Beebe Milestone: The 1,000th Patient Has Cardiac Surgery

In October 2013, Beebe Healthcare cardiothoracic surgeons M. L. Ray Kuretu, MD, and Nnamdi Azie, MD, performed the 1,000th cardiac surgery at the Medical Center in Lewes. Many at Beebe recognized the event as a milestone and an example of the advanced care that Beebe provides in southern Delaware.

Bethany Beach residents Bob Davis, the patient, and his wife Mary Davis were so happy with the care provided at Beebe that they have agreed to take part in promotional efforts.

“For me, it wasn’t about the number,” Dr. Kuretu, Medical Director of Cardiac Surgery, recalls. “Mr. Davis [the patient] was my concern. Each patient is important and each operation is important to help that patient.”

“Our patients do well,” Dr. Kuretu says. “Mr. Davis is an example. Today, he is living his life, and that makes me feel good.”

Beebe Home Health Agency Gets a New Name—and National Recognition for Giving Quality Care

Beebe Home Health Agency has a new name—Beebe Healthcare Home Care Services. The new name more accurately reflects where services are provided. Since 1985, Beebe’s home care professionals have been caring for and providing skilled services to people in their homes.

Beebe Healthcare Home Care Services has been named to the top 500 of the 2013 HomeCare Elite™, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States.

HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,969 agencies considered, 2,496 are elite.

Beebe Breast Health Program Granted Accreditation

Beebe Healthcare’s Breast Health program has been granted a three-year/full accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons. It is the only program in Delaware to receive a three-year accreditation from NAPBC to date.

Beebe’s breast-care experts provide comprehensive breast care for both women and men, and treat a wide range of breast conditions, including breast cancer and benign breast disease. The program offers treatment for breast cancer and fully accredited breast imaging services including mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound, and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy.

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BEEBE HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES

Beebe HealthyBack, a Comprehensive Treatment Solution for People with Chronic Back and Neck Pain

Beebe Healthcare is proud to announce Beebe HealthyBack, a comprehensive treatment solution for patients who suffer from chronic back and neck pain. Beebe HealthyBack was formed through a joint venture with Pure HealthyBack, whose mission is to redefine the way back and neck pain is treated in the United States.

Beebe HealthyBack is a physician-driven, person-centered treatment program unlike any other for patients suffering from chronic back and neck pain. Those who complete the program report significant increases in function and quality of life and decreases in pain.

The Beebe HealthyBack clinic will be located in the College Park Medical Pavilion in Georgetown and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2014. For more information on Beebe HealthyBack, please call (302) 645-3983. For more information about Pure HealthyBack, please visit www.PureHealthyBack.com.

The Cervical Extension machine is highly reliable for cervical extension strength testing and dynamic variable resistance training.

The State of Delaware
Domestic Violence Resource Manual for Healthcare Professionals
Prepared by the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
www.dvcc.delaware.gov
2011 Revised Edition

Beebe Healthcare Breaks Ground for the Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing $10 million Expansion Project

On December 14, 2013, Beebe Healthcare officially kicked off the construction project for the $10 million expansion of the Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing, located adjacent to the Medical Center in Lewes.

Sitting in the front row before the podium were R. Randall Rollins and Margaret (Peggy) H. Rollins, who in 2011 donated $3 million through their Ma-Ran Foundation toward the expansion and naming of the school, previously the Beebe School of Nursing. That donation remains the largest single donation that Beebe Healthcare has ever received.

The project, which is expected to be completed in 2015, will double the capacity of the school and will include replacing the 50-year-old dormitory with a new three-story, 18,000-square-foot building that will contain modern classrooms and clinical laboratories. A new 10,000-square-foot wing will house a classroom, a student lounge, and faculty offices.

One portion of the existing school will be remodeled to include an expanded library and computer lab, seminar rooms, and administrative offices. Upon completion, the expansion project will enable the facility to double the number of students it can accommodate each year from 30 to 60.
BEEBE HEALTHCARE IS A HIPEC CENTER

Beebe Healthcare’s Surgical Oncology Department Offers Cytoreductive Surgery (CS) and Hyperthermic Intra-peritoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC)

CS/HIPEC is an advanced procedure provided in an operating room by a team of highly skilled surgeons. It is considered as an option when cancer has spread into the abdomen, such as in the cases of advanced colon, ovarian, and appendiceal cancers. It is a long procedure that starts with cytoreductive surgery, which is an operation to remove any visible cancer. Then, the heated chemotherapy drug is infused into the abdominal cavity and circulated for as long as two hours. The HIPEC procedure, designed to destroy any remaining cancer cells directly, allows for minimal exposure to the rest of the body and fewer side effects.

