



# You're Gonna *Love* LANE



## Message from CEO

Lane continues to move forward and invest in the region. The four-story patient tower anticipated opening is in Spring 2025. Bathroom and flooring finishes are going in on the third and fourth floors while drywall, insulation, electrical, plumbing, lighting, and HVAC duct work are underway on the lower floors. Installation of elevators and pouring of new driveways have begun.

Inside the hospital, the front entrance and hallway to Lab and Imaging are temporarily closed due to renovations on what will be the new Patient Registration and Surgery Pre-admit areas. These areas and the front entrance will reopen after the first of the year.

We recently launched the new Lane Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology service line with Dr. Ashley Willis. We welcomed three additional physicians, Dr. Van-Vi Richardson with Lane Family Practice, and Dr. Zahf Shaikh and Dr. Gia Landry to Lane Gastroenterology. All four look forward to providing excellent medical care to you and your family.

On a personal note, after eight meaningful years at Lane, I will be retiring in the coming months. After a national search for my replacement, our Board of Commissioners have found a great candidate to lead Lane in future growth opportunities and exceptional services. I thank each and every staff member and physician for their hard work and dedication to Lane, the communities we serve, and our patients. I am proud of their individual and organizational achievements.

Most importantly, I thank you for your continued support and trust.

Kindest Regards,

*Larry Meese*

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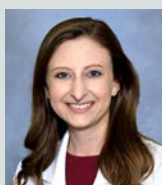
**Van-Vi Richardson, MD**  
Lane Family Practice

Originally from Baton Rouge, Dr. Richardson is an experienced physician and is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Louisiana State University and received her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where she also completed her residency training in family medicine and was Chief Resident.

During residency training, Dr. Richardson received the George Lally Bevil Award for outstanding characteristics and excellence in leadership, the Hardy Woodbridge Award for superior academic achievement, the Gary Jefcoats Award for outstanding teaching characteristics, and the W.R. Gillis Achievement Award for best performance. During medical school she was the recipient of the Dr. Thais Tonore Joy of Family Medicine Award for compassion and integrity in patient care, exemplary professionalism and a zeal for the specialty of Family Medicine.

*"It is my privilege to care for you and provide outstanding care to help you stay happy and healthy. I value the trust you place in me and look forward to getting to know you."*



**Ashley Willis, MD**  
Lane Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

Ashley Willis, a native of Baton Rouge, attended medical school at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge and her Allergy-Immunology fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Dr. Willis is board certified in Pediatrics and Allergy-Immunology.

Dr. Willis specializes in the comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of allergies, asthma, skin disorders, and immunodeficiencies. She is now accepting new patients and physician referrals are not required.

*"As an allergist and immunologist, I focus on the immune system as a whole to diagnose and treat patients. My goal is to help my patients of all ages feel better and breathe easier."*



**Gia Landry, MD**  
Lane Gastroenterology

Dr. Landry earned her Medical Doctorate from Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts and completed her residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She completed her fellowship in Gastroenterology/Hepatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas and her fellowship in Transplant Hepatology at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Landry also earned a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston, Texas. She is board certified in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Dr. Landry specializes in comprehensive diagnosis and management of the digestive tract (esophagus, stomach, small and large intestines, liver, biliary tract, and pancreas), inflammatory bowel diseases, such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn's, as well as liver and pancreatic diseases, including hepatitis, cirrhosis, primary biliary cholangitis, pancreatitis and other autoimmune disorders.

*"I am very excited to be a part of the Lane team. It is an honor to be involved with such an outstanding group of providers. I look forward to learning about the needs of this community and providing exceptional, patient-centered care."*



**Zahf Shaikh, DO**  
Lane Gastroenterology

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The most common symptoms treated include heartburn, abdominal pain, diarrhea, incontinence, irritable bowel syndrome, constipation, bleeding, hepatitis, and hemorrhoids.

