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## When it comes to winter weather, preparedness is key

Sunday, Dec. 21, is officially the first day of the winter season, which also brings the threat of potential winter weather. Parkland is a 24/7/365 operation, and we must ensure adequate staffing coverage to care for our patients. Employees are expected to be prepared for these weather events and make arrangements to get to work during severe weather, including snow, sleet, ice or freezing rain, tornadoes, floods and hail.

Snow and ice events will cause driving and walking hazards, slow moving traffic, longer commute times and power outages. Below are some things you can do to mitigate these hazards:

- Keep your vehicle in working order.
- Check the battery and tires, and fill up with fuel before an ice or snow event.
- Keep a blanket, drinking water and a flashlight in your vehicle.
- Have a cell phone car charger in your vehicle.

Now is the time to prepare and review your family plan and work plan to ensure you and your family are ready for winter weather. Please familiarize yourself with these relevant Parkland policies before an event occurs.

- [SYS.BOP.003: Severe Weather](#)
- [Emergency Operations Plan: Staff Hoteling Procedure](#)
- [Emergency Operations Plan: Disaster Staffing Procedure](#)

## ► MRI excellence continues at Parkland

We're proud to announce that Parkland's MRI services has once again been awarded ACR Accreditation for excellence in imaging quality and patient safety — marking nearly 20 consecutive years of continuous accreditation. This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality MRI imaging across four Parkland sites:

- Parkland Memorial Hospital
- Ron J. Anderson, MD Clinic
- Moody Outpatient Clinic
- Meadows MRI (Old Parkland – now closed)

Our accreditation covers advanced MRI specialties including Neuro, Cardiac, Body, Musculoskeletal and Breast Imaging — a true testament to the skill and dedication of our technologists, radiologists and support staff who make this possible every day.

Congratulations to the entire MRI team for upholding the highest standards in diagnostic imaging and continuing Parkland's legacy of excellence.



## ► Records and Information Management team honored

Congratulations to Parkland's Records and Information Management (RIM) team. Their outstanding contribution and commitment to records managements were recognized at the 2025 NAGARA Annual Conference with the Program Excellence Award. Parkland is the first hospital recipient in the award's history.

The NAGARA Program Excellence Award recognizes outstanding, innovative and successful government archives and records management programs or initiatives. This award honors a collaborative team or government program that has developed and implemented a creative product or initiative enhancing government records management and preservation goals.

## ▼ Lasting Impressions: Luis Cisneros



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Luis Cisneros, Environmental Services Technician.

*"We wanted to recognize a newer employee of EVS, Luis. He takes care of the floors up on 16. From the first time I met him, he always has a smile on his face AND is always working hard. He even comes by my office to ask if he is doing a good job or if we need him to do anything. During our weekly leadership rounds, EVERY leader from the 16th floor has kind things to say about him and how he has stood out in his short time here. His positive attitude and dedication have truly made a noticeable difference in the environment on our floor. We're excited to see his continued growth and contributions as part of the team."*



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

## ► Join the CHNA Lunch & Learn on Dec. 11

From noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Parkland will host a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Lunch & Learn that will share an overview of efforts at Parkland to reduce STIs and HIV in our community by normalizing sexual health and a status neutral approach. The Community Health & Wellness Team will review aims to enhance STI testing using a multi-modal approach to reduce STI rates. This includes phone and video visits for STI screening and treatment, partner therapy and sexual health counseling and education.

### Presenters will include:

- Helen King, MD, Internal Medicine – Infectious Disease
  - Cornelius Brewer-Bell, Care Coordinator
  - Jonathan Gute, Grant & Research Program Manager, ACCESS Clinic
  - Piper Duarte, Performance Improvement Analyst, Ryan White Part C
- [Click here](#) to register to attend upcoming CHNA Lunch & Learn Webinars.

