

Update from the Madison Valley Medical Center CEO



JOHN BISHOP, Chief Executive Officer

In the last twelve months, Madison Valley Medical Center (MVMC) has experienced tremendous enterprise success. Most notably, this success is attributable to increased patient volumes in our Emergency Department, which is up over 20%, Hospital which is up over 60%, and the Clinic up nearly 20%. Overall, these increased volumes have produced the largest twelve month income in our history and have exceeded last year's volumes by 37%.

Part of this growth can be ascribed to the two new medical providers Dr. Maura Davenport and Patrick Watson, PA-C who joined our medical staff last fall. Dr. Maura Davenport joined our staff after completing medical school at Michigan State University and finishing her residency in Grand Junction, Colorado. Dr. Davenport previously lived in Montana while attending graduate school at the University of Montana in Missoula. Patrick Watson, PA-C previously worked as a Physician Assistant in Trauma and Acute Surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. In addition, Patrick also has a history in Montana; he worked in the Emergency Department and Family Medicine Clinic at Ruby Valley Hospital in Sheridan. To adapt to the demands of a growing market and to better serve our patients we are hopeful that by the end of the year the Medical Center will bring on board additional medical staff as demand for our services continues to rise.

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With increased volumes and revenue come opportunities to bolster services and add new ones. Recently, we contracted with Bozeman Deaconess to provide outreach Urology Services locally at MVMC provided by J. Bruce Robertson, MD along with other specialty outreach services. For a complete list of these outreach services visit our website at: www.

mvmedcenter.org. We also made investments in vital technology. MVMC purchased new laboratory equipment that utilizes leading-edge technology to rapidly identify specific bacterial and viral infections as well as a chemistry analyzer and hematology machine. New colonoscopy equipment was also acquired. I wish to thank the Foundation's donors who made generous gifts so the purchase of

laboratory and colonoscopy equipment was made possible. Additionally, the Foundation established a new long-term capital fund to support the Medical Center with equipment purchases in the future. Technological innovation is tied to service delivery and we will continue to invest

in necessary lifesaving equipment for the benefit of the community.

Over the last few months MVMC has also gone through an upgrade to our Electronic Medical Record (EMR). A key component of this upgrade is our new patient portal. The patient portal is a Web-based access point that allows providers and patients to communicate and

share health information electronically, supplementing the ongoing management of patient care. If you have questions regarding the patient portal or would like to sign-up to facilitate communication with your healthcare provider with convenient and secure access from the comfort and privacy of your home, please call: 406-682-6605.

In closing, I thank you for your enduring support. We would not be the Medical Center we are today without the commitment and backing of the community. As always, if you have questions please call me directly at 406-682-6615.



Thank you for your



Here to Help You Maintain Your Active Lifestyle

The MVMC Physical Therapy Department is a licensed department that provides comprehensive rehabilitation services: physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy for both inpatient and outpatient settings. We strive to improve and maintain the health and independence of patients and our community.

Our clinicians plan and administer individualized treatment programs with the ultimate goal to promote a patient's ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability for those that have experienced an episode of impaired function, whether it is due to traumatic injury, acquired conditions, or congenital conditions. We have advanced training and a breadth of experience with patients of all ages from pediatrics to geriatrics and we are able to rehabilitate a wide variety of conditions: orthopedic, neck and back, neurological, general debility, vestibular/balance disorders, home safety, hand conditions, language disorders, memory/cognition, and swallowing disorders.

Equipment and technology play a very important role in physical therapy. Over the past years, we have made various equipment upgrades with the addition of a multi-station weight training machine which helps to increase strength and larger gains in functional tasks for patients. This vital equipment was donated by the MVMC Auxiliary, and we are forever grateful for their generous support.

As always, we are here to help you maintain your active lifestyle. Stay healthy. Hopefully, we only see you when you stop by to say "Hi" but we are here to help you maximize your function should the need arise.

- Dr. Andy Thomas, PT

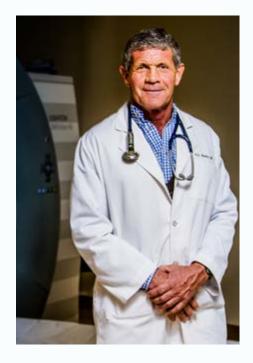
ICEJAM Discontinued

After two years of running its on-line raffle, the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation has chosen to retire its IceJam fundraiser due to disappointing time slot sales. The Foundation thanks those individuals who supported IceJam over the years and to Tom Norby, owner of Fox Alarm, for his unwavering dedication in all types of weather to install and service the camera which recorded the date and time within one hour that the Madison River ice gorges at the Ennis Bridge.