Dr. Shaikh earned his Doctorate degree in Osteopathic Medicine from Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, New Jersey and began his residency training at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark. He completed his residency training in Internal Medicine and was Chief Resident at Hackensack University Medical Center. Dr. Shaikh completed his fellowship in Gastroenterology at HMM Palisades Medical Center in North Bergen, New Jersey.

Dr. Shaikh is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. In addition to colonoscopy screenings and upper endoscopies, he is also trained in therapeutic endoscopic procedures, and dilation procedures.

*"I am excited to be part of this community. There is no better job than helping my patients stay healthy."*





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- Asthma
- Skin Disorders
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**Dr. Ashley Willis** is specially trained to diagnose, treat and manage asthma and the full spectrum of allergic and immunologic diseases in both children and adults.

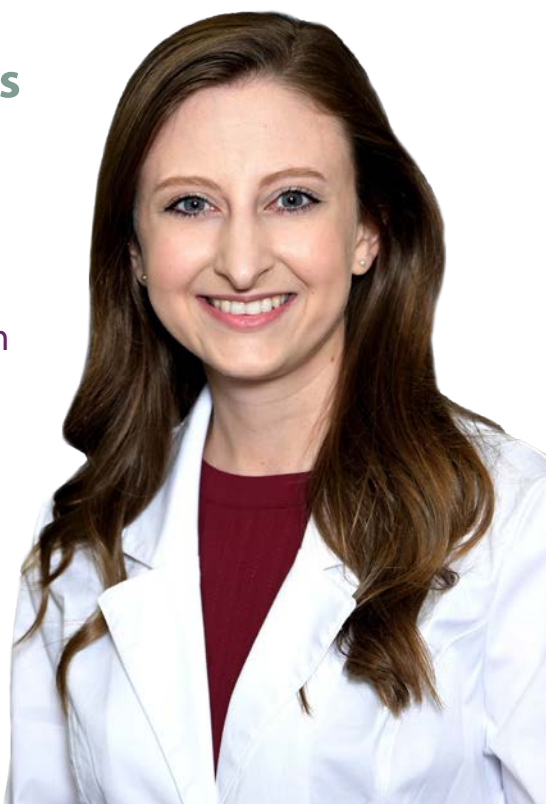
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# EXPANSION

## 4-Story Patient Tower Work Continues

The front entrance of the hospital is temporarily closed for construction while the exterior canopy and front lobby, new patient registration, and new surgery pre-admit areas are renovated.

**Patients and visitors may continue to enter through the Emergency Room.**



**The new patient tower is anticipated to open in March 2025.**



### Construction Work In-Progress:

#### 3rd and 4th floors

- Bathroom tile and fixtures are being installed, epoxy flooring is being poured
- Laminated bed walls are going up
- Nursing workstations are being fitted inside patient rooms

#### 1st and 2nd floors

- Drywall, insulation, electrical, plumbing, lighting, and HVAC duct work continues
- OR suites are taking shape with installation of hand washing stations and viewing windows

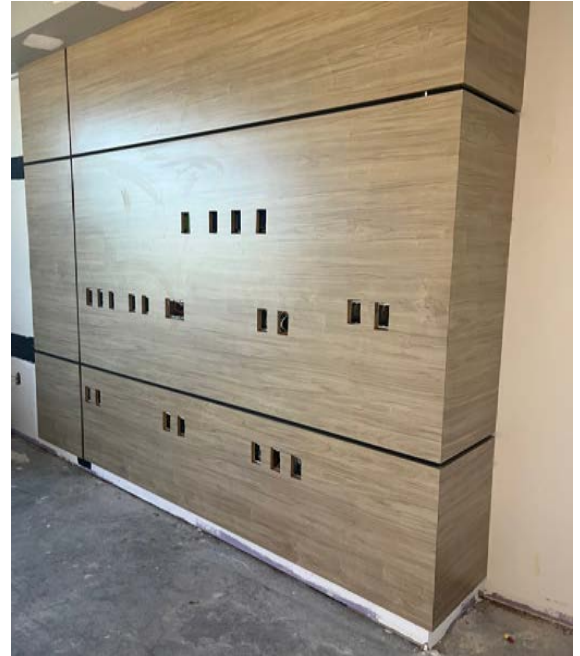
#### Other

- Elevator installations have begun
- Concrete for front parking areas is being poured
- Concrete footings for the new front canopy supports are underway
- A/C tie-in between the new tower and existing building is complete
- Majority of the exterior stonework and windows are in place



