Excellence in Patient Care
Taylorville Memorial Hospital Annual Report 2009
The Taylorville High School girls’ basketball team was playing Springfield Lanphier at home in January 2009. Taylorville’s Suzanne Nolan, a 5-foot-10 junior, was coming down after jumping up for a rebound in the first quarter. She landed wrong and fell to the gym floor. Fans in the seats closest to the floor later said they heard a “pop” as she went down. It was the unmistakable telltale “pop” of an ACL injury.

An ACL injury is the tearing of the anterior cruciate ligament in the knee. The ACL is one of the key ligaments that help stabilize the knee joint. It is also one of two ligaments that cross in the middle of the knee and connect the femur (thigh bone) to the tibia (shin bone). In Suzanne’s case, her ACL injury also resulted in a tear of the meniscus – the cartilage in the knee between the femur and tibia.

Suzanne’s parents, Mike and Andrea Nolan, were in the stands when Suzanne injured her ACL. Since Suzanne has always been tough – always able to “shake it off” – they knew it was serious when she didn’t get up off the gym floor. They would soon find out all about ACL injuries, and the lengthy process of rehabilitating the knee after such an injury.

Before Suzanne could undergo surgery, it was necessary for the swelling in her knee to go down. This swelling meant there was blood in the joint from torn blood vessels in the damaged ligament. She started physical therapy on the knee to prepare for surgery.

Suzanne began a specialized reconditioning program at Taylorville Memorial Hospital in the Rehabilitation Services Department several weeks before her surgery. TMH physical therapist Kevin

From left, Elizabeth Fines, Emily Menichetti, Suzanne Nolan and Kami Dunkirk enjoy friendly competition on the court. Off the court, the four seniors are preparing for high school graduation.
Kietzman designed a program that would enable Suzanne to regain normal use of her leg before surgery. The program included range-of-motion exercises and strengthening to ensure the best post-surgery results.

Suzanne’s ACL reconstruction surgery was in February 2009. Her ACL was reconstructed using graft from the patellar tendon to serve as her ACL. All went well, and she was able to go home the same day. She began physical therapy the following day by doing exercises that were sent home with her from the hospital. A few days later, Suzanne met with Kietzman again for physical therapy.

Kietzman explained the rehabilitation process he had lined out for her and assured her they would take “one step at a time” in this process. Suzanne’s physical therapy sessions after surgery were at first just once a week. Kietzman immediately began working with Suzanne to regain full extension of her knee. This was accomplished by range-of-motion exercises and home exercises, in addition to cryotherapy, the local or general use of low temperatures in medical therapy. Kietzman then worked with Suzanne on gait training (walking), strengthening and aerobic work. Suzanne used the stationary bicycle to improve strength, motion and aerobic activity.

As Suzanne continued with physical therapy, the emphasis shifted to strengthening. She used the Balance Master machine to focus on regaining balance and restoring proprioception, which is the normal awareness of one’s posture, movement, balance and location.

As strength and balance improved, Suzanne gradually began sport-specific activities. This last phase of rehabilitation is usually the most difficult. The patient may have a knee that “feels” normal but is not ready for the stresses of some sports activities. The emphasis of Suzanne’s rehabilitation at this point was on simulating sports activities. She worked on basketball’s essential elements – running, jumping and cutting – all using the proper techniques. Although Suzanne’s physical therapy came to an end in May 2009, she continued with home strengthening to further progress toward her goal of playing basketball in the fall. Her prognosis was good.

In the fall of 2009, when girls’ basketball season rolled around in Suzanne’s senior year, she was ready to take to the court once again. She wore a knee brace during the games, and she did have some minor pain afterward. But, all in all, Suzanne said that during her last year of basketball, she “had a good season.” She said that strong will and hard work made her recovery possible. She and her parents also give credit to the Taylorville Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Department. “It’s close and has that small-town feel,” Suzanne’s mother, Andrea, said. “The TMH Rehab staff is professional and patient.”

As Suzanne finishes up her senior year, she looks forward to attending the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in the fall. She will major in biology and then plans to enter the nursing program. However, back in Taylorville, Suzanne’s parents will once again be in the stands watching girls’ high school basketball games. Suzanne’s younger sister, Claire, will be playing as a sophomore.
Sally Combs’ smile lights up the entire laboratory at Taylorville Memorial Hospital. The Taylorville resident is a people person. She knows all of the lab employees by name, and that’s to be expected. She sees them every Thursday.

