

MMH Welcomes Two Physicians

Hospital Happenings March 2008

I am always happy when I have the opportunity to introduce new physicians to our Community. We have a very active physician recruitment program at MMH and it is exciting when we have such high quality, experienced doctors join our medical staff. Because of the highly trained primary care and specialty physicians already on our staff, it is easier to attract quality physicians to join us.

Dr. Jimmy Gilbert, a board certified Pulmonologist, will begin seeing patients on Monday, March 3. Dr. Gilbert attended medical school at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock, AR. He then completed his Internship, Residency and Pulmonary Fellowship at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, CO. He has been practicing in North Little Rock, AR for the last 20 years. A Pulmonologist works with patients who have obstructive lung disease, which includes asthma, sleep medicine, critical care, pulmonary hypertension, and other pulmonary related diseases.

Dr. Gilbert and his wife, Lynette, have four children who are in college and/or graduate school. They are excited about moving to Montrose and enjoying the wonderful activities that Montrose and the surrounding area have to offer. Dr. Gilbert is currently taking appointments at 252-2753.

Another new physician who will be joining our medical staff is Dr. Robert Kilbourn, a board certified medical oncologist, who will start seeing cancer patients at the hospital's San Juan Cancer Center in May. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his Internship/Residency at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Kilbourn then went on to complete his Fellowship in Oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas where he also served as an Associate Professor from 1989 to 1996. He has been practicing in Austin, Texas for the last nine years.

As our Cancer Center and hospital continue to grow and flourish, we are fortunate to attract such highly qualified physicians to join our team. For the past eight years we have been privileged to have an affiliation with the University of Colorado Cancer Center renowned physicians who have consistently seen patients here in Montrose. We also owe

Dr. John Lambert, internist, a huge pat on the back and a debt of gratitude for going way above and beyond the call of duty to care for cancer patients.

The San Juan Cancer Center continues to thrive and excel in their care giving. In 2006 they gave 5,058 cancer treatments and that number ballooned to 8,407 treatments in 2007. The staff was recently nationally recognized for having consistently, high patient satisfaction scores. Marva Victor, RN, director of the medical oncology department said, “We treat people by using the Golden Rule. Our job is to do whatever we can to make our patients comfortable and to help them understand and cope with everything they are going through.”

We look forward to having these physicians join MMH’s active medical staff.