receipt, and tracking.

BENEFITS TO YOU:

Efficiency: Enables your office to send orders for outpatient services in less than 90 seconds with no risk of them being incomplete or lost.

Integrated Medical Necessity Checking and Electronic Physician Signature: Provides Medical Necessity verification, authorization details, and an electronic signature feature.

Physician-to-Physician Referral System: Facilitates communication with other physician offices regarding patient referrals and consults.

Document Imaging Integration: Sends orders to Siemens for permanent order storage, so there are no lost or misplaced orders. You can submit non-scheduled testing orders and they will be accessible at any of our locations.

Provider Portal: Schedule select studies right into the scheduling system.

For more information, contact Andrea Newberry, Manager of Pre-Arrival Services, at (302) 864-5987.

BARIATRIC SURGERY

Bariatric Program Earns Re-accreditation

The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) has re-accredited Beebe Healthcare. This accreditation, formerly known as the Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence, means that Beebe has demonstrated that it has experienced and educated staff members, experienced surgeons, and standardized policies and procedures that promote a culture of safety and a focus on providing the best outcomes for bariatric surgery patients.

MBSAQIP

METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

COMMUNICATIONS

Patient Services Guide

Beebe has published a new Patient Services guide with updated information covering hospital, walk-in care, and outpatient services. The guide is available at the Medical Center in Lewes or by calling (302) 645-3468.
Have Your Patients Take Advantage of Beebe Healthcare Walk-In Care Services

We know that timely access to healthcare for your patients is very important. Please be aware that we have Walk-in Care services in Millsboro and Georgetown, as well as in Millville in the busy summer months.

Walk-in Care Services do not replace the primary care physician, but provide care when the physician’s office is closed. Information from visits to the Walk-In Care Center will be forwarded to your office with the patient’s permission.

Walk-In Care offers treatment for ailments such as:
- Upper respiratory infections such as sore throats, sinus infections, flu, laryngitis, allergies
- Ear, eye, and bladder infections
- Sprains and minor injuries
- Gastrointestinal complaints
- Skin problems such as minor rashes and burns
- Headaches
- Minor cuts and simple lacerations
- Limited medication refills

GEORGETOWN
21635 Biden Ave.
(Rt. 404/18 just west of Rt. 113)
(302) 856-9729
WALK-IN CARE*
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Daily, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

MILLSBORO
Rt. 113 (28538 DuPont Blvd.)
(just south of Rt. 24)
(302) 934-5052
WALK-IN CARE*
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Daily, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

MILLVILLE
Rt. 26 (203 Atlantic Ave.)
(302) 541-4175
WALK-IN CARE*
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Memorial Day Weekend–Labor Day
Daily, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sept. 5–Sept. 15, 2014
Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
*Beebe Physician Network

Beebe Nurse Leads the Medical Center’s Participation in National Stroke Association Research

Lynn Toth, RN, MSN, NP-C, a cardiovascular medical specialist at Beebe Healthcare, is one of five medical professionals to author a peer-reviewed article on stroke research that will appear in the August 2014 issue of Journal of Neuroscience Nursing.

The article, entitled “Steps Against Recurrent Stroke (STARS) Plus: Patient Transition Program," reports on the findings of a 12-month study in 2009 to determine whether a post-stroke program of targeted patient education and scheduled self-reported health assessments could affect future re-hospitalization rates. Beebe Healthcare was one of 12 hospitals to participate. Out of 261 patient participants, 72 were compliant for the full 12-month period. Lead author is Miranda Bretz, MA, of the National Stroke Association.

About Beebe Healthcare
Beebe Healthcare is a not-for-profit healthcare system that offers comprehensive medical care and outpatient services throughout Sussex County, Delaware. For more information, please visit us online at beebehealthcare.org.