## ► Stop by the pop-up sale next week

The Parkland Auxiliary is sponsoring a pop-up sale featuring Gold'N Visions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, and Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Private Dining Room. Stop by to browse the selection of jewelry, watches, handbags, fragrances and electronics. Payroll deduction is available for employees, and cash, debit and credit cards are accepted.

## Donate to the sock and glove drive by Dec. 31

The Professional Excellence in Nursing (PEN) Council and the Senior and Specialty RN Network (SSNR) is collaborating with the Homeless Outreach Medical Services (HOMES) UBC Council to host the 6th Annual Sock and Glove Drive. The sock and glove drive runs through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The PEN Council's goal this year is collect 10,000 pairs of socks and gloves, with items distributed directly to individuals experiencing homelessness through the HOMES program. Those who donate will be made eligible for prize drawings which will be held on Dec. 19 and Jan. 8 (dates subject to change).

### Drop off locations:

- **Nursing Center of Excellence (NPH 02-505):**  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon. – Fri.
- **HOMES Office (5280 Tex Oak Ave.):**  
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon. – Fri.
- **Centralized Staffing Office (NPH 01-611):** 24/7
- **Parkland Gift Shop (NPH 01.450.02):**  
9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Mon. – Fri.;  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sat. – Sun.

Each drop-off location will include a box where employees can submit their names to be considered in the weekly prize drawing. Please donate today and help us meet the PEN Council & SSRN goal.



## Watch UT Southwestern Ethics Grand Rounds online Dec. 9

You are invited to join the next UT Southwestern Ethics Grand Rounds from noon – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Allan M. Brandt, PhD, Amalie Moses Kass Professor of the History of Medicine in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University, will present “The Historical Relationship of Medicine and Public Health: Friends? Enemies? Frenemies?” To participate in this webinar please register using [this link](#). Upon registration, you will get the Zoom event ID and link to join the webinar.

### Onward & Upward

**Cardiovascular ICU:** Carmen Huynh, Jasandeep Hannah, Le Kaur, Riley Shultz and Hiyori Yokosawa to Registered Nurse – ICU, ICU/CCU/PCU

**Clinical Education & Academic Partnership:** Stephanie Booker to Registered Nurse Professional Development Practitioner – PRN

**Corporate Compliance:** Carla Roberson to Executive Assistant

**Environmental Services – PMH:** Elrick Gillis to Lead Environmental Services Technician

**HOMES:** Michael Coleman to Registered Nurse Internal Audit: Kemi Adepoju to Manager, IT Audit, Milad Houshidari and Silvia Zuniga to Manager, Internal Audit  
**Linen Services:** Johnny Alvarado to Supervisor, Repair & Maintenance

**Medicine PCU:** Jonathan Foster, Victoria Gabos, Christina George, Anna Johnson, Christina Le and Jazlyn Yang to Registered Nurse – ICU/CCU/PCU

**Neurosciences ICU:** Amber Kirkpatrick to Registered Nurse – ICU/CCU/PCU

**OB/GYN Emergency Services:** Cynthia Ruiz Maria Valdez to Registered Nurse – OBGYN ICC

**Oncology Services Clinic:** Keli Rhodes to Registered Nurse – Oncology

**Operational Excellence:** Kutlu Evlioglu to Senior Director, Labor Optimization & Operational Excellence

**Parkland Health Foundation:** Beth Dexter to Vice President, Chief of Advancement

**Perioperative Services Administration:** Niesha Leach to Supervisor, Business Support Specialist

**Sterile Processing:** Jessica Morales to Supervisor, Sterile Processing Department

**Surgical ICU:** Martha Fuentes, Felice Taylor and Guntaas Toor to Registered Nurse – ICU/CCU/PCU

### Retirements

- Huiping Chen, Cytotechnologist – PRN, Anatomic Pathology
- Barth Ifediora, Senior Registered Nurse – Acute Care, Neuroscience Acute Care Unit
- Kathy Rock, Wound Care Technician, Comprehensive Wound Care Center
- Margaret Roffino, Registered Nurse – COPC/OPC PRN, Float Staff/Continuing Education



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