

EIRMC EMS Conference a Smashing Success

A big thank you to teachers on our Medical Staff



Participants enjoyed learning more about Cowboy & Wilderness Medicine from Dr. Joe Anderson

The EIRMC-sponsored EMS Continuing Education Conference "Trauma'n Triage: The Sequel" was held September 15 at EITC.

It was hard to be inside on such a beautiful Saturday, but with topics that covered Wilderness & Cowboy Medicine (10 field uses for feminine products and Aquafina wound irrigation systems), OB Complications (how to secure a pre-term baby in bubble-wrap), and Managing Psychiatric Issues in the Field (what to do when the patient has mental illness on top of their medical complaint), it was hard for first responders not to be entertained while learning some very important skills to put to use in the field. And it was equally clear that the presenters were having as much fun as the attendees!

EIRMC is giving a big shout out to these physicians for graciously giving of their free-time in support of this event:

- Dr. Brian O'Byrne
- Dr. Margaret Huggins
- Dr. Jeff Stieglitz
- Dr. Chris Harker
- Dr. John Landers
- Dr. Joe Anderson

And also to State EMS Director, Wayne Denney; Tami Lords, RN, Air Idaho Rescue; Dixie Weber, RN, Director of EIRMC Women & Infants Services; Bonnie Burlage, RN, Teton Valley Hospital and Rob Hall and Brandon Rich of IFFD.

The service you provided was greatly appreciated by over 130 EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics, and EMRs, who are required to complete many hours of advanced education annually for license renewal.

The conference, the presenters and the many class topics have all since received an overwhelming flood of positive feedback from conference attendees, many of whom were grateful to avoid having to travel long distances and pay for expensive classes out of the area.

And the best part: the community will be well-served as patients will have an even better chance of surviving the traumatic experiences that life dishes out.

FEATUREstory



Perinatology Services Grow Again at EIRMC

Full-time MFM specialist welcomed to the Medical Staff.



As fewer moms and babies leave the region for specialized obstetric and neonatal services, the need for more consistent MFM coverage has grown. That's why EIRMC is delighted to announce that effective immediately, full-time perinatologist Luanna Beauchamp, M.D., is available to consult and collaborate on the care of your high-risk obstetric patients and their unborn babies.

Before now, specialists in Perinatology were on-site twice weekly, with additional coverage provided via telemedicine. But now, Dr. Beauchamp's full-time presence means even greater availability of maternal-fetal medicine services 5 days a week, plus after hours and weekend coverage to help you care for your patients with high-risk pregnancies.

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Meet Luanna Beauchamp, MD

Name of practice: Pediatrix – Office temporarily located in EIRMC Imaging

Specialty: Perinatology (Maternal-Fetal Medicine)

Board certification: OBGYN, Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Years in practice: 20

Services for routine and high-risk patients: Genetic counseling, anomaly screening, fetal echos, amniocentesis, Level II sonography, high-risk OB and ultrasound consultations, fetal monitoring, growth studies, imminent pre-term delivery

How to contact: Current cell 207.356.2342 or hospital line 208.227-2609



Meet David Saurman, PA-C

Name of practice: Driggs Health Clinic / Teton Valley Hospital

Specialty: Full Spectrum of Family Medicine; Emergency Medicine (covers ER at TVH)

Board certification: PA-C

Years in practice: 14

Other services: Volunteers at Free Clinic in Jackson Hole, Ski Patrol at Teton Village, Base Camp HCP at Denali SP

How to contact: Driggs Health Clinic - 208.354.2302



EIRMC Physicians' Education Conference

- Oct 12 Stem Cell
Brian Bruggeman, MD
- Oct 19 Narc Nation
Brandon Bloxham, DO
- Oct 26 TBD
Brian Rundall, DO

Eastern Idaho Medical Education Consortium is accredited by the Idaho Medical Association to sponsor category one continuing medical education for physicians.

All classes are Friday at 7:30 a.m. at EIRMC, Classrooms A & B.

For more information, contact:
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Thanks for getting shot – twice.

We'll never tell who whimpered like a baby.

Hard to say which hurt worse – the flu shot or the "smile and say cheese" – but here's a big thank you to all physicians who took a moment to have your photo taken at the Medical Staff meeting in September. We appreciate your time.

Want a copy of your photo?

If you would like a digital copy of your photos, please email a request to Michele.Badrov@HCAhealthcare.com. If you would like any printed copies, for an additional fee you may order them from Bell Photographers in Idaho Falls, 524-4601.

Perinatology Services Cont.

Specialists in maternal-fetal medicine diagnose and treat problems of pregnancy, including medical problems in the mother (such as diabetes or heart conditions), complications of pregnancy, or problems developed by the unborn baby.

During a single visit, the Perinatologist can provide complete genetic counseling, Level II sonography, and if necessary, specialized procedures such as fetal echocardiograms, amniocentesis, etc.

Ten percent of pregnant women are considered high risk and require this highly-specialized help for themselves or their babies.

Dr. Beauchamp explains that multi-dimensional images are ultra-effective in diagnosing fetal birth defects, and high-quality ultrasound together with highly-trained sonographers are a must. She is glad to have both here at EIRMC.

