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Owensboro
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Jansing witnessed many changes

Pioneering surgeon retires after 38 years

When Dr. Bill Jansing began his surgery career in Owensboro in 1969, the hospital looked very different from the OMHS we know today.



Dr. Bill Jansing

“It’s really changed a lot,” Jansing recalls. “I remember when the emergency room was located in the basement on the southeast corner. There was no patient tower or medical office building. Oncology wasn’t there, and there were no MRIs or CT scans.”

But Jansing says the hospital’s commitment to cutting edge medical treatment has been consistent throughout his 38-year career. “The hospital has always been very instrumental in recruiting specialists and in exploring new areas of care.”

Jansing retired from surgery last September, although his hospital privileges just recently expired. He estimates having performed 300-400 operations per year during his career. According to Jansing, a surgeon needs three things to be successful: a compulsive desire to succeed, excellent dexterity, and a love for helping people. Jansing says that during his career he witnessed a number of advances in the field of general surgery. He was the first surgeon in Owensboro to implant cardiac pacemakers “at a time before cardiologists performed invasive procedures.” He also pioneered endoscopic and laparoscopic techniques. And Jansing recalls the emergence of oncology on the local medical scene.

It wasn’t until college that Jansing decided he would pursue a medical career. The Louisville native attained degrees at both Princeton and Cornell but decided he wanted to practice in

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Nurses act out “what not to do” during a skit at the nursing forum held earlier this month. The series of humorous sketches demonstrated the “dos” and “don’ts” of providing high-quality patient care. Christine Kemper-Dietel, nurse educator for Extended Care Services, is pictured on the left. Tammy Willhoite, staff nurse and educator, is pictured on the right.

Nursing forum highlights achievements

Vicki Stogsdill likes the news. Nurses at OMHS are achieving national recognition in specialty certification. Reports of back injuries are declining. And the nursing strategic plan, adopted in 2005, is right on track.

“I’m very proud of where we’ve been and where we are going,” says Stogsdill, Senior Vice President of Nursing. At a forum held earlier this month, she complimented the nursing staff on its performance and outcomes and encouraged nursing teams to continue strategic goal-setting.

“OMHS nurses continue to achieve high standards,” Stogsdill says. “And now we are working to align nursing initiatives with the organizational strategic plan and

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OMHS online compliance testing now through April 30th. Log on to www.omhs.org/testing or click the link on the Intranet home page.

State of the Hospital begins next week

Make plans to attend one of the State of the Hospital meetings taking place next week. This year's meetings will include:

- Discussion of the hospital's achievements over the last year
- Information about how the new hospital will be designed
- Copies of the 2007-2008 Report to the Community, due for public release in early March

Monday, March 3

- OMHS Conference Center
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & Noon – 1:00 p.m.
- Administrative Conference Room, 5th Floor
7:45 – 8:45 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

- OMHS Conference Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- HealthPark Classroom
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

- Business Center
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday, March 7

- Multicare
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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HIPAA Corner

Q. Privacy and security incidents are not limited to computer-hacking. Can you give examples of incidents?

A. Incidents can include violations of OMHS' privacy and security policies and procedures, such as failure to log off when leaving a workstation, and unauthorized access to and sharing (disclosure) of confidential information (including passwords). For example, failure to log off creates a vulnerability, even if there is no resulting breach by another person. Discussing patients with people not involved in the patient's care, having patient-related conversations in public settings, improper disposal of confidential materials in any form, and copying and removal of corporate data when contrary to policy are all likely privacy and security incidents.

If you have any questions or concerns related to information privacy or security, please contact DeAnn Tucker at 688-1090 or Mark Miller at 852-8525.

Sam's Club offering \$10 discount on annual membership

Want to shop at Sam's? Employees interested in joining Sam's Club or renewing annual memberships can save \$10 off the regular \$40 price. Make out a check for \$30 to Sam's Club and send it to Angie Dennis in Human Resource Development no later than Friday, March 7th. The offer is made possible through the OMHS Partnership of Caring Business program. If you have questions call 685-7707 or e-mail adennis@omhs.org.

Getting ready for Joint Commission Spring 2008 survey

Q. What is Owensboro Medical Health System's policy regarding the use of restraints?

A. The hospital wants to reduce or eliminate the use of restraints as much as possible.

Q. Is it OK to write a PRN (as needed) order for restraints?

A. No. PRN orders may not be written for restraints.

Q. Restraint orders must be "time limited." What does that mean?

A. Both a start and end time must accompany each restraint episode and order.

Mills chosen as pharmacists society president



Mike Mills

Mike Mills was installed as president of the Kentucky Society of Health System Pharmacists at the organization's annual meeting in Lexington in November 2007. He is a past board member for the

organization and has given presentations at state meetings regarding changes in pharmacy practice.

Mills is administrative director of pharmacy services at OMHS. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Western Kentucky University, a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Kentucky and a Master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Colorado, Denver.

Announcement for pediatric codes changed Feb. 15th

The announcement for communicating that a pediatric patient needs resuscitation changed February 15 to distinguish it from code blue calls for adult patients.