Bug Bites



It's the Season for Bugs...



DOC TALK

With Dr. R.D. Marks, Chief of Staff Nothing spoils your outside fun quite as successfully as mosquitos, flies, gnats - the list goes on. And even the smallest insect bite can be itchy and uncomfortable. With the warm weather of spring and summer comes the arrival of flying and biting pests. Most of these insects are simply nuisances but their bites can be more of a problem.

Mosquito bites are the most common of insect bites. Some people attract mosquitos more than others and some react to their bites more severely than others. The best treatment is prevention, so the use of insect repellent and wearing protective clothing is a good start. Young children and people with fair skin tend to have the most severe reactions. Bites on the face and in areas of thin skin or over joints tend to be more bothersome. When a bite does occur, avoid scratching or irritating it, to help prevent it from getting worse. Cold compresses, oral and topical antihistamines will help mitigate the symptoms from the bites. If left alone, most symptoms go away in 48 hours. While some reactions to mosquito bites are quite pronounced with redness and swelling, if left alone, few result in an infection.

Fly bites tend to have more significant reactions. Pronounced itching with more reddish/purple skin and swelling around the bite site is typical. The reaction is due to both the venom of the bite and the histamine response of our body to the venom. Once the bite occurs, the process begins. Again, scratching it will cause the further release of histamines and spread the venom causing the symptoms to get worse. For those who tend to react more severely, cold compresses and antihistamines will help control and limit symptoms. Fly bite symptoms tend to last about 3 days unless they get irritated and then symptoms can last up to 5 days. Most infected fly bites are caused by scratching and

irritating the skin around the bite site.

Bee stings have the most pronounced reactions of these seasonal pests. Generally, bees aren't aggressive and only sting in self-defense. If you get stung more than a dozen times, the accumulation of venom may induce a toxic reaction and make you feel quite sick. Multiple stings can be a medical emergency in children, older adults, and people who have heart or breathing problems. Actual allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) to bee stings are rare. Allergic symptoms are characterized by reactions well away from the site of the sting, rashes elsewhere, swelling of the face, mouth and throat or symptoms of wheezing, shortness of breath or difficulty swallowing. This is an emergency and antihistamines should be given immediately and medical evaluation should be timely. Most bee stings cause a very pronounced venom reaction with very remarkable localized swelling or welt, redness and itching. These tend to worsen over 24 to 36 hours especially if the sting site is irritated by scratching. Quick use of topical and oral antihistamines along with the use of cold compresses will limit the reaction which tends to last 3-4 days. Infections from bee stings seem to be more common than other insect bites, so if redness and swelling worsen after 48 hours or if a fever develops then a medical evaluation would be in order.

In short, prevention is the best treatment and if it itches, don't scratch it.



Physician of the Year

In June, Doctor R.D. Marks Chief of Staff received the award for "Physician of the Year" from the Montana Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP).

The purpose of the award is to honor a physician who exemplifies a compassionate commitment to improving the health and well-being of people and communities throughout Montana.

Doctor Marks is a dedicated physician who is valued both professionally and personally by his patients and his colleagues. When the award was presented to R.D., the MAFP President mentioned that Doctor Marks was selected because of the incredible outpouring of positive comments submitted from community members, Medical Center staff and Board of Directors.

Doctor Marks is the heart and soul of medical care in Ennis. He is the quintessential small town Family Medicine physician, providing not only excellent clinical care but looking out for the public health of the community by working with the Madison County Health Department, Madison Valley

Manor, the local ambulance service, and several other health related entities.

R.D. has a long career in medicine in Montana. He relishes educating medical students and working very hard to improve healthcare at both local and national levels. He is always coming up with new ideas and is never content with the status quo. R.D. has helped initiate a culture of teaching in Ennis which is crucial to the next generation of physicians. Medical students and physicians who work with R.D. have described him as possessing the most important traits in working with patients, attributes like compassion, work ethic, dedication, caring, and dependability. Those attributes along with his contagious energy are the things that make R.D. a great physician. I'm so lucky to call him a mentor and friend. He is truly deserving of this prestigious award! – Dr. Maura Davenport



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Memorial and Honorary names are from donations received from 8/1/14 - 6/30/15.

Honorariums

George Beimel
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Engraved bricks purchased for the Memorial Wall located at the end of the South Parking lot of the Medical Center are installed once a year in July.

We thank John Dochnahl for his hard work and for his time to install the engraved bricks each year.