EIRMC Announces New Chief Medical Officer

Joe Anderson, MD

EIRMC is pleased to announce that Dr. Joe Anderson has been appointed Chief Medical Officer.

Over the years, Dr. Anderson has brought his common sense approach to many leadership positions. His insight is greatly valued and to all of our benefit will now be deployed throughout the hospital serving as additional connection between the Medical Staff and Administration.

Dr. Anderson says he is looking forward to his new duties because he "really enjoys helping people find solutions."



Dr. Anderson will continue his current Emergency Medicine practice with the rest of his group in our ER, and in his new role, he will also be a key leader and advisor to hospital Administration and the EIRMC Board of Trustees. He will work closely with MEC and Medical Staff Leadership and Departments to help

EIRMC consistently synthesize the needs of patients, physicians, employees, and the community.



EIRMC Physicians' Education Conference

Dec. 7 Endocrine Potpourri Carl Vance, M.D.

Dec. 14 The Meaning of Poems Tony Golden, M.D.

Dec. 21 No Conference

Dec. 28 No Conference

Eastern Idaho Medical Education
Consortium is accredited by the Idaho
Medical Association to sponsor category one
continuing medical education for physicians.

All classes are Friday at 7:30 a.m. at EIRMC, Classrooms A & B.

For more information contact: Shanna Hardman, Medical Staff Assistant (208) 529-6260 Shanna.hardman@hcahealthcare.com

"I appreciate what a straight shooter he is; his great sense of humor; and his gut instinct for what is right in any given situation. I can trust him to tell me if I have toilet paper stuck to my shoe, metaphorically speaking, as well as to help me unstick it."

- Doug Crabtree

Meet Brandon Kelly, M.D.

Name of Practice: SpineIdaho

Specialty: Neurosurgery with specialized training in tumors of the central nervous system

Services provided: brain and spinal treatment and

surgery including brain and spinal tumors

How to Contact: 2375 E Sunnyside Rd,

Suite F (208) 552-6210

Meet Jerry Smedley, D.O.

Name of Practice: Intermountain Emergency Physicians

Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Leadership positions: Chief Resident, Akron City Hospital

Emergency Medicine

Research: Participant in NIH-funded ProCESS

Study (treatment of sepsis and shock)

Services provided: Emergency Medicine at

EIRMC

How to Contact: Emergency Dept

(208) 227-2000





Pre-Admission Testing Has Moved

Hours also expanded for patients

It's been three years since PAT moved to the Medical Office Building, and given the feedback, for patient convenience, PAT has moved again — back to second floor near Ambulatory Surgery.

Your patients are in good hands when they have surgery at EIRMC, but we know it can still be an anxious time. Visiting Pre-Admission Testing in advance will make them more comfortable and ensure they are completely ready for surgery. EIRMC's PAT staff will contact patients to set up an advance appointment to reduce the need for last-minute tests or possible cancellations the day of surgery.

During PAT appointments, EIRMC's Nursing Staff will

- Review medical and surgical history
- Ask about any allergies
- Conduct common pre-surgery tests as needed, such as EKG, laboratory blood work, chest x-ray
- Provide arrival time and instructions for check-in
- Review eating and drinking limitations
- Instruct what medications should be taken the day of surgery
- Arrange for Anesthesia Services to visit with patient, if necessary

Patients should bring:

- Insurance Card
- Photo ID
- List of medications, dosages and a schedule of when taken

If a patient is unable to be seen in PAT before surgery, he or she should expect a call from a PAT RN one to two days prior to surgery. The RN will review medical and surgical history, discuss medications and allergies and answer any questions the patient may have.

ASU and Pre-Admission Testing Expanded Hours

Hours: 8am – 9pm Phone: 529-7232

Expanded PAT and ASU hours make everything better

Along with the PAT move, we've expanded hours, too! This is a crowd-please for people who want to handle pre-op details after their work days are through.

But it's also a big deal for patients whose outpatient surgeries fall later in the day.

With expanded hours and staff coverage in the ASU, afternoon and evening surgical patients will no longer have to go to an inpatient floor after they leave PACU.

Now, as long as the patient is OK'd to leave the PACU before 8:00 p.m., they can head right back to ASU for additional hour or so of post-op recovery before going home.

The benefits are numerous.

- Late-day surgery outpatients will be able to remain on an outpatient track, and family and friends can easily find them from the nearby ASU waiting room.
- Inpatient beds and staff can be better utilized without the influx of short-stay outpatients in their units.
- Everybody's happier!

So do a cheer – extended hours are here!

Before the change Closed at 5:00 p.m. Went to inpatient unit if not out of PACU by 4 p.m.

After the change

Open until 9 p.m. Mon-Thurs Open 6 p.m. Fri Can leave PACU as late as 8 p.m. Mon-Thurs or 5 p.m. on Fri

Annual Holiday Party

Please join us.

EIRMC invites the Medical Staff to join Administration and the Board of Trustees, along with all EIRMC Directors and Managers for a warm and joyous celebration of the holidays.

Where: The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

300 S. Capital

When: Friday, December 14

Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Invitees: Medical Staff and their spouses or significant other

EIRMC Directors and Managers

Host: EIRMC Administration and Board of Trustees

We welcome your company as we wind down another year well-spent together bringing top-notch healthcare to eastern Idaho.