Anyone alerting the switchboard to announce a code blue for a child under 18 should ask the operator to announce "Code Broselow Blue" for the area of the hospital where the child is located, said Debbie Enoch, director of Emergency Services

"Adding 'Broselow' to the announcement will alert the code team that they need to respond with a pediatric code cart," said Enoch.

"We have had the Broselow carts for a long period of time, but when the VHA Mock Joint Commission surveyor was here he suggested we make a distinction between pediatric and adult patient announcements," Enoch said.

The Broselow system was developed by James Broselow, MD – an emergency medicine physician at a North Carolina community hospital who saw how difficult it was to calculate dosages in the midst of a stressful pediatric code.

An article in the December 1, 2007 issue of Contemporary Pediatrics says that Broselow performed studies in the 1980s to show how standardized growth charts could predict a child's weight based on height. The studies were repeated and corroborated by the American Hospital Association.

Broselow eventually developed a color-coded measuring tape that estimated the weight of pediatric patients – the same ones

that the OMHS carts are stocked with. The tapes contain drug dosages and the sizes of equipment (BP cuffs, ET tubes, NG tubes).

To Call A Code

If you come upon a child in any area of the hospital who is in cardiac or respiratory arrest, call extension 4444 and ask the operator know to announce **Code Broselow Blue** for the area of the hospital where the child is located.



Easter egg hunt set for March 15th

Attention children of OMHS, Morrison and American Valet employees and physicians!

If you are 10 years old or younger, OMHS has an important mission just for you. On Saturday, March 15, precisely at noon, there will be thousands of bright, shiny Easter eggs scattered about Ben Hawes State Park. Your mission, should you choose to accept, will be to find those eggs and place them in an Easter basket.

If you are up for the challenge, you will need an Easter basket; it is not recommended that you store eggs in your pockets. You will also need to be registered. Parents, you can find registration forms in the following locations:

- the HealthPark front desk
- the Business Center (Human Resources)
- Room 10 at the Parrish campus (second floor wing)
- the OMHS Intranet

From front Nursing forum

its five key areas: quality, people, growth, service and finance." She says aligned goals will be developed over the next quarter.

The forum highlighted some impressive team achievements:

- The number of nurses with professional specialty certification increased by 62.4% in 2007—50% above the original goal.
- Nurses reported twelve fewer back injuries in 2007 than in 2006.
- The nursing workforce development team is on track to achieve this year's recruitment goal.
- Self scheduling, a proven nursing motivator, is either "live" or on track for implementation in most nursing units.

Nursing forums are held quarterly, with the next session scheduled for May 1st. The forums are hosted by the nursing PRIDE team and all nurses are invited. Registration is through the Registrar system.

From front Dr. Bill Jansing

Kentucky. He joined the Surgical Group of Owensboro in 1969, and the practice later merged with Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists in 1997.

In retirement, Jansing isn't planning to slow down. He is actively involved in Habitat for Humanity and the faith-based Living Waters for the World, which provides water purification systems to Latin American countries. He is also pursuing the banjo.

All in all, Jansing says he is glad he chose to practice medicine in Owensboro. "It is a wonderful, friendly town with typical southern openness," he says. "It has many of the advantages—but not the disadvantages—of bigger cities."



Palliative medicine provides another compassionate care



Dr. Neville Sarkari

The OMHS Palliative Care program is now underway. Under the direction of Neville Sarkari, M.D., the program opened its doors on February 11. Many people are still learning what palliative medicine is and how it can help improve the

condition of patients dealing with serious illnesses. Recently Dr. Sarkari answered some of the questions people are asking about palliative medicine.

What is palliative care?

Palliative care is a type of healthcare that is meant to ease suffering and provide comfort as opposed to treating an illness. One of its main concerns is keeping patients comfortable, physically and spiritually. As part of this, our chaplains provide emotional and spiritual needs to patients' and their families if it is desired.

Is it the same as hospice care?

Hospice care has the same purpose as palliative care, but hospice is designed for those approaching the last stages of life. Palliative care is appropriate for anyone, at any point of a serious illness. It can be provided at the same time as treatment that is meant to prolong life.

So treatment meant to cure me will not stop when palliative care begins?

Correct. You can receive palliative care at any stage of an illness and while you are receiving other appropriate treatments for an illness.

How do I know if it's right for me or a loved one?

It might be appropriate for anyone who suffers from pain and other symptoms due to cancer, multiple sclerosis, heart disease, lung disease, or any other serious illness. Talk to your doctor or call our health information line to learn more.

What does this type of care involve?

As part of a plan created for you by your team, your treatments may include medications to address symptoms and discussions with you and

your family regarding your treatment goals. Our pastoral care and case management staffs may also become involved in your care. The main concern is to ease your symptoms and try to make you comfortable—and again, this can be done in addition to treatment of your illness.

Will my insurance company pay for my palliative care services?

Most insurance plans cover all or part of the palliative treatment you receive in the hospital—just like they would for other healthcare services. This is also true of Medicare and Medicaid. Drugs and medical supplies and equipment that are used as part of treatment may also be covered. Our team of case managers can provide assistance for anyone concerned with cost.

What role does my doctor play?

Palliative care is provided with a team approach that includes your primary care physician, who will continue to direct your care and play an active part in your treatment. The palliative care team provides support to and works in partnership with your doctor.

Welcome new employees to the OMHS team!



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