# UPDATE

## EXPANDING Laneability



### Once the entire expansion project is complete in 2026, major changes to the hospital will include:

- 4-story patient tower and 37,000 square feet of interior renovations
- 48 new patient rooms with large windows and walk-in showers
- 6 additional ICU rooms
- Entire 2nd floor dedicated to a contemporary surgery department
- 4 operating suites equipped with advanced technology
- 15 private pre- & post-surgery patient rooms
- Patient registration and pre-admit areas relocated to front entrance
- New dining room and serving line
- Expanded lab and imaging areas
- UV light technology for purified air throughout the facility
- Modernized front entrance





# Patient Testimonials

## Emergency Surgery and Exceptional Patient Care: Richard Feigley’s Patient Story

Richard is an amateur bodybuilder and adheres to a very strict diet. Occasionally, this diet can have adverse effects on his digestion. One morning at 2 am, Richard woke up with terrible pain in his stomach. The next day, the pain was still there but continued to get worse. By 9 pm that evening, he felt like he was dying, so he hopped in his truck and drove to Lane while being in the most pain that he’s ever experienced in his life.

Richard was seen in the emergency room and, after drifting in and out of consciousness from the pain, he was given pain medicine and a CAT scan was taken. Dr. Frank Sanfiel with Lane Surgery Group soon arrived to address the tear in Richard’s colon. “He was super nice, explained what was happening, and made sure I understood everything that was going on before we went into emergency surgery,” said Richard.

Later that morning, Richard woke up from surgery in Intensive Care. “I felt the care that I received, from start to finish, was just amazing,” says Richard. “Every nurse I had and everyone I interacted with treated me like I was a part of their family.”

While emergency surgery was obviously the hardest part, for a guy like Richard the recovery process was no picnic either. “For a week, I basically laid in bed. They drew blood, checked my vitals, and monitored my pain levels.” For an active, energetic person, taking this downtime to recover was less than ideal.

After returning home, Richard still had wounds from surgery that needed to be managed, so he saw the expert staff at Lane Wound Care. After six weeks, Richard was released to begin lifting weights again. While he was limited to 20-pound dumbbells, with a strict restriction on legs and core, getting back in the gym and to more normal activity was a big step and relief for Richard. A few months later, he had reversal surgery to remove the colostomy bag and was soon back to enjoying the life he loves.



“Throughout my entire experience, I had a group of people who loved their jobs and wanted to do their best. Everyone I’ve come across cared about how I’m doing. It’s a completely different level of care than I’ve ever experienced.”

## Infusion Therapy for Myasthenia Gravis: Rhonda Torrence’s Patient Story

Rhonda Torrence has a rare autoimmune disorder that led her to infusion treatments at Lane Infusion Center. “I have a chronic neuromuscular disease called Myasthenia Gravis. My nerves don’t communicate with my muscles. It causes a number of things. My eyes will droop, which can cause blurry vision and double vision. My arms and legs will get heavy. It affects any part of the body that uses a muscle and causes severe fatigue.”

Myasthenia Gravis (MG) develops when the immune system unintentionally targets the neuromuscular junction’s acetylcholine receptors in an attempt to disrupt nerve and muscle transmission. Drooping eyelids, double or blurry vision, trouble swallowing, and generalized muscle weakness that gets worse with movement and becomes better with rest are some of the symptoms. Although there is no known cure, there are therapies that can help control symptoms and enhance the quality of life for people who are affected.