For more information on HIPEC treatment offered at Beebe Healthcare, please contact Beebe Surgical Oncology at (302) 644-0964.

Beebe Healthcare Joins Leading Hospitals Around the Nation as an AIMIS Surgery Center of Excellence

The American Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery Center of Excellence Designation provides patients added assurance of best-in-class minimally invasive surgery excellence.

Beebe Healthcare has been designated as an American Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery Gynecological Surgery Center of Excellence. This accomplishment was achieved after passing a series of rigorous criteria established by AIMIS, the accrediting body.

The Gynecological Center of Excellence designation is important because it gives patients added assurance that Beebe has not only passed and exceeded existing norms for minimally invasive surgery quality and delivery, but also has physicians on staff who have achieved the AIMIS designation as accredited AIMIS physicians.

REHAB SERVICES

Beebe Healthcare Offers Rehab for Heart Failure Patients

Beebe Healthcare’s Cardiac Rehab program now offers a special rehab program designed specifically for patients who have been diagnosed with chronic heart failure. The comprehensive program includes education with nutritional information and an exercise regimen to meet the individual needs of each patient. Medicare will pay for this rehab. For more information, and to learn how to refer patients to this program, please call (302) 645-3514.

Mended Hearts donates new equipment for the new Heart Failure Rehab program.

TUNNELL CANCER CENTER

Annual Report Is Available Now!

The Tunnell Cancer Center annual report is available at Tunnell Cancer Center. It also is posted on the Beebe Healthcare website, http://www.beebehealthcare.org/sites/default/files/bb-CancerAR_2013_0.pdf.
Beebe Healthcare’s Surgical Services Provides Quality Care at Beebe Outpatient Surgery Center

Beebe Outpatient Surgery Center, located at the Beebe Health Campus on John J. Williams Highway, has been in operation since 2004. More than 30 surgeons and physicians perform a variety of outpatient procedures there, including those for hernias, rotator cuff repairs, and cataracts. There are three operating rooms, and there is space to add another.

The approximately 30 Beebe Healthcare Surgical Services Team members who work there are highly trained and experienced. The OR nurses and surgical technologists have received extensive training and certifications in this field of medicine. Pre-op and Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) nurses are also highly skilled, many with intensive care and emergency credentials.

“We are proud of our teams,” says Christine Sutherland, RN, BSN, MHA, Nurse Manager of both Beebe Outpatient Surgery Center and Beebe Endoscopy Center.

Examples of Procedures Performed at Beebe’s Outpatient Surgery Center

- General Surgery—hernias, for example
- Colorectal Surgery—hemorrhoids, for example
- Orthopaedic Surgery—knee arthroscopies, unicondylar knee replacements, shoulder surgeries
- Podiatric Surgery
- Ophthalmic Surgery—cataracts, blepharoplasties, YAG laser, corneal transplants
- ENT (ears, nose, and throat)—tonsillectomies, adenoidectomies, ear tubes, septoplasties, laryngoscopies, parotidectomies, sinus surgery with image guidance
- Endoscopy—colonoscopies, esophagoastroduodenoscopy (EGD)
- Urology Surgery
- Cancer Surgery with prostate brachytherapy
- Gynecology Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Pain Management

Beebe’s Outpatient Surgery Center Locations

Beebe has three centers for outpatient surgery offering patients and their families the convenience and comfort of a modern, same-day surgery facility.

Same Day Surgery
Main Campus—Lewes
424 Savanah Road • Lewes, Delaware
Phone: (302) 645-3300

Beebe Outpatient Surgery Center
Beebe Health Campus
18941 John J. Williams Highway
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
Phone: (302) 644-6992

Beebe Endoscopy Center
Adjacent to the physician practice
Beebe Gastroenterology Associates
33663 Bayview Medical Drive
Lewes, Delaware
Phone: (302) 644-0455

SAVE THE DATE

The Role of Carotid Stenting in 2014

February 12, 2014 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Beebe Healthcare—Georgetown, Delaware

Presented by Jonathan Kittredge, MD, Director of Vascular Services, Beebe Healthcare. For more details contact Mary Green, mgreen@beebehealthcare.com or (302) 645-3221.

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.