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Information and stories for Parkland employees
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PARKLAND EXPANDS HOSPITAL CAPACITY WITH OPENING OF **9 Gold**

Editor's Note: At the time of publication, the opening of 9 Gold has been delayed.



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Additional beds to support growing demand, improve access to care

Parkland has expanded capacity in the hospital with a new 56-bed inpatient unit on 9 Gold, which opens today, June 1. This expansion is part of a project that will also include another 56-bed unit (8 Gold) in October, combining to add 112 beds to meet the growing healthcare needs of Dallas County.

These areas were previously shell space, which have been finished out over the past year. Once complete, the project will bring the hospital to more than 980 licensed beds, making it one of the largest in North Texas.

"This expansion is about ensuring we can continue to meet the needs of our community today and into the future," said Edmundo Castañeda, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at Parkland. "As Dallas County continues to grow, we are seeing increased demand across our system. Adding capacity allows us to care for more patients and improve access to care."

The new units are designed to support high-quality, patient-centered care while increasing capacity across the system. The additional beds are expected to improve patient flow and reduce emergency department wait times, address current and future capacity needs as well as support care for a growing population in Dallas County.

Parkland continues to align its growth with identified community needs, using data from its [Community Health Needs Assessment](#) to guide where and how it expands services. The hospital expansion is part of a broader effort by the health system to increase access to care across the region, including new community health centers across Dallas County designed to reach patients where they live and work.



▶ Attend the APP Town Hall on June 2

Parkland's biannual Advanced Practice Provider Town Hall will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, in the MacGregor W. Day Auditorium (1st floor, Moody Outpatient Center). During this town hall, participants will discuss concerns/issues relating to clinical practice, professional development, career development and APP system-wide polices. You can also join virtually using the information below.

- [Join WebEx](#)
- Meeting number (access code): 2307 440 7895
- Meeting password: tGeJpTbT223



▶ Join Parkland team members in the 2026 Dallas Pride Parade

Join Parkland in the 2026 Dallas Pride Parade as we come together to celebrate community, visibility and pride during this year's "Sunset Parade in Downtown Dallas" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. Employees interested in marching in the parade are encouraged to sign up using [this link](#). Family members, friends and allies are also welcome to join us as we represent Parkland in an evening of unity and celebration.

Parkland's LGBTQ+ ERG works to create a safe and inclusive environment throughout the organization and is supportive of LGBTQ+ employees, patients, families, friends and allies. To learn about how to get involved or receive updates about their meetings, events and activities, please visit their [SharePoint Page](#) and email LGBTQ@phhs.org.

▼ Lasting Impressions: Erin Runkle



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Erin Runkle, Senior Project Manager, Enterprise Project Management Office.

"I want to recognize an employee that has gone above and beyond to support the activation of the 9th floor inpatient unit. As project manager, Erin has been diligently working alongside operations, IT, construction and clinical teams to keep us on target for a June 1 opening of the 56 new inpatient beds on the unit. She exemplifies the ICARE values throughout her work, and continues to impress with her attention to detail. Great work, Erin. Your support throughout this project makes a positive impact on the patient experience at Parkland!"



Want to nominate an employee who goes above and beyond? Tell us what makes them so fantastic by emailing Employees@phhs.org or calling ext. 28048.

Learn more about men's health on June 3

The Benefits & Wellness team will host an event for Men's Health this week featuring Parkland health experts. Drop by from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, outside Park Market to discuss preventive health, behavioral health, chiropractic care, Cigna EAP, urology and other topics related to men's health and wellbeing.

Join us for games and giveaways, connect with Cigna and Benefits to learn about men's preventive health coverage and receive a complimentary chiropractic assessment.

CDC issues Ebola advisory

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued a health advisory regarding the outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. Currently, no cases have been reported in the United States and the CDC assess the risk to the general U.S. public to be low.

At Parkland, we will continue to screen at all entry points including the Emergency Department, Urgent Care and clinics:

- Stop point for fever + 21-day exposure risk
- Do not send routine labs until health department/lab leadership guidance is obtained
- Avoid aerosol-generating or high-contact procedures for patients who screen positive unless essential, and ensure approved personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn.

As always, we will continue to keep you updated as we monitor this ongoing health advisory.