Since April 2008, Sally has been treated for a condition called hemochromatosis, also called iron overload disease. It is one of the most common genetic disorders in the United States. People with this disorder absorb extra amounts of iron from their daily diets. Over time, this extra iron is deposited in the body’s tissues and organs where it may become toxic. It is very important to get iron levels down to normal. If the extra iron is not removed, these organs can become diseased. Untreated hemochromatosis can cause the liver, heart and pancreas to fail.

To treat her condition, Sally goes every Thursday to the laboratory for therapeutic blood removal, which is similar to regular blood donation but requires a doctor’s prescription. Every week, she has a pint of blood removed from her body.

A person with severe iron overload may need to give blood as much as eight times in a single month. Regular blood donation can only be done every eight weeks. It is Sally’s doctor’s goal to bring her blood ferritin levels to a normal range. Once her iron levels reach normal, she can begin maintenance therapy, which will involve giving a pint of blood every two to four months for life. Some people may need to give blood more often, depending on what they eat and how quickly their body absorbs iron. Lab tests can be done periodically to determine how often blood should be removed.

After having the pint of blood removed, Sally takes it easy in the laboratory. She sits for about 20 minutes, sipping on juice and waiting for her strength to come back. Lab employees, who Sally says have treated her “as good as gold,” keep their eyes on her as she recovers while her husband, Dave, waits nearby to drive her home.

Sally said coming to the lab for her procedures has been a positive experience. “It’s been great for me and my husband that I am able to have these procedures done right here in my hometown hospital. It just makes it so much easier for us, especially when the weather is bad.”
What’s New at the TMH Laboratory

The laboratory at TMH acquired two Rapid Point 405 Blood Gas Analyzers. These state-of-the-art instruments were put into use in October 2009. The machines have a comprehensive test menu to include PH, pCO2, pO2 and CO-oximetry. The instruments automatically run the quality control. Results can be obtained in less than a minute. The benefits from these instruments impact patient care by providing rapid turnaround time for critical results.

Laboratory Services Achieves Joint Commission Accreditation

By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for healthcare quality and safety, Taylorville Memorial Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval.

“We continually strive to improve the quality of our services. Meeting The Joint Commission’s rigorous national standards is an important recognition of our efforts,” said Lora Polley, TMH’s director of ancillary services. The Joint Commission evaluated the laboratory’s performance in complying with nearly 300 standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, leadership, management of human resources, management of information, ongoing performance improvement activities and other issues.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation’s healthcare through voluntary accreditation.

“The accreditation process helps promote continuous, systematic and organization wide improvement in healthcare,” said Gina Zimmermann, M.S., senior executive director, The Joint Commission. “Achieving accreditation demonstrates Taylorville Memorial Hospital’s commitment to providing high quality and safe services.”

Polley said efforts to improve don’t stop when The Joint Commission survey is over. “Meeting the standards and achieving excellence is a continuous process,” she said. “No matter how well we did today, we continue to strive to do better tomorrow.”

Year-End Report Stats

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TMH Employee of the Year

Jane Simmons has been named the 2009 Employee of the Year at Taylorville Memorial Hospital.

Jane works in the TMH Respiratory Therapy and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Departments. She has been a TMH employee since November 1999.

Jane’s nomination form read: Jane Simmons is truly an asset to Taylorville Memorial Hospital. It is so nice to find a healthcare professional who listens to and acts on patient concerns. Jane knew I was anxious about something and even called my house to leave a message before she left on a long weekend. I was so grateful!

TMH Employees of the Month

TMH recognizes an outstanding employee each month. The TMH Employee of the Year is selected from among the monthly honorees.

Candidates included:

Jane Simmons, Respiratory Therapy, June 2008
Teena Altevogt, Housekeeping, July 2008
Judy Boaden, TCU, August 2008
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Taylorville Memorial Hospital is in the process of changing – dramatically. Built in 1954, the hospital is in the second phase of construction in order to accommodate the future needs of patients.

Phase I of the TMH Building Project consisted of the construction of a 42,000-square-foot, two-story medical office building completed in the fall of 2009. The new facility, Springfield Clinic Taylorville, has been completely leased by Springfield Clinic. The physicians, who had previously been at three different locations in the community, are now consolidated into one building. Housed in the new facility are a full-time medical team of eight physicians, six mid-level providers and more than 60 staff members. Additionally, the facility hosts more than 20 Springfield-based specialists who see patients locally as part of Springfield Clinic’s Specialty Outreach Program. The Pharmacy, a locally owned and independently operated retail pharmacy, is on the first floor.

Phase II of TMH’s building project, the construction of the outpatient services center, began in October 2009. The 32,000-square-foot facility will permanently house the emergency, radiology and surgery departments. Dan Raab, TMH’s president and CEO, stated that the new facility will “provide us with the ability to serve patients more efficiently and effectively.”

