



SUCCESS IN OUR NEW SERVICES: Joint Replacements with Dr. Ryan

EMH successfully performed its first joint replacement procedure on March 2, 2022.

Elbert Memorial Hospital is proud to announce that it has expanded its Outpatient Surgical Services to include state-of-the-art surgical equipment to perform partial and total joint replacements under the direction of Dr. David Ryan of Athens Orthopedic Clinic.



With the expansion of our Outpatient Surgical Services, EMH also offers a skilled team of physical and occupational therapists who will assist in getting patients returned home the same day of surgery and who are available to work with patients in an outpatient setting to assist with improved mobility and a continued successful recovery.

Dr. David Ryan stated, “We performed our first knee replacement, and it could not have gone any better. The whole team should be commended for a wonderful job. I could not be more pleased on how it all came together as a start for providing these services at EMH.”

Kerry Trapnell, CEO of Elbert Memorial Hospital stated, “It is an exciting time at EMH! Adding joint replacements to our growing list of services is just another example of how EMH is doing everything it can to provide the absolute best services and best care to this community. We are blessed to have Dr. Ryan and his team at EMH!”

Dr. Ryan sees patient in Elberton on Thursdays at the 33 Chestnut Street, located in the Lake Russell Specialty Healthcare Building. For questions regarding this new service or to make an appointment please call (706) 549-1663. EMH continues to expand our services offered to our community.

Turn **TAXES** into **TREATMENT.**

GEORGIA HEART HOSPITAL PROGRAM
Helping Enhance Access to Rural Treatment

HIGH SCHOOL Blood Drive

Elbert County High School

600 Abernathy Circle
Elberton, GA 30635

04/14/2022 | 09:00 AM-02:00 PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR Code and search for the Sponsor Code 7940.

Scan to make an appointment!

Congratulations



EMH would like to recognize **Jennifer Suddeth** for expanding her knowledge and becoming a **Certified Health Care Physical Environment Worker through the American Society of Health Engineering of the American Hospital Association**. Thank you Jennifer for your efforts to continually improve EMH and the delivery of healthcare to our community! We are so grateful to have you on our TEAM!

Doctor's Day Luncheon 2022

In honor of National Doctors' Day, March 30, 2022 the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation held its Annual Appreciation Luncheon for Elbert Memorial Hospital's Medical Staff at the Quarry Restaurant Plates and Pours.

Foundation Chair Susan Fortson said the Foundation expressed their appreciation for the vital role the Medical Staff plays in caring for the sick and promoting good health. Our physicians are important to our community, not only as caregivers, but also as neighbors, civic club members, and church leaders. They are a vital member of our Hospital Family, and we appreciate them and say "Thank You" for all they do for our patients and community.

The Foundation once again sponsored an honorarium program for Doctors' Day. We are grateful for the overwhelming support we received from our community and hospital family. This year the Foundation Board recommended all donations received would support the Mission of Elbert Memorial Hospital. As of today, we have received almost \$5,000.00.

L-R seated front row:

Dr. Dan McAvoy, Dr. Glenn Poon, Dr. Matthew Jenkins, Foundation Chair Susan Fortson

Back row:

Authority Member Darin Rucker, Authority Chair Leon Jourolmon, Dr. David Mize, Authority Member Max Black, Authority Member Steve Jenkins, Dr. Jonathan Poon, Dr. Mark Daniel, and Hospital CEO Kerry Trapnell.

Not Pictured: Dr. Ralph Crowe



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

Thank you **Rebecca Myerholtz, Gayle Barker, Jason Floyd, Heather Barrow, Mallory Finger, Debi Bartlett, Shanna Branch, Kim Adams, Courtney Germany, and Kerry Trapnell** who stayed over during the winter weather storm in January! Your commitment to our patients is extraordinary! Thank you for going above and beyond!

Not Pictured: Jason Floyd, Debi Bartlett, Shanna Brach, Kim Adams and Courtney Germany



Tonya Moon & Stephanie Williams

[Health Information Management]

“Theses two ladies are always on top of their game! They send me the necessary information before I ask for it.”

- Janine Bice, Elbert Industrial Medicine Nurse



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

**Charlotte Lofton,
Lab Manager**

UPDATES

FROM YOUR CEO

Spring is finally here! Everything is blooming and summer will be here before you know it. This is a great time of year to see God’s Blessings through His creation. I hope you and your families get time to enjoy being outside in the coming days and weeks.

As you may have heard already, our Authority Board voted unanimously to proceed with our due diligence on a replacement/revitalization project for our hospital. This is an exciting time for us as we are getting closer and closer to finalizing a plan! Be on the lookout for more news in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for everything you all do for our patients and for this community!

Kerry



Kerry Trapnell, CEO

ELBERT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WINS STATEWIDE PATIENT SAFETY AWARDS FOR ENHANCING PATIENT CARE

The Georgia Hospital Association Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) presented two of its prestigious Patient Safety and Quality Awards to Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton. These annual awards recognize Georgia health care organizations for achievement in reducing the risk of medical errors and improving patient safety and medical outcomes.

