McLeod Health held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Emergency Department at McLeod Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Designed to meet growing emergency medical needs of the region, the enhanced and expanded Emergency Department will relocate from the west entrance of the campus on Ravenel Street to the east side of the campus between the Pavilion Tower and McLeod Medical Park East.

The Emergency Department at McLeod Regional Medical Center has experienced rapid growth in the number of patients cared for annually. The current location does not allow for expansion to accommodate this volume of patients, and the expansion will support improvements in flow and efficiency.

“At McLeod, we continue to fulfill our mission by providing the highest level of emergency and trauma services to those living from the Midlands to the coast. As the regional Level II Trauma Center, we care for our neighbors and friends as well as those travelers who pass through our area and experience a traumatic event,” according to Marie Saleeby, Senior Vice President and Administrator of McLeod Regional Medical Center.

A new Emergency Department will provide an increase in capacity, allow for improvement in the flow of patient care and efficiency, as well as support easier access for patients and families.

In his remarks, Dr. Jeremy Robertson, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, said, “The McLeod Emergency Department currently has 40 acute treatment rooms which accommodates 50,000 patients a year. However, we care for in excess of 77,000 patients a year in the Emergency Department, and this number continues to grow.”

The new Emergency Department will include 73 rooms designed to serve 109,500 patients a year.

“The relocation, adjacent to the Pavilion Tower, aligns the patients with nearby operating suites and surgeons, diagnostics and imaging services. We consider this a unique opportunity for our staff and physicians to be involved in the development of such a great medical asset to our community,” stated McLeod Emergency Physician Dr. Thomas Lewis.
In the months ahead, the Emergency Department at McLeod Regional Medical Center will relocate from the West entrance on Ravenel Street to the East side of the campus between the Pavilion Tower and McLeod Medical Park East.

While all efforts are underway to limit disruptions on the campus, please note the following information:

The enclosed breezeways connecting the second and third floors of the McLeod Pavilion and McLeod Medical Park East are closed to through-traffic.

Griffin Street will close as construction of the new McLeod Regional Medical Center Emergency Department begins. Griffin Street extends between the McLeod Pavilion and McLeod Medical Park East. Entering the McLeod Campus from East Palmetto Street and Griffin Street will require drivers to turn right at the intersection of Griffin and Cheves, then left on Johns Street to reach the north side of the campus.

The entrance to Griffin Street at Cheves Street, the entrance to the Pavilion parking area from Griffin Street and the entrance to the East Parking Deck from Griffin Street will temporarily close. This will serve as the preparation area for the construction, and provide safety to staff and visitors. These entrances will reopen next month.

To access the East Parking Deck, patients, visitors and staff will need to enter the deck from Johns Street. The front entrance of the Pavilion Tower on Cheves Street will remain open. Valet parking is available. You may also park in the Central Parking Deck to access the Pavilion and Center for Intensive Care.

Patients traveling from McLeod Medical Park East to the Pavilion Tower may either enter through the Elevator Lobby of the North Parking Deck, or through the East Parking Deck following the yellow designated walkway to the Cheves Street front entrance of the Pavilion.

The metal pedestrian corridor connecting Medical Park East and the McLeod Pavilion Tower is under construction and should open for covered access later this month.
McLeod Nurse Receives April DAISY Nursing Award

McLeod Registered Nurse Lee Broughton was named the April DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Regional Medical Center on April 19, 2018. Broughton, a staff nurse on the Cardiovascular Nursing Unit, was nominated by Regina Floyd, RN, a Clinical Instructor for Florence-Darlington Technical College, for the extraordinary compassion and care she demonstrates towards Floyd’s students.

To recognize those Nurses at McLeod Regional Medical Center who are true examples of Nursing Excellence, patients, family members and co-workers may nominate nurses for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

“My clinical group are senior students but many have not had the opportunity to observe cardiac procedures such as a heart catheterization,” said Floyd. “When Lee learned this, she took it upon herself to make the arrangements so the students could observe a procedure.

“Each Thursday, when I am here at McLeod Regional Medical Center with my nursing students, Lee’s smiling and caring nature shines through. She makes us all feel welcomed and appreciated and for students that means a lot. A good clinical experience helps mold nursing students into caring nurses,” added Floyd.

Nurses may be nominated for their strong clinical skills and the compassionate care they provide. Nomination forms are available on each nursing unit at McLeod Regional Medical Center or can be found at www.McLeodNursing.org.

Regina Floyd, a Clinical Instructor for Florence-Darlington Technical College, nominated Lee Broughton, RN, for the DAISY Nursing Award.

McLeod Children’s Hospital to Host Asthma Camp

On Saturday, May 19, McLeod Children’s Hospital will host a free Asthma Camp for children ages five to 11. During the camp, children will learn how to manage their asthma through fun and interactive games. Game stations will demonstrate lung anatomy, trigger avoidance, as well as asthma medication and proper usage. Games will also teach the importance of asthma control during activities such as sports.