In addition to diagnosing anomalies, Dr. Beauchamp also works with OB providers to prevent pre-term births. In cases of imminent pre-term delivery, an array of drug therapies are available to stop contractions and to help babies quickly gain lung maturity and strengthen blood vessels in the brain.

Hospital-based, Dr. Beauchamp is also available for phone and telemed consultations, which she says, "Is really great because women can deliver right where they are and not get on the road and travel." Always available to step in for advice and reassurance, she enjoys working in tandem, and leaving the long-term relationship between provider and patient intact.

Dr. Beauchamp points out that being here full-time supports greater continuity of care, and that just makes patients and their doctors feel all the more comforted.

Dr. Beauchamp can be reached a number of ways depending on referrer need and urgency.

Current cell (which may change soon) 207.356.2342, Imaging scheduling 208.227.2612, or Access Center 1.800.483.4762.

Coming in November's Physician Link

EIRMC's PICU opens to its first patients.

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Services Summary

- Total care for patients with high-risk pregnancies.
- Consultation and recommendations for patients under the care of area OB/GYNs, midwives, or other healthcare providers.
- Detailed ultrasounds for pregnant women (including the routine scan for low-risk women at 18-22 weeks).
- Amniocentesis
- Genetic counseling and prenatal diagnostic testing
- Preconception counseling to assess overall health, pregnancy-related risks, and recommendations to improve pregnancy outcomes.



NEWSBriefs

Not Getting Lost in Translation

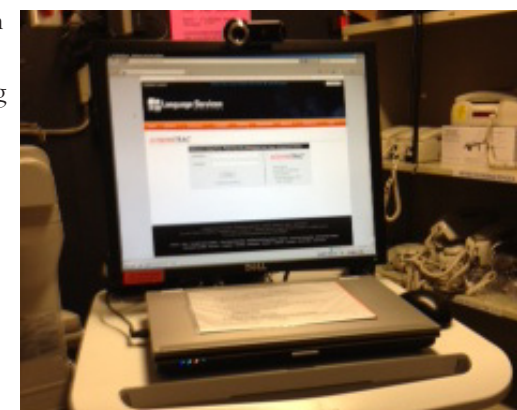
New computer-assisted captioning option for hearing impaired and ESL patients

Even when a physician's communication is crystal clear, sometimes patients and families have a tough time fully grasping unfamiliar medical concepts. Add to that a language barrier, and things get really complicated.

At EIRMC, services are available to ensure physicians have the ability to communicate with patients and their family members under most any circumstance. EIRMC's Communications Department offers an array of in-person, phone, and now computer-assisted translation services that are available 24/7.

The best translation resource is still the Language Line – always immediately available by handset or speaker phone.

Live translators are available for American Sign Language and Spanish, but since they are sometimes on-call rather than on-site, in-person interpreters are not always the fastest option.



Quick Translation

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| Language Line | All languages quickly |
| In person | Spanish or American Sign Language only |
| CART | Sometimes faster than in person (for Spanish and ASL only) |

To compensate, EIRMC has a new third translation option, called "CART," for computer-assisted real time captioning. With a laptop and webcam, Internet-based translating services are available 24/7, for both sign language and Spanish. This is a great option when an on-site interpreter isn't available. This service doesn't replace Language Line or in-person translation, but is a great alternative when those services aren't a perfect fit.

To access any of our interpreter services, just contact the Charge Nurse, explain the assistance you need, and when you will need it. (Calling ahead before rounds to address known interpretation needs, for example, will lessen your wait time, and the patient's time, too.)

Language barriers can be difficult for physicians, patients and families, but EIRMC wants to provide the best environment for patients to receive the best care. And that's something we don't want to get lost in translation.

From the EIRMC Access Center Mailbox

Mike Hunsaker, VP of Support Services, Star Valley Medical Center, writes:

Recently, an ATV accident trauma case came to our Emergency Department. A young woman was thrown from a side-by-side ATV while riding in the Palisades Reservoir mud flats near Alpine. She was transported to SVMC by the Alpine Ambulance Service and presented to trauma staff. Although she was still breathing, this young woman was non-responsive in every other way. A thorough examination including x-rays and CTs found facial and cranial fractures, and bleeding on the brain. She was transported immediately via helicopter to EIRMC.

EIRMC's Access Center was super helpful once the Trauma Team Physician determined that the patient needed to be transferred. Thanks to the immediate coordination and excellent care this young woman received at EIRMC, she is now home and well on her way to full recovery.

To just have to make one phone call to the Access Center and have all the details taken care of at the receiving end was great. Our trauma team has total confidence that the Access Center will take care of every detail in getting our patients safely to the EIRMC staff and the physicians that are waiting on the receiving end to take care of them and their loved ones when they arrive.

- Mike Hunsaker, VP of Support Services

Editors Note:

Thanks Mike! EIRMC loves your feedback. Earlier this year, we retooled our Access Center with all-RN staffing for better clinical support and new bed management software for an immediate view of specialists and resource availability. Stories like yours make us so grateful to be able to "partner up" in patient care.



One Call Does It All

Call Us!

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1-800-483-4762

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Specialist Direct

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