Elbert Memorial Hospital won first place in the Critical Access Hospitals category for its project “Timely Reporting of Critical Lab Values for Inpatients and ER Patients.” This project improved accurate and timely communication of critical lab results. Critical lab value communication is imperative in providing the best outcomes for patients. Leaders and staff members evaluated existing processes and data. Improvements and process updates were implemented as data evaluation continued. The project was a success and resulted in improvements that will be maintained through continued monitoring and reporting of data.

The hospital won third place in the same category for its project “Reducing Patient Falls,” that worked to reduce patient falls with and without injury. This project was initiated to update fall prevention practices and develop a more comprehensive plan. A task force was created to evaluate trends and identify opportunities for improvements. Multiple strategies were implemented that included updates to clinical practices as well as equipment purchases.

“Hospitals are diligently working each day to ensure the safety of their patients, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Georgia Hospital Association President and CEO Earl Rogers. “We applaud Elbert Memorial Hospital for making critical progress in patient safety while ensuring the best and safest care possible for patients.”

Kerry Trapnell, CEO of Elbert Memorial Hospital stated, “I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Nursing Leadership and our Quality Team for working on these two projects to ensure our patients are getting the best possible care while at EMH. I have said it many times in the past and will say it again. We are building something very special here at EMH. Our facility and our staff are finally being recognized for their hard work! It’s time to get a trophy case!”



COVID-19 TESTING DRIVE-THRU

Elbert Memorial Hospital is partnering with the Department of Public Health to offer COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing in our community:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Elberton Civic Center.
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!**

PLEASE NOTE: LTS sites (Morgan, Elbert, Central Athens, Walton) no longer have pre-registration and registration is on-site only. Pre-registration is still encouraged for Mako sites (West Athens, Barrow).

Please visit Northeast GA Health District website for more information:

<https://publichealthathens.com/wp/programs/infectious-disease/coronavirus-covid-19-information/covid-19-nurse-screening-hotline/schedule-covid-testing-appointment-online/>

GRANTS

USDA Emergency Rural health Grant for \$ 377,400.00

Recovery Grants provide immediate relief to address the economic conditions arising from the COVID-19 emergency

Recovery funds must be used in correlation with the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support immediate health care needs, to help prepare for a future pandemic event, to increase access to quality health care services, or to support food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities. Applicants may request assistance for one or more of the categories below for expenses incurred on or after March 13, 2020.

Funds must be used to:

- Increase capacity for vaccine distribution
- Provide medical supplies and equipment to increase medical surge capacity
- Reimburse for healthcare-related lost revenue used to maintain capacity during the coronavirus pandemic
- Increase telehealth capabilities, including underlying healthcare information systems
- Construct or renovate temporary or permanent structures to provide health care services
- Support staffing needs for testing or vaccine administration
- Support facilities, equipment, and operating expenses associated with food banks and food distribution facilities

American Rescue Plan Act Prevention and Mitigation State Fiscal Recovery Grant for \$950,000.00

Governor Brian P. Kemp today announced that he will award more than \$217 million to hospitals, assisted living communities, and personal care homes with 25 or more beds to help prevent and mitigate the spread and effects of COVID-19. The grant funding to licensed hospitals totals \$170 million - up to \$950,000 per facility - and the grant funding for assisted living communities and personal care homes totals \$47 million - up to \$100,000 per facility. The current grant period for both is through December 1, 2022.

- improvements to or construction of COVID-19 testing sites and laboratories, and acquisition of related equipment
- improvements to or construction of medical facilities generally dedicated to COVID-19 treatment and mitigation (e.g., emergency rooms, intensive care units, telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19 related treatment)
- Expenses for establishing temporary medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs
- Acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment
Installation and improvements to ventilation systems

Thank you to **Dawn Benson** (Strategy and Operations Coordinator), **Tammy Harlow**, COO, and **the numerous staff members** who assisted in these projects, allowing EMH receive these funds for our community!

EMH has recently acquired a state-of-the-art **transport ventilator**. During this complex time of COVID-19, and hospitals at full capacity, patients have needed to be transported farther away to available beds for advanced care and treatment. Our new ventilator supports these patients during their transport with complete ventilator capabilities as well as CPAP and BiPap capability. **The AHP 300 Transport Ventilator** offers the most up to date technology, while being exceedingly durable and portable enough to make the trip down the road to our patient's destination. Our on-staff paramedics, respiratory therapists, and Lifecare EMS of Georgia participated in an in-service that was presented by a representative from the company that manufactures the ventilator. **One more way that EMH is investing in ourselves to make sure we offer the best care for our patients and our community!**



COMMUNITY IMPACT

 Elbert Memorial
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



**7th Annual
Picnic in the Park and
Duck Derby**
*(In Honor and Memory of
Donna Lee Blackmon Seymour)*

**Saturday
May 14, 2022**

Please Join Us For

Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation's

CASINO NIGHT



Saturday, April 23

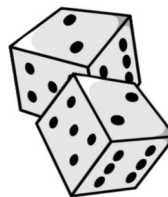
6:30PM Until 9:30 PM

TICKETS ARE \$45 PER PERSON

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BLACKJACK, CRAPS, POKER,
ROULETTE, RAFFLE ITEMS,
AND REFRESHMENTS
.....

ROCK GYM

45 FOREST AVE, ELBERTON, GA 30635



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OPPORTUNITIES CALL 706-213-2558 OR CONTACT
A FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER.