INNOVATIVE PAIN MEDICINE PROCEDURE IS AN IOWA FIRST

Three patients are enjoying relief from chronic intractable pain after receiving implants of newly developed technology designed to stimulate nerves in the dorsal root ganglion (DRG) area near the spine, blocking pain signals being sent to the brain. Daniel Moyse, M.D., and Jolene Smith, D.O., with Mercy Center for Pain Medicine, were the first physicians in Iowa to implant the devices.

The DRG neurostimulators were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat chronic intractable pain in the lower body. This is pain that has not responded to other medical treatments. The patients who had the devices implanted have endured pain for several years and received other treatments and medications, including opioids, without relief. Drs. Moyse and Smith say DRG stimulators help bring additional precision to treatment of pain.

“We strongly believe this therapy can offer patients improved functional outcomes, decrease opioid usage and decrease health care utilization, offering potential significant long-term cost savings to both the patient and the health care system,” said Dr. Smith.

“Abbott's DRG neurostimulation system allows us to accurately target pain in areas that are difficult to cover with conventional spinal cord stimulation,” said Dr. Moyse. “This gives patients relief and hope again.”

Additional implants will be performed in 2018.

GRIMES CLINIC NOW OPEN

Mercy Clinics has opened a new family medicine and pediatric clinic in Grimes. The clinic, which opened to patients on Tuesday, Jan. 2, is a 14,500 square-foot facility located at 250 S.W. Brookside Dr., just off of Highway 44. Ground was broken for the project in March 2017.

The clinic’s medical staff includes two family medicine providers and one pediatrician, with capacity to add more providers in the future. Kurt Klise, M.D., who formerly practiced at Mercy Clinics Family Medicine Perry, and Jennifer Messersmith, PA-C, who most recently practiced at Mercy Clinics Family Medicine South, will provide family medicine care. Nicole Stoecken, D.O., has moved from Mercy Clinics Pediatrics West to provide pediatric care.

“We are proud and excited to be able to provide quality family medicine and pediatric care to the growing community of Grimes,” said Sharon Phillips, vice president for Mercy’s primary care division. “Our new clinic will offer added convenience to our patients by bringing high-quality medical services to areas where they live.”

The clinic will be open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (515) 300-3900.
A NEW LOOK FOR 2018

Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) has transitioned the InsideCHI homepage to make it easier for colleagues to find the information they access every day. While the content on the site has not changed, some links have been moved and information has been reorganized in a more user-friendly format. Here is what you need to know.

Three new Quick Links will replace the current ones:
Support / Tools / Clinical Work

Aligning InsideCHI content with the five content categories makes it easier for you to find the information you need and inspires you to be your best in mind, body and spirit. Links on the homepage will be moved to align with the new content categories:
Well-being / Growth / Rewards / Spirituality / CHI

If you need help finding a link, there are two ways to get help:
• A one-page Quick Reference Guide is available to show you where to find the information you need. You can access that guide by going to the InsideCHI homepage and clicking on the main article.
• Use the Chat Tool under My IT Support (found under the new Support Quick Link) or to call the IT Service Desk for help.

JORDAN HILL RECOGNIZED WITH DAISY AWARD

Jordan Hill, R.N., is Mercy’s newest DAISY Award recipient. She was surprised with the award at a ceremony Jan. 8 in the ninth floor Cardiac Medical Intensive Care Unit, with several of her family members, colleagues and Mercy nursing leadership in attendance. Jordan was nominated by the mother of a former patient to recognize her work ethic, bedside manner and knowledge, as well as the support Jordan provided to the patient’s entire family while the patient was hospitalized.

Following is an excerpt from the nomination form: “I want to make sure those who need to know how much of an asset Jordan Hill is to your hospital, know! She’s absolutely one of a kind! There are just not enough words to describe her abilities, loving and gentle care. She exceeded every expectation and demand I placed in front of her. I will forever be grateful for her!”

Find out more about the Daisy award or submit a nomination at mercy.dm/daisy

WHAT’S UP?

MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Are you planning to participate in the national Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service? Frozen casseroles and other food items – including Pop Tarts, hard boiled eggs, granola bars and juice boxes – should be dropped off on Monday, Jan. 15, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mercy’s central campus at the main entrance valet area, and at Mercy – West Lakes under the parking deck by the maintenance garage. Thank you for supporting this important effort to help the Salvation Army and the communities we serve!

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