▶ Join the Safety Spotlight/Nightlight this week

At noon on Monday, June 1, Patient Safety & Clinical Risk Management will host the next "Safety Center Spotlight" webinar to educate Parkland team members on how to get the most out of the Safety Center. In addition, a "Safety Center Nightlight" webinar for night shift staff will be held at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3. You can join these sessions using the login information below.

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- [Join WebEx](#)
- Meeting number (access code): 2318 254 0921
- Meeting password: rBtvW9pmj52

5:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 3

- [Join WebEx](#)
- Meeting number (access code): 2305 211 9583
- Meeting password: SUuWFZ2H3t2



Onward & Upward

Accounting/Finance: Carlo Cueto to Manager, Accounting, Tamiyah Thompson to Accounting Clerk

Advanced Practice Provider Hospitalist/Observation

Service Line: Oluwakemi Lawrence to Advanced Practice Provider I – General

Advanced Practice Provider Surgery Service Line I: Patricia Beville to Advanced Practice Provider II – General

Ambulatory Clinical Support Services: Soukeyna Bentley-Richards to Director, Practice Operations

ARPA Digital Health Grant: Claudia Tavera Luna to Senior Medical Practice Assistant

Bed Access Management: Kaisha Johnson to Patient Flow Coordinator

Behavioral Health: Olayiwola Ilori to Advanced Practice Provider II – General

Behavioral Health Social Work: Emily Calloway to Social Worker (LCSW)

Centralized Staffing Office: Zekeri Arasah to Psychiatric Technician

Compensation: Ricardo Castro to Compensation Consultant, Denise Monterroso Machado to Compensation Analyst

Contracts: Bryson Hendrix to Contract Negotiator III

Dallas County Hospital District Police Department: Tinashe Munyaradzi to Police Cadet

Emergency Department: Alexis Facundo to Unit Technician, Warren Harper to Senior Registered Nurse – Emergency

Enterprise Data Services: Celine Wise to Business Intelligence Developer III

Finance Administration: Jamia Carr to Director, Accounting

Health Information Management – Coding Integrity:

Bhim Upreti to Virtual Health Information Management Inpatient Coding Auditor I

Information Technologies – Community & Digital Health:

Osaruonamen Igbinovia to Information Technology Application Systems Specialist

Information Technologies – Technical Systems: Jordan

Patterson to Manager Systems, Engineering

Language Services: Natalia De La Rosa to Senior Medical Interpreter

Mother/Baby A: Mandy Chow to Manager, Nursing

Mother/Baby MFM: Sujatha Movencherry to Senior Registered Nurse – Oncology

Oncology Services Clinic: Ashleigh Williams to Senior Medical Practice Assistant

Parkland Community Health Plan: Mariana Ybarra to User Acceptance Testing Analyst

Patient Financial Services – Operations: Edith Martinez to Senior Collector

Peritoneal Dialysis: Eyata Jones to Manager, Nursing

Psychiatric Emergency Department: Raymund Graves to Psychiatric Technician

Purchasing: Jibril Ali to Buyer

Radiology – CT Scan: Keane Ramos to Radiology Aide

Retirements

- Blanca Acosta, Lead Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services Ambulatory
- Vionnette Astrinos, Senior Registered Nurse – Emergency, Urgent Care Center
- Glen Baker, Supervisor Repair & Maintenance, Engineering Services
- Jannet McGuire, Medical Practice Assistant, Peritoneal Dialysis
- Trinidad Nazem, Pharmacy Technician, Central Fill Pharmacy
- Theresa Tom, Senior Registered Nurse Dialysis, Acute Dialysis
- Susan Webb, Senior Medical Technologist, Microbiology

June healthcare observances*

June 2: National Health Care Recruiter Recognition Day

June 2: World Eating Disorders Action Day

June 7: National Cancer Survivors Day

June 14: World Blood Donor Day

June 19: World Sickle Cell Day

June 27: National PTSD Awareness Day

June 29: World Scleroderma Day

June 8 – 12: Community Health Improvement (CHI) Week

June 11 – 17: National Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Week

June 15 – 19: Health Care Risk Management Week

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Cataract Awareness Month

Men's Health Month

National Aphasia Awareness Month

National Migraine & Headache Awareness Month

Scleroderma Awareness Month

PTSD Awareness Month

Hernia Awareness Month

Wound Healing Awareness Month

*The list of healthcare observations comes from www.healthgrades.com as well as the Society for Healthcare Strategy & Market Development calendar. If an observation was omitted, call 214-590-8048 (ext. 28048) or email Employees@phhs.org to add it to the list.



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