Rhonda’s medication, Vyvgart, is administered via IV infusion and is helpful for people with MG. This drug reduces the harmful autoantibodies that target the acetylcholine receptors and helps to lessen symptoms by reducing these antibody levels.

Rhonda recently finished her fourth cycle of Vyvgart, which consisted of an infusion once a week for four weeks, followed by a 28-day break. Initially, Rhonda wanted to receive her infusions at home, but the expensive co-pay for this treatment led her to ask her physician for other options. Lane Infusion Center was not only a convenient option but also highly recommended. “My primary care doctor recommended Lane when I was looking for an infusion center, and it worked out perfectly,” says Rhonda.



“In addition to providing exceptional patient care and treatment, the Lane staff were very helpful with handling insurance and documentation. As this is an uncommon and expensive treatment, providing the required files and necessary follow-up have been very important. I would recommend Lane Infusion Center to anyone.”

## The Benefits of a Local Pharmacy: Brenda Tate's Patient Story

For years, Brenda Tate filled her prescriptions at a large national pharmacy. Unfortunately, a consistent issue of not having her medication in stock, coupled with poor customer service, forced her to find a new, better pharmacy. "They were always out of my medication, which was inconvenient, but then I had to deal with negative attitudes from the staff. I felt like I deserved to be treated better," remembers Brenda.

Frustrated and looking for a solution, Brenda stopped in at Lane Rx. "I went in and asked the pharmacist some questions. I was very satisfied with the answers, so I had all of my prescriptions transferred."

The degree of individualized care you get at a local pharmacy is one of the biggest benefits compared to a large national chain. Smaller-scale pharmacists go above and beyond to make sure you understand your prescriptions, how to take them, and any possible side effects. They can also closely collaborate with your doctors to monitor your prescriptions, ensuring you are taking the proper medications for your condition and that no dangerous drug combinations exist.



***"Lane Rx has that family atmosphere. They take their time, and they explain everything. It's just like family to me."***

## Lactation Consultation: Holly Seibert's Patient Story

Becoming a new mom involves a lot of questions and planning. When Holly Seibert was expecting her beautiful baby girl, she decided to meet with Kiara Carnes, RN, IBCLC, a lactation consultant at Lane Regional Medical Center.

As a result, she felt more confident and at ease about providing the best for her daughter. "I had so many questions with it all being so very new; I had so much to learn," says Holly. And learn she did. Holly could not have been more pleased with the information and care she received from her lactation consultant, Kiara. "She was very knowledgeable, went in-depth with everything, and was absolutely wonderful. I told my mom and husband that this was my favorite appointment."

Holly had many questions ranging from pacifiers and pumps to continued support and resources after leaving the hospital. "I wanted to know if I had any questions or problems once I got home if I could reach out, and Kiara said, 'Absolutely.' Knowing that this safety net is there, and I'm not alone, is a real comfort."

With this being her first child, taking the time to thoroughly answer each and every question made Holly's experience at Lane a great one. "Kiara talked me through what to expect while in the hospital," remarked Holly. "She gave me tips on how to prepare our two dogs before bringing the baby home. She asked if I had been to the Labor and Delivery unit before; I hadn't, and she took the time to take me on a tour so that I'd be familiar with it. She was truly genuine, a truly amazing person."

One of the most important results of seeing a lactation specialist is the confidence that it instills. While you learn the science and health benefits of breastfeeding, understanding what to do and being confident in how to do it makes all the difference.



***"Kiara truly made me feel prepared for what was coming. I felt much more confident after meeting with her. I went from wondering if breastfeeding is something that I could do, to knowing that, yes, I can do this!"***



## Schedule Your

# LACTATION CONSULTATION TODAY!

If you are an expecting or breastfeeding mom, an appointment with a certified lactation consultant will help both you and your baby.



**Kiara Carnes, RN, IBCLC**

## Our Services:

- Set a breastfeeding routine
- Find the best breastfeeding positions for you and your baby
- Help with latching, milk supply, and other challenges
- Recognize breastfeeding conditions like mastitis and plugged ducts



Ask your OB/GYN or Pediatrician for a referral, or call us directly to schedule an appointment at 225-658-6612.

