

McLeod Health Has Announced its Intention to Build a New Hospital in Carolina Forest



McLeod Health has announced its intention to build a new hospital in the Carolina Forest area of Horry County.

“We have filed a Certificate of Need with the State, as required, demonstrating the need for a hospital in this location,” said Monica Vehige, Administrator, McLeod Health.

“Pending approval from the Department of Health and Environment Control, our plans are to build a 4-story hospital with up to 48-beds on our 42-acre Carolina Forest campus, where we already have 2 outpatient buildings,” said Vehige. “The ongoing development of services at the McLeod Health Carolina Forest campus is intended to offer coordinated services across the healthcare continuum and to address the need for value-based

services to ensure good health for the residents living in Carolina Forest and Myrtle Beach communities.”

According to the U.S. Census, Horry County is one of the fastest growing counties in South Carolina and Carolina Forest is one of the fastest growing areas of the county. Federal and state statistics demonstrate the need for additional beds in this area.

In the 2020 South Carolina Health Plan developed by SC DHEC, Horry County needs an additional 155 hospital beds by 2024. The need for general hospital beds is determined through the consideration of current utilization and projected population growth with the goal of having beds available within approximately 30 minutes’ travel time.

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McLeod Health intention to build a new hospital (cont'd)

“The current and projected population of Horry County, as well as the seasonal spikes we experience due to tourism is a major influence on the growing demand for healthcare services in our county,” said Vehige. “Additionally, our current COVID-19 pandemic response demonstrated the insufficient hospital bed capacity in Horry County. Even without a pandemic, this shortage will become even more apparent as the population grows.”

The addition of the hospital at this location will provide healthcare services needed by the local community and will be part of continued assessment of medical needs and recruitment of specialists and physicians to the area to serve patients and their families on the Coast.

“The planned \$56 million hospital will have 4 operating suites and will be available for patients

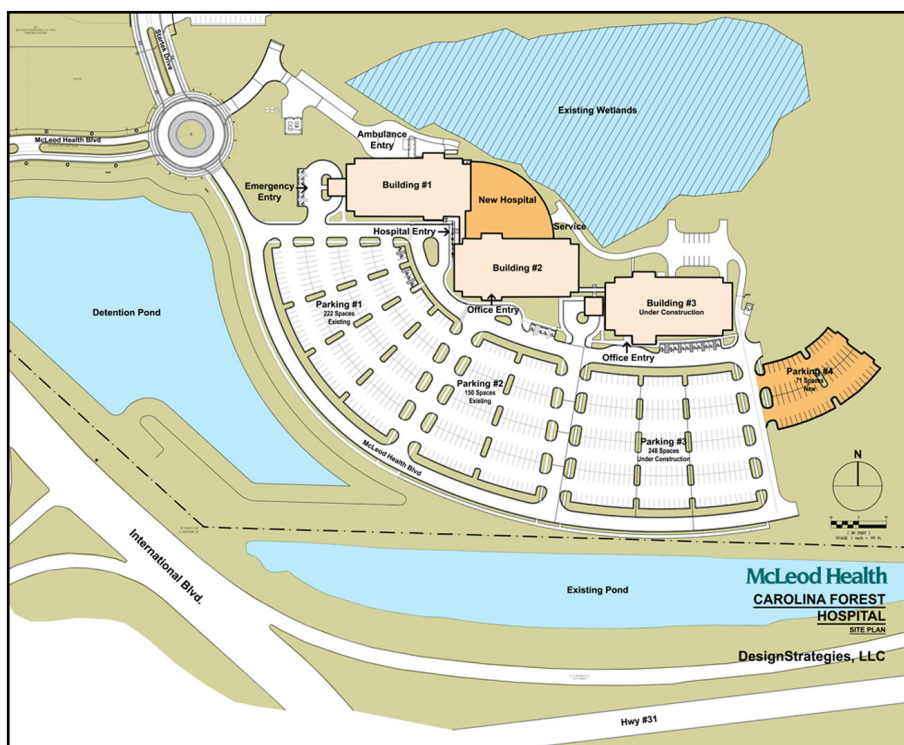
from our Carolina Forest Emergency Department that need continuing care,” says Vehige.

