St. Luke’s Hospital Earns Top Ranks

St. Luke’s Hospital ranks number one in Missouri for critical care, according to a study issued this week by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

The study identifies St. Luke’s among the top five percent of hospitals nationally for critical care, pulmonary and gastrointestinal services. St. Luke’s is the only hospital in Missouri named in the top five percent for critical care services, which includes treating severe conditions such as respiratory failure and sepsis.

The study results also name St. Luke’s the best hospital in the St. Louis area for pulmonary care for the third year in a row. According to the study, St. Luke’s has outstanding patient outcomes across several clinical areas, including five-star ratings for:

- Heart attack treatment
- Back and neck surgery with spinal fusion
- Gastrointestinal surgery
- Treatment of bowel obstruction
- Pneumonia treatment
- Treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Treatment of diabetic acidosis and coma
- Treatment of pulmonary embolism
- Treatment of sepsis
- Treatment of respiratory failure

You Asked - We Listened!

In response to feedback we received from you regarding the recent physicians’ office staff holiday breakfast, we have made plans to expand the 2010 holiday breakfast in order to accommodate more offices. We will have a buffet style breakfast where your offices can simply stop by, pick up breakfast or choose to sit & eat and head back to the office. Thank you to all who provided feedback!
Electronic Health Record (EHR) for Physician Practices

St. Luke’s Medical Group physicians are in the process of selecting an EHR for their physician practices. As part of this process, physicians attended vendor demonstrations of five EHR software products. All physicians on staff at St Luke’s Hospital, as well as their office managers, were invited to participate in these demos. Following vendor demonstrations of these EHR software products, St. Luke’s Medical Group EHR Selection Committee selected two vendors as finalists - eClinicalWorks and NextGen. The group is completing technical calls, reference calls, hands-on practice, site visits, and contract proposal reviews, a process which will be completed over the next 30 days. These activities will help the committee evaluate how each EHR product works in a busy physician office environment. The final recommendation by the St. Luke’s Medical Group EHR Selection Committee is expected in February, 2010. Questions? Please call Julie Scharfenberg at 314-205-6495.

St. Luke’s Hospital Day of Dance

Saturday, February 27
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Screenings begin at 8:30 a.m.
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Ballroom
Free* (reservations required)

Join participants in over 70 cities nationwide by attending St. Luke’s Hospital Day of Dance, a Spirit of Women healthy living event. Bring your friends to learn easy dance steps for better health, and visit with St. Luke’s physicians and health educators as they provide health screenings and education.

Screenings available:
• Blood pressure
• Body mass index
• Bone density
• Pulmonary function
• Cholesterol and glucose (*fee $15; non-fasting)
• HeartAware & other health risk assessments

For more information or to register, call 314-542-4848

New Location Expands Women’s Services

To meet market demands and reach additional patients who do not currently use our services, St. Luke’s continually looks at ways to expand into the community. One example of this is St. Luke’s partnering with current joint venture partner Center for Diagnostic Imaging (CDI) to open a new St. Luke’s Women’s Center, which will be located in the Chesterfield Valley adjacent to the existing St. Luke’s CDI imaging location.

To offer a consistent brand message to the community, this new location and the existing women’s center at the hospital will be branded together as St. Luke’s Women Center, offering two convenient locations focused on women’s imaging needs.

The Chesterfield Valley location will open in late January and will offer the following services: screening and diagnostic mammography; ultrasound; X-ray; bone density (DEXA); minimally invasive breast biopsies and cyst aspirations. The center will offer walk-in and scheduled appointments for screenings, and will offer some Saturday and evening hours.

St. Luke’s will have processes in place to ensure patients who need follow-up care are referred to the appropriate physicians and services. This additional location will allow St. Luke’s to further expand its women’s services.

St. Luke’s Women’s Center - Chesterfield Valley:
6 McBride and Son Corporate Center Drive,
Suite 102
Chesterfield, MO 63005
Phone: 636-530-5505

St. Luke’s Women’s Center - St. Luke’s Hospital:
East Medical Building, Suite 200
Chesterfield, MO 63017
Phone: 314-205-6267

Save The Dates
Physicians’ Office Staff Breakfasts
7:45 - 8:30 am
Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Friday, March 5
Friday, June 25
Friday, September 17
Holiday Breakfast - Friday, December 17