Lactation consultations are covered by most insurance plans and Medicaid.



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# Nutrition Services

Nutrition plays an important role in staying healthy. In addition to the traditional nutrition services provided to all inpatients, Lane also offers Medical Nutrition Therapy services for outpatients. This outpatient service includes nutrition intervention which is an important component in the improvement of chronic disease.

Some of the conditions for which we provide Medical Nutrition Therapy include:

- Diabetes
- Gestational Diabetes
- Weight Management
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Kidney Disease
- Gastrointestinal Disease
- Cancer
- Nutrition Support (Tube Feeding, Parenteral Nutrition)



**Our team** of licensed and registered dietitians provide individualized nutrition plans and give our patients the tools and motivation needed to make improvements to their health to help them achieve optimal health.

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**For more information or assistance in obtaining a physician referral, please call 225.658.4347 or email [dietitianreferral@lanermc.org](mailto:dietitianreferral@lanermc.org)**



*Through the years, we've celebrated many milestones.*



***We've celebrated*** our patients' successes following dementia diagnosis, strokes, illnesses, and surgeries.

***We've celebrated*** friendships that span the years as our patients become like family.

***We've celebrated*** being a team and making a difference.

***And now, we are pleased to celebrate our 40th year of service*** to our amazing community.

***A special thanks*** to all of our patients who have warmly welcomed us into their homes and their lives.



Providing home health services including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical nutrition therapy, medication management, fall prevention, personal care, social services, and palliative care transition assistance.

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# Scrapbook

## CIS and Lane First in the Capital Region to use Drug-Coated Coronary Balloon

Dr. Abdullah Munir, interventional cardiologist at Cardiovascular Institute of the South (CIS), is the first in the Capital Region to use the first FDA-approved drug-coated coronary balloon in the U.S. for the treatment of coronary in-stent restenosis. The procedure took place at Lane Cardiovascular Center.

*"This new technology enables us to help prevent future blockages of the stented coronary artery, without leaving behind another layer of permanent metal implants," said Dr. Munir. "This is a breakthrough for patients who suffer from coronary artery disease."*



## HERO Club Donation

Members of the Lane HERO Club (Hospital Employees Reaching Out) recently presented a check for \$2,500 to the Zachary Food Pantry.



## New Preceptors at Lane



Staff from our Lane clinics recently completed their Preceptor training. Thank you to this great group of leaders!!! Pictured L-R: Catina Robillard, Ashton Faulk, Danielle Dixon, Lanee Hebert, Melody Lienemann, Connie Jarreau, and Mary Ann Taylor.

## Maternity Care Recognition



Lane is proud to be recognized by Louisiana Blue with a Blue Distinction® Centers+ (BDC+) for Maternity Care designation, as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. To earn this designation, each facility must deliver quality care in a safe and cost-effective manner.

## Lane Home Health Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Lane Home Health is celebrating 40 years of service. Physicians agree that care provided by licensed home health nurses and therapists is the best alternative to lengthy hospital stays or emergency room visits. Lane Home Health provides quality care, seven days a week, for patients confined to the home and recovering from injury or illness.



## New Pharmacy Manager at Lane Rx

Ivan Robertson was recently named Pharmacy Manager at Lane Rx. A Central High graduate and 30-year resident of Central, Ivan received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Northeast Louisiana University and has more than 28 years of pharmacy experience.



*"I believe in building relationships and truly caring for the needs of each patient," says Ivan. "My father was a pharmacist and owned his own pharmacy in the early 80's in Baton Rouge, which is where I learned the values and level of customer service we bring to our patients each day."*



## Condolences for Dr. Lusco

With a heavy heart, we share the news of Dr. Salvador "Sal" Anthony Lusco's passing. He was a member of Lane's medical staff for 30 years. Dr. Lusco passed away on June 23, 2024. He served his country during the Vietnam era as a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps, was active in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and enjoyed his work as an OBGYN physician. Dr. Lusco would often say when signing a birth certificate that he had attended a miracle - and he delivered thousands of those miracles.