The camp also includes a parent education session conducted by a Certified Asthma Educator, focusing on asthma basics, symptom recognition, trigger avoidance, proper medication administration, and the Asthma Action Plan.

The camp will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the McLeod Pavilion Conference Center. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

To register for the McLeod Children’s Hospital Asthma Camp, call McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at (843) 777-2095. For more information about the camp, call the McLeod Asthma Educator at (843) 777-8506.

Sponsored by the McLeod Health Foundation, the McLeod Asthma Camp is a safe environment for children, staffed by Certified Asthma Educators and experienced Pediatric Respiratory Therapists and Registered Nurses.
3D Mammography™
Now Available at
McLeod Regional Medical Center
and McLeod Health Dillon

McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence and McLeod Health Dillon now offer the most accurate mammogram available – 3D Mammography™. The Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam is revolutionizing how breast cancer is detected by providing a better option for women of all breast densities compared to 2D alone.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in South Carolina regardless of race. It is also the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in the state and the leading cancer site diagnosed at McLeod Health.

Early detection significantly increases a woman’s chance of survival. The National Cancer Institute recommends that women begin having annual mammograms at age 40.

If it’s time for your annual mammogram, schedule your 3D Mammogram at either of the McLeod locations below by calling McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at (843) 777-2095.

McLeod Regional Medical Center
801 East Cheves Street
Florence, SC 29506

McLeod Health Dillon
301 East Jackson Street
Dillon, SC 29536

For more information on 3D Mammography at McLeod, click here.

Groundbreaking Held
for Occupational
Health Center

McLeod Health held a groundbreaking ceremony for McLeod Occupational Health Commerce Park on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The ceremony was held at Pee Dee Touchstone Energy Commerce City Park in Florence.

Committed to providing excellent quality care and improving the health care of those it serves from the Midlands to the Coast, McLeod Health continues to invest in services and technology in a continuing effort to meet the medical needs of the region.

The addition of McLeod Occupational Health Commerce Park underscores this commitment by McLeod Health to provide treatment, services and health care to area businesses and industries.

The Pee Dee Touchstone Energy Commerce City Park is a Class-A commercial/industrial park at the forefront of the area’s economic development advances. Situated on 705 acres at the intersection of Interstate 95 and S.C. Highway 327, the park is home to FedEx, Ruiz Foods, Performance Foodservice, Johnson Controls, Monster.com, Pepsi Cola of Florence, Pee Dee Regional Water Treatment Plant and Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

McLeod Occupational Health Commerce Park is scheduled to open in early 2019.

To read the full story, click here.
McLeod Health Dillon Surgeon Presents to Advisory Board

Dr. Mamdouh Mijalli of McLeod General Surgery Dillon spoke to the McLeod Health Dillon Community Advisory Board on April 27. He described common gallbladder problems as well as diagnosis and treatment options.

Join us for a

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for the new

Emergency Department

at McLeod Health Cheraw

Thursday, May 24, 2018 • 12:00 p.m.

McLeod Health Cheraw
711 Chesterfield Highway • Cheraw, South Carolina
On Thursday, April 19, McLeod Health Clarendon employees were recognized for their years of service during the Employee Service Awards Luncheon.

“The values of McLeod Health are demonstrated through the dedication and commitment of our employees. The Value of Caring, the Value of the Person, the Value of Quality, the Value of Integrity and our mission of providing patients with medical excellence are the foundation of our daily focus,” said Rachel Gainey, Administrator of McLeod Health Clarendon.

During the ceremony, 56 employees of McLeod Health Clarendon were honored for their contributions to the organization. Each employee was recognized for their cumulative years of dedicated service including those years of service at Clarendon Memorial Hospital. When combined, these employees have dedicated more than 525 years of caring to patients and families in Clarendon and surrounding counties.

5 Years of Service: Samantha Adams, Ashlee Benton, Tracy Boykin, Jennifer Burke, Ellen Burrows, Margaret DuBose, William Dunlap, Christopher Dymond, Alyson Easte, Shandell Gibson, Jace Goldberg, Thea Hawkins, Stephanie Hipp, Brandi Hodge, Tiffany Jones, Thomas Khana, Charles “Mickey” Llyod, Debra Love-Ballard, Katherine Marlowe, Dr. Wilmot McColough, Elvira McFadden, Sabrina Mellerson, Denise Melton, Amanda Moore, John Moses, Laurie Pack, Deborah Richardson, Paul Schumacher, Michele Shope, Ashley Stewart, Michael “Doug” White, Amanda Wilson, 10 Years of Service: Betty Dukes, Maggie Harrison, Jill Hedrick, Joslyn Kinlaw, Pat Kolb, Dawn Rowell, Stuart Smith, Abbie Tisdale, T.I. Walker, Lori Welch, 15 Years of Service: Ashley Chandler, Rachel Gainey, Robert Graham, Timothy Hinson, Susan McElvene, Leigh Reed, Tracey Strickland, Kayla Williams, Charlene Young-Singletary, 20 Years of Service: Johanna Wilson, 25 Years of Service: Mary “Shelia” Dingle, Pamela Flagler, 30 Years of Service: Loretta Benbow, Linda Sharper

The very special volunteers who donate their time and talents to make a difference at McLeod Health Clarendon were celebrated Friday, April 20.