“Additionally, patients from this community, who have various illnesses or require surgery, will find care closer to their home.”

McLeod Health demonstrated the strength of its health system, staff and resources during the current pandemic, maintaining excellence of care for our COVID and non-COVID patients. The new hospital will further bolster this regional strength for all our communities.

“This community’s growth requires adequate hospital capacity to meet the growing demands for quality healthcare,” said Rob Colones, CEO of McLeod Health. “Our mission is to improve the overall health and well-being of people living in the communities we serve.”

The Carolina Forest campus is envisioned to offer a wide range of health services that will provide the emergent, primary, specialty and inpatient care that patients need. McLeod Health will be the only healthcare system building a continuum of care, with specialty services at all three Horry County Hospitals – McLeod Seacoast, McLeod Loris and McLeod Carolina Forest campuses.



Medical Technology Students Graduate



Photo left to right: 2020 Graduates of the McLeod School of Medical Technology include Victoria Meyers, Katherine Lester, Ashleigh Todd, Sierra Lind and Caleb McClary.

A graduation ceremony was held at McLeod Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, for graduates of the McLeod School of Medical Technology. Celebrating their certificates of completion were Katherine Lester, Sierra Lind, Caleb McClary, Victoria Meyers and Ashleigh Todd.

In existence since 1977, the McLeod School of Medical Technology has graduated 196 students from the program. A Medical Laboratory Scientist plays an important role in the prevention and diagnosis of diseases such as cancer and diabetes. They perform laboratory tests on specimens and in turn these tests assist physicians in verifying the causes of illnesses, aid in making medical decisions and in determining treatment options for their patients.

“This has been a very challenging but highly rewarding year for the graduates,” said Dr. Sharon Mitchell, Program Medical Director. “This group is well prepared for

whatever direction their career path leads them.”

Both Todd and Lind were recipients of scholarship funds for the McLeod School of Medical Technology. These scholarships were made possible through generous donations to the McLeod Foundation.

Lind received the Kyra Nettles Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2000 by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pavy to provide financial assistance for a student enrolled in the McLeod School of Medical Technology.

Todd was the recipient of the Dr. Vera C. Hyman Medical Technology Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2017 by Dr. Hyman also to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the program at McLeod. Dr. Hyman was instrumental in the establishment of the Medical Technology Program at McLeod.

Todd was also the recipient of the Helen F. Bush Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1991, in memory of Helen F. Bush, who worked in the laboratory for many years at McLeod Health. After her death in 1988 of cancer, her co-workers published the MRMCLaboratory Cookbook to raise funds to establish this scholarship in her memory.

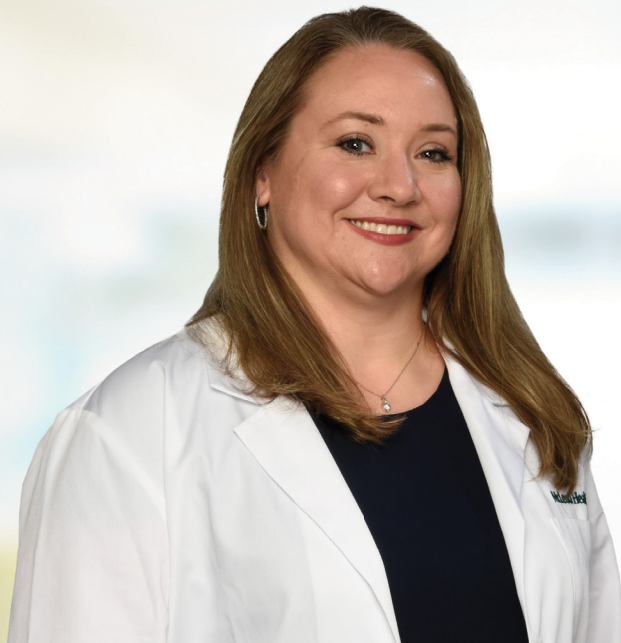
All five graduates will be joining the McLeod Health team; four at McLeod Regional Medical Center and one at McLeod Health Loris.