The single-story center is designed for outpatients, who account for more than 70 percent of the services provided by Taylorville Memorial Hospital. The center will include a state-of-the-art CT scanner and a permanent MRI scanner, replacing a mobile MRI currently in use. A new main entrance to the hospital is included in the building project. “This modernization allows TMH to be more accessible to patients and provides them with a 21st-century level of comfort,” said Raab.

Phase II of the multimillion dollar building project is financed by a combination of bonds, reserves and the “Bringing the Best to You” capital fundraising campaign. The campaign, spearheaded by Loretta Kahle, general chair, and Ken Hart, general vice chair, is a collaborative effort between Taylorville Memorial Hospital, TMH Foundation and the people of Taylorville and surrounding communities.

The campaign began with a core group of six people and eventually grew to include volunteers from the agricultural, industrial and financial sectors. More than 100 community volunteers have been crucial to the campaign’s success. “Taylorville has always stepped up to the plate when it comes to volunteering,” said Kahle.

TMH employees and the TMH Auxiliary also played key roles in the fundraising efforts. TMH employees enthusiastically embraced the fundraising campaign by donating about $202,000 for the building project. The TMH Auxiliary’s pledge of $150,000 over five years also set the tone for a good campaign. Part of the auxiliary’s pledge is dedicated to a new gift shop, which is manned by auxiliary members.

Palmer Bank donated a large portion of its property to the city of Taylorville to be used for access to the new main entrance of the hospital. The donated property will be used for the construction of a new street that will provide easy access to the new facilities.

Physician recruitment should also improve with the completion of the building project. “The current hospital, which was built more than 50 years ago, has limited space and dated facilities which have proven to be deterrents to physician recruitment,” Raab said. “The hospital’s viability depends on delivery of outpatient services with the same level of care and accommodations as found in urban areas.”

“Completion of this building project will not only provide quality healthcare for years to come but optimal physician recruitment as well.” The outpatient services center is expected to be completed in early 2011.

Our Mission:
To improve the health of the people and communities we serve.

Our Vision:
To be a national leader for excellence in patient care.

Our Values:
Service to Humanity
Excellence in Performance
Respect for the Individual
Value of Employees
Integrity in Relationships
Community Responsibility
Equal Access
Laurie Kirchoff of Kincaid got a wake-up call at her doctor’s office. Facing some health issues, her physician recommended surgery, but Laurie’s high weight put her at increased risk. He recommended that she lose some weight before the operation. Laurie checked out the Lose to Win program at Taylorville Memorial Hospital (TMH). She signed up with a team of friends and relatives and purchased the calorie-counting book recommended by clinical dietitian Janelle Cornell, RD, LDN.

“The program provided a real incentive, knowing that people on my team were depending on me,” Laurie said. She read the educational handouts provided at the bi-weekly weigh-in sessions and incorporated tips for exercising and preparing healthy food into her daily routine. Since starting Lose to Win in January 2009, Laurie has dropped 128 pounds. She burned her old wardrobe, keeping just one pair of pants to remind her how far she has come.

Lose to Win started at the request of TMH employees, who asked Janelle to organize an employee weight-loss challenge. But news travels fast in a small town, and Janelle started hearing from people in the community who also wanted to sign up.

“Fifty people joined the first program in April 2008. As word spread, I got even more phone calls. We had 330 people from across Christian County and beyond participate in the session that wrapped up at the end of 2009,” Janelle said. Lose to Win participants have lost over 10,000 pounds.

It costs just $20 to join and only $5 for those who enroll again. All the funds go toward cash prizes for the teams and individuals who lose the largest percentage of their weight during each 15-week session. Every two weeks, individuals weigh in at the hospital, and Janelle updates the team standings. She also offers an optional bi-weekly meeting with presentations and guest speakers on healthy eating and exercise. People who meet their goal are invited to participate in a maintenance team.

Laurie is continuing to lose weight, signing up for her fourth Lose to Win session starting in January 2010. “I told Janelle that she saved my life. This is the best I have ever felt.” And that surgery the doctor suggested? It never happened. “The doctor said I didn’t need it anymore!”

Taylorville Memorial Hospital provided $3.7 million in community benefits in FY09. That amount includes $2.9 million in unpaid costs of public programs, $730,000 in traditional charity care, and $122,000 in other community services. Among these services were CPR training, participation in local health fairs, a diabetes support group, a grief support group, breast cancer awareness education, a health fair for new parents, and job shadowing opportunities for high school students.