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News for Otsego Memorial Hospital Medical Staff

Otsego Memorial Hospital Will Fully Integrate Into Munson Healthcare System

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) and Munson Healthcare have approved an agreement under which OMH will fully integrate with the health care system. The agreement also includes the outpatient clinics and medical practices owned and operated by Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Elmira, Indian River, and Lewiston.

OMH Board President Mary Sanders said this integration ensures access to quality health services well into the future for residents of the region.

“In reaching a final agreement for full integration, the OMH Board and Munson Healthcare Board remain focused on positioning the hospital for a strong and

successful future, ensuring the right mix of close-to-home health care services in Gaylord and surrounding communities for many years to come,” she said. “The delivery of health care continues to change rapidly, and it is becoming critical for hospitals to be tightly integrated into a larger health system to support new accountable care models, requirements for bundled payments, demands for increased coordination of care between providers, and future responsibilities for population health management.”

OMH first affiliated with the Munson Healthcare system in 2006. During the past 10 years, the organizations have worked

together to strengthen cardiology and oncology services in Gaylord and throughout OMH’s growing service area. Joint planning and shared physician recruitment activities have allowed OMH and Munson Healthcare to partner, reducing costs and enhancing overall outcomes.

“A closing date for the new structure and the beginning of combined operations is expected to be in spring 2018, pending

necessary approvals,” says Tom Lemon, OMH CEO. “At that time, the hospital’s name will change to Munson Healthcare Otsego Memorial Hospital, reflecting the new level of collaboration and coordination with the health care system.”

As part of the integration, Munson Healthcare President and CEO Ed Ness said OMH will be able to work more closely with Munson Healthcare Grayling



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Please Join Us for a Test Drive of Our New da Vinci® Surgical System

Medical staff, clinicians, and the public are encouraged to join OMH Surgeons to learn about our new robotically-assisted surgical treatment method, the da Vinci Surgical System, and have the chance to test drive the device yourself!

Sit in the cockpit of a demonstration model, control the machine yourself, and see the 3D camera operating in real time while performing simulated surgeries.

February 22

9:00 am - Noon
(OMH Medical Staff Access)

Noon - 4:00 pm
(General Public Access)

at The Ellison Place in Gaylord



For more information and to register:
myomh.org/da-vinci

Hospital to develop a regional approach to serving patients. A Munson Healthcare East Region will be formed as part of this strategy with Lemon as president of the region in addition to retaining his role as CEO of OMH.

“OMH is a financially and clinically strong organization and a valued partner in the Munson Healthcare system,” Ness said. “Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital is also financially sound and receives high clinical ratings. Now is the time to leverage the strength of both hospitals. Working more closely together for a regional approach is a win-win for both communities.”

Munson Healthcare has also committed to support OMH with several key projects that are either currently underway or planned for the future. These projects include renovation and expansion of the medical/surgical unit to primarily private rooms, and conversion to a single electronic health record for both OMH and medical group practices. Both significant endeavors will increase access and enhance the patient experience at OMH.

As part of the agreement, the OMH Foundation will continue to fundraise to benefit the hospital and its programs and services in Gaylord and surrounding communities. All donations will continue to be used as intended by the donor.

The OMH Foundation will also continue the current \$4 million capital campaign to renovate and expand the hospital's emergency department, surgical services, and ambulatory care areas. The expansion will bring additional space to house new technology and enhanced privacy and safety for patients. Construction on the expansion and renovation began this past summer.

Questions and comments about the agreement are valued and encouraged and may be submitted to questions@myomh.org or voicesandviews@mhc.net.

OMH Medical Group – Lewiston Expanding

OMH Medical Group – Lewiston is expanding to better meet the needs of our growing community.

Currently, OMH Medical Group – Lewiston is undergoing an extensive expansion and renovation that will double the square footage of the existing clinic. The expansion includes an increase from 10 to 15 exam rooms, an addition of two new procedure rooms, and expanded space for Rehabilitation Services and Occupational Therapy. The renovated and expanded space will also accommodate additional specialty services, such as ultrasound. The new clinic will have a larger waiting area and patient parking lot, which will be located closer to the main entrance of the building.

OMH Medical Group – Lewiston will offer Saturday and Sunday walk-in clinic hours and expanded hours on weekdays, providing easier access to care for patients and families in the Lewiston area.



The roofing over the expansion is complete with interior framing now in progress.

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