As April Orange, Program Director for the McLeod School of Medical Technology remarked to the graduates, “I am proud of the skills they have gained by adapting to the situation we have all been placed under during a pandemic. They all stayed strong and now go forward as competent, successful Medical Laboratory Scientists.”

For more information on the McLeod School of Medical Technology, visit their website at www.peedeeahc.net.

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McLeod Health Announces New Administrator for McLeod Health Cheraw



Bren Lowe

Bren T. Lowe, MHA, MPH, FACHE, has been named Administrator of McLeod Health Cheraw. Lowe currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Star Valley Health in Afton, Wyoming. He will begin his new role with McLeod Health on November 30, 2020.

Lowe says he looks forward to serving the staff and patients of McLeod Health Cheraw. "It is a privilege to join an organization that is focused on its mission and values of providing medical excellence to an 18-county region. I am honored to be selected for this position. My goals will include working with the physicians, leadership team, employees and community to ensure the availability of superlative medical care to the residents of Cheraw and Bennettsville."

Lowe is a healthcare executive with more than 13 years of experience in acute, outpatient and long-term care settings. He has served as Chief Executive Officer for three medical systems since 2008 in Wyoming and Montana. Lowe has a proven track record in transforming financial, clinical and service performance. His background in rural and urban health partnerships and focus on improving community collaboration will serve to enhance the well-being of the communities in Chesterfield and Marlboro Counties.

Lowe completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in German and International Studies at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. He obtained his Master of Health Administration and Master of Public Health from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

During his professional career, he has received the 2019 American College of Healthcare Executives' (ACHE) Regent's Award. This honor recognizes outstanding healthcare executives who have made significant contributions to the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of ACHE's goals. He is also a member of the Medicaid Advisory Board for the State of Wyoming and a board member for the Wyoming Hospital Association. Additionally, Lowe served as a member of the American Hospital Association's Committee on Performance Improvement.

In Afton, Wyoming, and Montana, Lowe has served as a member of the Rotary and Lions Clubs as well as the Sweet Grass County Economic Development Committee and the Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce.

Lowe is married to Melinda, and they have six children.

Important Dates

For a complete list of upcoming events, please click [here](#) to view the September McLeod Health calendars.

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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27	28	29	30			

Central Carolina Technical College Foundation Presents President's Partnership Award

McLeod Health Clarendon was chosen as the first recipient of Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC) Foundation's President's Partnership Award. CCTC recently created this award to recognize important partnerships with local businesses and industries in their community.

McLeod Health Clarendon has a long history of working in collaboration with CCTC to educate health sciences staff including registered nurses and surgical technicians.

The award was presented to Debbie Locklair, Chief Human Resources Officer; Rachel Gainey, McLeod Health Clarendon Administrator; and Kim Jolly, McLeod Health Clarendon Chief Nursing Officer at McLeod Health on August 17, 2020 by CCTC Interim President Terry Booth and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and External Relations Misty Hatfield.



Pictured are (left to right): McLeod Health Clarendon Chief Nursing Officer Kim Jolly; McLeod Health Clarendon Administrator Rachel Gainey; McLeod Health Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Debbie Locklair; CCTC Interim President Terry Booth and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and External Relations Misty Hatfield.

McLeod Health Expands Primary Care to Turbeville



McLeod Health Clarendon announced the opening of McLeod Primary Care Turbeville with a recent ribbon cutting.

McLeod Health Clarendon is pleased to announce the opening of McLeod Primary Care Turbeville located at 1126 Clarence Coker Highway. Providers Abbie Kirby, PA-C, and Amanda McConnell, PA-C, will provide convenient access to medical services for their friends, families and hometown community. In addition to providing care in Turbeville, Abbie Kirby will continue to provide care at Palmetto Adult Medicine located in Sumter.

"We are pleased to provide convenient access to primary care by locating in the Turbeville community," said Rachel Gainey, McLeod Health Clarendon Administrator. "In a time when access to healthcare is crucial having local providers

for primary care is essential in meeting one's healthcare needs."

