MERCY KATZMANN BREAST CENTER RECEIVES
NAPBC ACCREDITATION FOR SECOND TIME

Mercy Katzmann Breast Center 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. This is the second consecutive full accreditation Mercy Katzmann Breast Center has received, reinforcing Mercy’s ongoing commitment to excellence in patient care.

“The NAPBC accreditation process challenges us to enhance the care we provide by addressing patient-centered needs and measuring the quality of the care we deliver against national standards,” said Susan Beck, D.O., FACS, medical director at Mercy Katzmann Breast Center. “This designation is a direct result of dedicated breast health professionals working together to ensure patients receive the highest quality care possible.”

Accreditation by the NAPBC is only given to those centers that have voluntarily committed to provide the highest level of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. During the survey process, the center must demonstrate compliance with standards established by the NAPBC for treating women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. The standards include proficiency in the areas of: center leadership, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement. A breast center that achieves NAPBC accreditation has demonstrated a firm commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease.

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FLU CLINIC DATES SET

Mark your calendar now and plan to receive your flu vaccine before the Dec. 15 deadline! Flu vaccines will be available to all colleagues on the dates listed below:

**Mercy central campus – East Tower Auditorium**
- Friday, Oct. 27, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 30, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Mercy West Lakes – Cownie Conference Room**
- Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 3, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

All Mercy colleagues – including contractors, volunteers, physicians, staff, medical staff, residents, Mercy College of Health and Sciences students and Iowa Heart Center staff – must be vaccinated. To request an exception from receiving a flu vaccine, colleagues will be required to complete and submit a request for accommodation by Nov. 30. This exception applies to new requests only and the form can be found on MercyNet.

If you have submitted a request for accommodation in year’s past, you don’t need to complete another request, but you do need to sign a declination.

Remember! There is a new process for receiving the flu vaccine this year that will tie your vaccine record to your ID badge. In order to receive your flu vaccine, your badge must be current, active and presented at the time you receive your vaccine. Proof of vaccination via paper receipts will no longer be available.

Is your badge approaching its expiration date? Please note the FAST Team can only issue updated badges that are currently expired, or will expire in two weeks or less. Badges cannot be updated prior to two weeks before the expiration date.
PLANNING TO ATTEND MERCY FAMILY FUN FEST? HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

If you signed up to attend Mercy Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 14, you’re in for a good time! The celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and will include great entertainment for the entire family – including inflatables for kids of all ages, and popular oversized games such as giant Jenga, giant Connect Four and giant Tic-Tac-Toe. You can also race giant tricycles!

Since parking is limited to the North Lot of the stadium, Mercy colleagues are encouraged to park at Mercy central campus in either the West Ramp or the new 6th Ave. paved parking lot and take a free shuttle bus to Principal Park and back. Buses will run every 10 minutes starting at 10:45 a.m. with the final bus leaving Principal Park at 3:15 p.m.

If you like team sports, you can still enter a softball team or play for a team needing players. Games will last 30 minutes. Contact Jennifer Wagner at jwagner@mercydesmoines.org to sign up.

If the kitchen is your field of competition, you can still enter your best chili recipe in the Chili Cook Off. Contact Deb Willyard at dwillyard@mercydesmoines.org to enter. You, your crockpot and a copy of your recipe need to arrive at 10:45 a.m. so the tasting can begin at 11 a.m.

Everyone who participates in Mercy Family Fun Day will receive a meal consisting of either a brisket or Andouille sausage sandwich, or kid favorites grilled cheese, hot dogs or macaroni ‘n cheese. Each person receives one meal that includes 1 entrée + 1 side + 1 drink + 1 dessert.

Don’t forget! Make the memory of Mercy Family Fun Day last by stopping by the photo booth to get your photo of you enjoying all the festivities!

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Mercy Katzmann Breast Center is part of Mercy Comfort Health Center for Women, which opened in April, 2017, to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to women’s health care. As part of Mercy Comfort Health Center for Women, Mercy Katzmann Breast Center combines traditional medical services with complementary medical treatments in one convenient and supportive environment. Services include assessment, rapid diagnosis, education, counseling and treatment planning provided by a team of health care specialists. For more information about services available at Mercy Katzmann Breast Center, visit www.mercydesmoines.org/katzmann.