In 2017, these dedicated volunteers contributed a total of 5,459 hours to McLeod Health Clarendon. The Volunteer Services Department consists of more than 19 men and women who work in almost every facet of the organization including the information desk, transportation, outpatient rehab, surgical waiting areas, radiology, clerical duties, conducting daily patient rounds, and more.

McLeod Health Clarendon honors its volunteers annually by presenting service awards to recognize their special efforts and years of service.

Volunteers recognized included Barbara Ardis, 25 years; Mary Queen, 23 years; Mary Alice Ipock, 18 years; Betty Strange, 17 years; Pat Kerl, 16 years; Pat Mackenzie, 14 years; Ursula Horn, 11 years; Barbara Patterson, 11 years; Mary Dubose, 9 years; Louise Mozdeh, 9 years; and Johnny Junious, 5 years. Hattie Benjamin and Lynda “Jane” Carroll were named Volunteers of the Year.
McLeod Loris is hosting a free Dinner & Discussion on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Center for Health & Fitness.

The program will feature Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Christopher Walsh, of McLeod Orthopaedics Seacoast, who will discuss joint pain of the hip and knee and if a joint replacement is the right option to improve mobility.

Just as no two patients are the same, no two joint replacement procedures are alike. Dr. Walsh and his team work closely with patients to assist them from diagnosis to treatment and recovery, to meet the needs of each patient.

The Center for Health & Fitness is located at 3207 Casey Street, Loris, S.C. For more information or to register for this event, please call (843) 390-8327. Registration is required and space is limited.

Additional features of the new Emergency Department, according to Dr. Lewis, will include:
- Five dedicated resuscitation areas large enough for life-saving equipment with quick access to ambulance bays, a CT scanner, and operating rooms to serve stroke, trauma and critically ill patients.
- Larger patient rooms to accommodate family members.
- Pharmacy, Lab and Radiology located within the department for quick access.
- “Psych-safe” rooms to keep behavioral health patients safe and eight separate beds for the Psychiatric Holding Area.

“This project must not be viewed as simply additional bricks and mortar to an ever growing medical system,” said Leander Crawford, a McLeod Board Trustee and Chairman of the Planning Committee. “This new Emergency Department will offer superlative care, ease of access and delivery of the highest level of treatment.”

Dale Locklair, Senior Vice President of Planning and Facilities Management, stated that the new Emergency Department, an $89.5 million expansion project, is scheduled to open in December 2020.

To obtain important information from McLeod Health such as emergency notifications, hospital updates, weather-related news, physician updates, upcoming events, job openings, patient stories and health information, follow McLeod Health on Facebook.

Go to www.facebook.com/McLeodHealth and click on the Like button. You can also click on the Following button located next to the Like button and select See First in Your Newsfeed and Receive Notifications from McLeod Health.
Merit Awards

MRMC

Marcia Cullipher  
NICU  
March 2018

Pamela Hutchinson  
Security  
March 2018

Sarah Roland  
Children’s Hospital  
March 2018

William (Bill) Early  
Hospitality Services  
April 2018

Clarendon

Elizabeth Lowery  
Radiology  
April 2018

MPA

Kristin Simmons  
McLeod OB/GYN Seacoast  
April 2018

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May Specials

McLeod Spa May Special

Queen Bee Ritual $275 ($315 value)
50-minute Nirvana Stress Relief Massage, Holistic Facial featuring Manuka Honey, Lavender Honey Yogurt Wrap, Mother Glows Best Pedicure

Mother Nurture Ritual $140 ($165 value)
50-minute Nirvana Stress Relief Massage and Holistic Facial featuring Manuka Honey

Sweet Mamma Ritual $150 ($185 value)
Lavender Honey Yogurt Wrap w/ Scalp Massage, Mother Glows Best Pedicure

The Mom Ritual $125 ($155 value)
Express Massage, Express Facial, Spa Manicure and Spa Pedicure

Plus 20% off all retail products for the month of May!

Please call 777-3203 (Concourse) or 777-3200 (Health & Fitness Center) to schedule an appointment.

Don’t forget Tuesdays are Employee Days
Present your employee ID badge for 15% off any service or product.
(Not valid on gift certificate purchases.)

Visit: www.McLeodHealthFitness.org for a menu of services.

McLeod Health & Fitness Center

May Special
Enjoy a $25 joining fee during the month of May.
Based on a 24-month contract.

In an effort to better serve you, McLeod Health & Fitness Center is now open at 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m
Friday: 5:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

McLeod Resource Center

May Special:
Enjoy 10% off all Quick Clean Micro-Steam Bags

Upcoming Events

For a complete list of upcoming events, please click here to view the McLeod Health calendar.