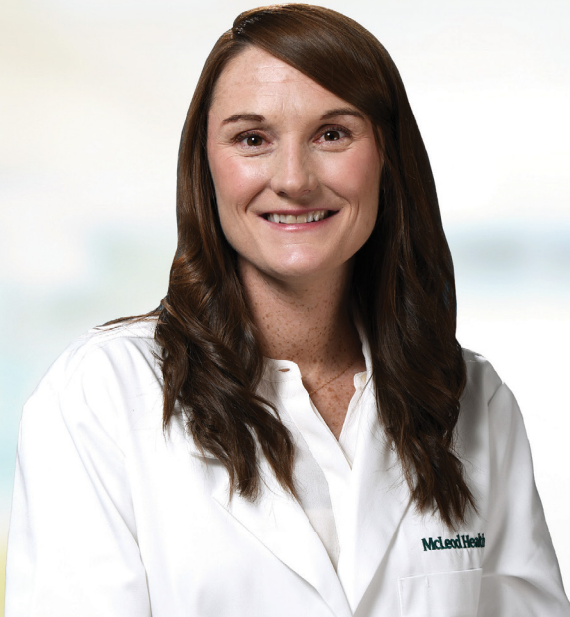
The new practice will offer general healthcare services for adults and children specializing in well visits, physicals, immunizations, minor injuries and illnesses and chronic conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, high cholesterol and heart disease.

"The establishment of McLeod Primary Care Turbeville is part of our continued commitment to caring for our region," said Ken Beasley, Senior Vice President of McLeod Physician Associates. "We are dedicated to increasing access to healthcare services with experienced providers for those who live in all the communities we serve. With the presence of Amanda McConnell and Abbie Kirby, the people of Turbeville have a convenient choice for care."

Providers of McLeod Primary Care Turbeville welcome new patients and same or next appointments are available. The practice is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To make an appointment or for more information, please call 843-659-2114.

MCLEOD PRIMARY CARE TURBEVILLE

NEW PRACTICE PROVIDES THE CARE YOU NEED AND DESERVE.



Abbie Kirby, PA-C



Amanda McConnell, PA-C

To meet the growing need for high-quality primary care in the Turbeville area, McLeod Health announces the opening of McLeod Primary Care Turbeville. Providers Abbie Kirby, PA-C and Amanda McConnell, PA-C provide convenient access to medical services for their friends, families and hometown community.

Specializing in:

- Well visits, physicals, immunizations
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- Eye, ear, nose and throat care
- Bone and joint care
- Adults and children

**We welcome new patients and same or next day appointments are available.
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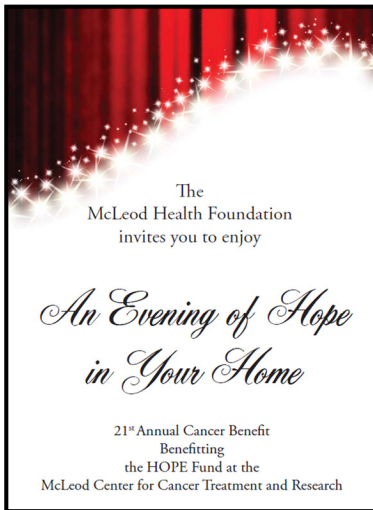
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21st Annual An Evening of Hope Benefits the McLeod HOPE Fund

Enjoy “Celebrating Hope 2020” from the Comfort of Your Own Home



An Evening of Hope to benefit the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research will take place virtually in the comfort of your own home on Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. The presenting sponsor for the McLeod Health Foundation's 21st Annual Cancer Benefit is Harbor Freight Tools.

McLeod Patient Featured on The TODAY Show



Shaquilla James, the first COVID-19-positive patient to give birth in the McLeod Health system, recently received a surprise baby shower from Hoda Kotb, co-host of The TODAY Show with Hoda & Jenna. Hoda sent Shaquilla and two other moms special gifts from Pampers as well as a year's supply of diapers and wipes.

Safety and continued health are of utmost importance at McLeod Health. With this in mind, the McLeod Foundation has come up with a creative way to celebrate together while still raising funds for this very important need.

