CaroMont Health Selects Chief Nursing Officer

We are pleased to announce that Scott Wells, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, has been selected as the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for CaroMont Health.

Scott was most recently the Vice President of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer at St. Francis Health in Topeka, KS. Previously, Scott spent more than 30 years with Trinity Health, beginning his career as a Staff Registered Nurse in Respiratory ICU, the Coronary Care Unit and the Emergency Center. After many years as a Staff Nurse, Scott earned the role of Director of Emergency and Ambulatory Services at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa, a 312-bed facility in Mason City, Iowa. His experience gained in those positions prepared him to later become the Chief Executive Officer of Franklin General Hospital in Hampton, Iowa.

Scott earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Iowa; a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa, and a Master of Science in Nursing from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Additionally, Scott has Board Certification and is classified as a Nurse Executive Advanced by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Scott brings a wealth of experience to his new role of VP/Chief Nursing Officer. His many years as a staff nurse, nursing leader and executive will help him serve CaroMont with all areas of patient care in mind. We are excited that he will join our team in November.

Join us for an Epic Celebration!

As a thank you for all of your hard work through our Epic Go-Live, all hospital employees are invited to join us for a celebration on Thursday, November 5, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Clinton/Hudson Room at CaroMont Regional Medical Center. There will be delicious treats and a chance for you to try your hand at some carnival games.

For staff working third shift or on the weekends, don’t worry, we’ll bring the party to you! Members of Management and Senior Leadership will deliver treats and goodies to the floors overnight on Thursday, November 5 and again during the day on Saturday, November 7.

Thank you again for all of your contributions to this exciting project!
Good Catch Award

The Good Catch Award recognizes employees for their contributions to the Patient Safety Program. This award honors those who go the extra mile to provide a safer environment for our patients, visitors and workforce members. In our journey to become a High Reliability Organization focused on zero patient harm, identifying mistakes and correcting them before they happen is critical. Here are some of our recent winners.

Dana Jones, Special Procedures Tech in Imaging Services
Dana was nominated for her Good Catch of an T12 kyphoplasty that was ordered for the wrong patient. A handwritten order was mistakenly entered for the patient under a different physician's name. Dana did her research and worked with the Nurse Practitioner and hospitalists to get the error corrected and the procedure ordered for the right patient. Way to go, Dana!

Becky Smith, RN on PCCU
Becky was nominated for her Good Catch of a medication error. A Heparin protocol with bolus was ordered for a patient, completed by the pharmacy and placed in the chart. Becky caught a calculation error and contacted the pharmacy to have it corrected. Way to go, Becky!

For more information about the Good Catch Award or to nominate someone who has made a Good Catch, please visit the Patient Safety page on CHIP.

Team CaroMont and United Way Campaign Underway!

Last year, you helped raise nearly $200,000 for Team CaroMont and the United Way! This year, we’ve simplified things by hosting both campaigns at the same time. Make your donation now through November 6!

Team CaroMont: Employees who donate at least $100 to Team CaroMont during the campaign will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win two tickets to see the Carolina Panthers take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Bank of America stadium!

This year’s designations are: Employee Scholarship Fund, Gaston Hospice, Oncology Fund, FaithHealth-Gaston, Where the Need is Greatest and WOW (Women Optimizing Wellness). With a donation of $50 or more, employees can select up to two designations. One-hundred percent of your donation to Team CaroMont will be directed to the designation(s) of your choice.

United Way: Employees who donate at least $100 to United Way will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a car donated by a local dealership! A $50 donation is required to make a specific designation. A list of participating agencies located on the back of the pledge card.

See your manager for a pledge card that can be used to support one or both campaigns. All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact Dolly Mayerchak in Human Resources at 704.834.2209 with questions about the United Way campaign and Debbie Windley in the Foundation office at 704.834.4042 with questions about the Team CaroMont campaign.
Have You Had Your Mammogram?

Did you know that one in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? Breast cancer can affect anyone, and its impact reaches far beyond the patient to her family, friends, coworkers and her entire support system. The good news is that when caught early, the five-year survival rate is 99%. Remember, early detection is the best protection!

Regular and age-appropriate screening is the best protection against breast cancer. Women should perform monthly breast self-exams (BSE) to be familiar with their breasts and be able to quickly notice any changes. Once a woman turns forty, yearly mammograms are recommended. Dense breast tissue can increase the risk of cancer by four to six times, and Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) in conjunction with traditional screening mammograms can help doctors find cancers that can be missed by mammography alone.

All employees and their eligible dependents covered under CaroMont Health’s Consumer Driven Health Plan receive fully-covered preventive screenings with no copay. To learn more about this and all your benefits, please visit the Human Resources page on CHIP or contact them at 704.834.2141.

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