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# SENIOR PRIVILEGES AT CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

## NEWSLETTER

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### CMC AWARDED PRIMARY STROKE CENTER CERTIFICATION

Conway Medical Center (CMC) announced that it has received certification from DNV GL Healthcare as a Primary Stroke Center, affirming the hospital's readiness to handle a full range of stroke-related medical problems.

"This certification let's our community know we have the resources and commitment to provide the best possible stroke care," said Philip Clayton, president and CEO of CMC. "Our achievement in stroke care is backed by a combination of the right equipment, personnel and training to quickly assess and treat strokes. This includes the ability to efficiently transfer patients in the rare instances they require treatment beyond our capabilities. Achieving this certification validates all the effort we have put into this program and ensuring the health and safety of our pa-

tients."

The DNV GL Healthcare Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on standards set forth by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association, and affirms that CMC addresses the full spec-



trum of stroke care – diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and education – and establishes clear metrics to evaluate outcomes.

"Achieving certification shows commitment to excellence," says Patrick Horine, CEO of

DNV GL Healthcare. "It helps demonstrate to the community that CMC is performing at the highest level."

According to the National Stroke Association, stroke is a leading cause of death, killing nearly 130,000 people each year, and is a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability. Because stroke or "brain attack" effects blood flow to the brain, rapid and effective treatment can save lives and provide the best chance of limiting the extent of long-term damage.

Recently the Medical University of South Carolina recognized CMC as a member of the Under 30 Minute tPA Club for the 2016 calendar year. This recognition was received on behalf of the MUSC Neuroscience Center of Telehealth for the delivery of excellent care to stroke patients.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- AARP Smart Driver, April 19, 9 a.m. Space limited. 843-347-8108
- American Red Cross Blood Drive, April 21, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. 843-347-8035
- CMC Auxiliary Masquerade Jewelry Sale, May 16 & 17, 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admin Bldg Auditorium 843-347-8341
- Breast Cancer Support Group April 11 & May 9, 5:30 p.m. 843-234-7309
- Diabetic Support Group, March 27 & April 24, 6 p.m. 843-347-8013
- Joint Pain & Treatment Options Seminar (Knee, Hip & Shoulder) April 26 & May 18, 12 p.m. 843-347-8108
- Osteoporosis Seminar March 16, 5 p.m. 843-347-8108
- Spine & Neck Pain Seminar May 12, 12 p.m. 843-347-8108

### LEADERS IN CARDIAC SERVICES

CMC is committed to keeping your heart healthy. As leaders in cardiac services, CMC is the only hospital in Horry and Georgetown counties to receive 5-Star recognition from Healthgrades for the Treatment of Heart Failure 4 years in a row! CMC also received the Healthgrades 5-Star recognition for the Treatment of Heart Attacks (2016).



Being one of the first facilities in the tri-county area to perform 3D transesophageal echocardiography, the first facility in the region to offer radial artery access for heart catheterizations, as well as leaders in electrophysiology services demonstrates CMC's commitment to quality care.

### CMC LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER

CMC is proud to announce South Carolina's DHEC Division of EMS & Trauma has designated Conway Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center. The American Trauma Society defines a Level III Trauma Center as a center that has demonstrated an ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery and stabilization of injured patients.

# JOIN CMC IN RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT FOOT HEALTH

## DIABETES

Half of all people with diabetes have some form of nerve damage.

Complications from diabetes include lack of circulation and feeling in the lower limbs.

## NERVE DAMAGE

Nerve damage (neuropathy) causes the loss of feeling in the foot.

Neuropathy is common.

## ADVANCED WOUND CARE

6.7 million people will experience a chronic wound this year.

## KNOW THE FACTS

**25%**

of people living with diabetes will experience a foot ulcer.

**85%**

of lower limb amputations are preceded by a diabetic foot ulcer.

**50%**

Mortality rate 5 years post amputation.



**600,000**

people suffer from venous ulcers at any given time in the United States costing \$2.5- \$3.5 billion in treatment.

**8-12 million**

Americans have Lower Extremity Arterial Disease which can cause ulceration and lead to amputation.

## EARLY INTERVENTION

Check your feet regularly for red spots, cuts, swelling, or blisters. At your next check-up, take off your socks and tell your doctor about any problems with your legs or feet.

If you have a non-healing wound, contact the CMC Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine. 843-347-8347

**3 IN A ROW!**

**CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER**



**Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine**

**Receives Center of Excellence**

For three consecutive years, CMC Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine has received national recognition for continued excellence in wound healing from Healogics, Inc. and was named a **Healogics Robert A. Warriner III Center of Excellence**. CMC exceeded patient satisfaction and healing rates among other quality standards.



**For more information, please call 843.347.8347**

## NO WRONG NUMBER

BY TERRY EGAN



I've adopted. He's a 94 year old Widower named Ed who plays a mean piano. Ed loves the Lord and a good laugh too.

Perhaps it was because Dad had just passed away so recently (November

2015) that I've taken to this lonesome old fella. I met Ed in my hometown hospital cafeteria while he was climbing under a table to fetch a pill he had dropped. I assisted and we became fast friends. Ed often came back to the hospital to volunteer and play the piano. His ability to play church hymns at his age is amazing.

Ed has no family in the area, so my wife and I had Ed join us for Christmas day with our family. Ed felt at home as

he filled his belly and played non-stop Christmas music on our keyboard. It was a short time later I discovered that Ed was reluctantly moved to a nursing home. During the duration of his stay, I visited Ed regularly.

One of those nights in the nursing center, after work, we had a terrific discussion that brought out the fact Ed couldn't operate the track phone that a church friend helped him acquire. So, I set out to teach Ed how to use it. First I loaded my name and number into his contacts, then used his phone to dial my number, hoping to capture his number on my phone.

With his phone in one hand and mine in the other, mine finally rang. Appearing on my screen was "Arlene Egan". At first I thought my phone was broken, or I was getting a wrong number call on it at the same time I was trying to

call it with Ed's. Admittedly, I was deeply confused. Then it hit me, but I said to myself, "There's no way". I hung up and then used my phone to call "Arlene Egan", and yes, Ed's phone rang. It's then that it became clear. You see, after my Mom passed away we gave up her cell number and after two and a half years, it had randomly been re-assigned....to Ed. What are the odds you ask? They are hard to fathom.

Sometimes God taps you on the shoulder, but other times he hits you between the eyes with a shovel. This is one of those times and I hear you Lord. God bless Ed.

*\*Terry Egan serves as Executive Director of the Conway Medical Center Foundation. To inquire about how you can make a difference in the lives of patients at Conway Medical Center, contact Terry at 843-347-8058 or go online to [www.cmcfoundationsc.com](http://www.cmcfoundationsc.com).*