### Lane Infusion Center Team

The team at Lane Infusion Center provides intravenous infusion for antimicrobial therapy and therapeutic injections in a comfortable relaxed environment.



### IT Professionals Day at Lane

Here are just a few things our IT team does: computers, laptops, carts, paper printers, specimen printers, armband printers, label printers, Rovers, Ground control, Workspace One, InTune, SAN's, VPN's, firewalls, modems, hard drives, RAM, NIC, monitors, mice, phones, faxes, scanners, copiers, networks, switches, ports, ethernet, fiber, WIFI, servers, virtual servers, artificial intelligence, backups, passwords, VLAN, PHI, Epic, Sage, Envi, Backline, email, Outlook, Excel, Word, phishing, spam, junk mail, encryption, BOSS tickets, OnSolve/SmartNotice, gateway, IP address, DNS, EPCS, routing, multi-factor authentication, fingerprint, tap-n-go, ransomware, hacking, anti-virus, internet of things, TWAIN, SCSI, PCI, HDMI, DVI, WSUS, HL7, interface, SMTP, FTP, reports, extracts, user ID, PIN, video conferencing, reboot, screen shot, error message, on-call, never closed, love their job, committed, never saying "not my job", teamwork, and the list goes on and on. Thank you for keeping Lane's technology going!



### Healthcare Food Service Week

Celebrating the dedicated professionals who are the key ingredient in delivering nutrition excellence to patients, families, and staff. Their responsibilities include crafting nutritious and tailored meals for patients with varying health requirements, as well as managing extensive inventories of food and preparing thousands of meals a year. Thanks for all you do!



### National Rehabilitation Awareness Week

During National Rehabilitation Awareness Week we recognize the many benefits that can arise from rehab programs and the outstanding services provided by our professionals at Lane Rehabilitation Center and Lane Outpatient Therapy for physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

### Lane Welcomes AHEC Students from Area High Schools

In partnership with the Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Lane hosted a summer health careers volunteer program for area high school students.

The "A-HEC of a Summer" program is an exciting opportunity for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students with at least a 2.0 GPA who are interested in pursuing careers in healthcare.

Students from Zachary High, Baker High, Central High School and Central Private rotated through various departments and job shadowed to obtain first-hand knowledge about a variety of healthcare fields and health issues, practice basic patient care skills, and attain CPR certification.



Pictured L – R: Jadan LaDay, Cydnee Thomas, Gracie Meliet, Rickey Washington, Lola Guidroz, Samira McQuirter, Elizabeth Gaines, and Iva Martel.

### Volunteers Receive Service Pins



Diane Rouchon Kate Tacey Jeanine Meese Vicky Dong

Members of the Lane Volunteer Services program were recently recognized. Service pins were presented to: Diane Rouchon and Kate Tacey for achieving 1,000 volunteer hours, Jeanine Meese for 500 volunteer hours, and Vicky Dong for 50 volunteer hours.



### MLK Back to School Event

Shout out to Liz Jarreau at FastLane Urgent Care, Betty Spurlock at Lane OB/GYN, and Dr. Shola Tijani at Lane Pediatrics for spending time with the children and parents during the MLK Community event for back to school!



# Join the Lane Team!



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## Current Positions Available

### Allied Health

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- CT Technologist
- Licensed Master Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Radiologic Technologist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Ultrasound Technologist

### Clerical

- Appointment Clerk – clinical
- Billing Specialist
- Lab Clerk
- Patient Services Representative

### Nursing

- Case Manager
- LPN - clinical
- RN – ER, Cath Lab, ICU, Med Surg/Tele (FT & PT)

### Nursing Support

- Medical Assistant – clinical
- Monitor Technician
- Unit Technician

### Support Services

- Dietary Assistant
- Environmental Attendant/ Housekeeping

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