This year, donors are invited to Party in Place for *An Evening of Hope*. Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. Each “couple/attendee” will receive one Party in Place Gift Box which includes appetizing selections and mementos for you to enjoy before, during and after the performance as well as a specific link to view this year's online event, “Celebrating Hope 2020,” highlights from the past 10 years.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the HOPE Fund. Gifts made in support of the HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund benefit oncology patient support services and provide oncology staff with improved access for immediate assistance needs for their patients. Since its establishment in 2014, the HOPE Fund has helped thousands of patients with needs such as transportation, medications, nutrition and unique personal financial struggles.

For more information on *An Evening of Hope*, please call the McLeod Health Foundation at (843) 777-2694.

New Physicians

McLeod Welcomes New Physicians

Please click on the image to learn more about Dr. Kishore Subnani, McLeod Cardiology Associates, and other physicians at McLeod Health.

For optimal viewing, please open the Flickr album in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.



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McLeod Among Nation's Top Performing Hospitals for Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) recognizes McLeod Regional Medical Center for demonstrating expertise and commitment in treating heart attack patients. McLeod was recently awarded the *American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain – MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award* for 2020. McLeod Regional Medical Center is one of only 140 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. McLeod also achieved Platinum Performance status in 2019.

This award acknowledges the commitment of McLeod to their success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and in reaching an aggressive goal of the principal levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the Chest Pain – MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for two consecutive years, McLeod demonstrated sustained achievement in the Chest Pain – MI Registry for 36 straight months, and performed at the highest level for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

The Chest Pain – MI Registry empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and establishes a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.

“There were 10,460 heart disease deaths in South Carolina in 2018 according to the Centers for Disease Control,” said Dr. Alan Blaker, Executive Medical

Director, McLeod Heart and Vascular Institute. “Of those, 5,215 would be considered deaths from a heart attack. This is why, as an accredited Chest Pain Center, the outstanding care McLeod provides heart attack patients is so important.



“Hospitals that are Chest Pain accredited emphasize the importance of standardized diagnostic studies, effective evaluations and rapid treatment for all patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms,” added Dr. Blaker.

As an accredited center, McLeod is recognized for having a higher level of expertise in caring for patients who arrive in the Emergency Department with heart attack symptoms. It also ensures that, as new research becomes available, we continue to operate at the highest level, with best practices, to care for cardiac patients.

Chest Pain Accredited Hospitals utilize standard diagnostic studies, effective evaluations and rapid treatment for all patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms. The McLeod Chest Pain Center also serves as a point of entry into the healthcare system to evaluate and treat other medical conditions, helping promote a healthier lifestyle to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

Chest pain is the number one symptom of a heart attack. Sometimes the pain comes and goes quickly, and sometimes it is a dull but persistent sensation, but it's always something that should be checked. The American Heart Association lists the following common signs and symptoms you should know:

- Pain in the chest, shoulders, neck, arms or jaw
- Pressure or discomfort in the chest
- Sweating
- Nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Fainting

MANDATORY FLU VACCINE



**FLU VACCINATIONS
MUST BE COMPLETED BY**

**Saturday,
October 31, 2020.**

**EXEMPTION FORMS
MUST BE TURNED IN BY**

**Friday,
October 23, 2020.**

At McLeod Health, our highest priority must be to protect our patients, many of whom are exceptionally vulnerable to adverse outcomes from the flu. Therefore, it has been decided that all Health Care Personnel must be required to have the flu vaccination.

THIS APPLIES TO:

All employees, faculty, employed medical staff or contracted medical staff, advanced practitioners and rounds, residents, non-McLeod residents, temporary workers, trainees, volunteers, students, vendors, and other contracted personnel, regardless of employer, who provide services to or work at a McLeod Health entity.

Flu vaccinations may be received at a designated location at each hospital campus (see the Employee Health calendar on the Compass), or at McLeod Employee Health offices beginning September 2020. Please refer to the Mandatory Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations Policy under Administrative Policies on the Compass.

**For more information,
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Merit Awards

MPA



Jodi Fitzsimmons

Revenue Cycle Management
July 2020



Dr. William Jackson

McLeod Cardiology Associates
July 2020



Robin Willis

Physician Practice Administrator
August 2020

Loris



Mandy Garcia

Physical Therapy
July 2020

Cheraw



Pam August

Patient Registration
July 2020

Monthly Specials

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