Bartlett and the Big Read

Bartlett Regional Hospital is one of several community entities joining Juneau Public Libraries in October for the Big Read, a community wide reading of National Book Award nominee Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. In this post apocalyptic novel about the power of art and relationships, a violent prophet threatens a band of traveling actors after a devastating flu pandemic wipes out civilization as we know it.

The Big Read kickoff is this Friday, September 29th starting at 5:00pm at the Alaska State Library and Museum’s APK building. With the help of 49 Writers, the State Library and Museum, Friends of the State Library and Museum, and Juneau Public Libraries have put together a panel of authors who will discuss “Art & Life in the Aftermath.”

Playwright Vera Starbard, poet Joan Naviyuk Kane, and novelist Don Rearden will discuss the power of art in a colonized, indigenous Alaska. Through an examination of their own work and Station Eleven, the panel will explore the notion that “survival is insufficient” in the wake of widespread cultural and social upheaval. This live, onstage conversation will precede a Q and A session and book signing.

The Big Read is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Pick up a free copy of the book at any library in Juneau or download it on Overdrive. Then visit www.bigreadjuneau.org to find out how to get involved with book discussions and programs happening all over town. A presentation and discussion with Infection Preventionist Charlee Gribbon, RN, BSN, CCRN are scheduled for late October.

Flu Shot Update

Infection Prevention is getting close to the goal of vaccinating all employees. The flu cart is making more rounds this week. The deadline is Friday, September 29 to get the maximum chances to win 20,000 Alaska Airlines miles. (Thanks SLT, for the incentive)

*Three chances to win 20,000 miles goes until 9/29.
*Two chances to win goes until 10/6
*One chance to win is until 10/15.

All employees that submit declinations, exemptions and meet with Leslie or Charlee about masking will be entered into the drawing. Committing to masking is just as important and will be recognized in the drawing.

*Masking starts October 16th and goes through March 31st.
The CDC recommends that you get vaccinated before flu circulates in your community. The CDC studies immunity obtained by the flu shot. Titers have shown immunity is decreased by about 50% at 300 days post vaccination, which means that you still have immunity, but it is about half of what it was. The flu vaccine contains 4 strains of a deactivated form of the influenza virus. These strains are chosen based on worldwide surveillance of the strains that are circulating. Every flu shot that you receive makes your body better at fighting off different strains of the flu virus. Those that get the flu shot every year, may still become sick with a respiratory virus such as one of the strains of the influenza virus, but the duration of illness and severity of illness is substantially less.

“The best thing about this job is, it doesn’t feel like a job. When you hear people say Bartlett Family, it really is a family. I get to interact with fellow healthcare providers everyday, and we work as a team for all aspects of patient care, patient safety, and continuing education. And I enjoy it. I get to facilitate my co-worker’s professional role development along a continuum from novice to expert.

I work with everyone at Bartlett, not just nurses. I round in the hospital and check in with my fellow co-workers, and inquire about any new ideas for professional growth. Professional development is changing. It is a speciality, and I want to advocate for it. I have been a nurse at Bartlett for 14 years. The majority of that time has been in Critical Care as a nurse. I have also worked in the ED, OB, and the Med/surg departments.

I started out as a CNA on med/surg, then got my nursing degree from UAA in Anchorage. I love being able to combine my role as a critical care nurse and as a Nursing Professional Development (NPD) practitioner into one specialty. I have a lot to bring to the table of professional role development. I influence change, I mentor, I lead, and I engage my learners, on behalf of the organization, for their continued personal and professional growth.”

If you’d like to recommend a colleague or be a “person of BRH” please contact Katie Bausler-kbausler3@bartletthospital.org
Compliance Corner

What are your compliance responsibilities?

- Demonstrate an uncompromising commitment to integrity, independence and quality
- Follow BRH’s compliance policies and procedures
- Commitment to maintaining the accuracy of every claim BRH processes and submits
- The right to bill the Medicare and Medicaid programs carries a responsibility that must not be abused
- Compliance with applicable state and federal laws
- Report any compliance concerns
- Cooperate fully with any BRH or government investigation
- Do the right thing
- Ensure your conduct reflects BRH’s values
- Learn and abide by the rules and regulations of your area
- Seek help when you are unsure of the right course of action
- Report any concerns regarding compliance

- Remember: Compliance is everyone’s responsibility!

Bartlett Hospital Compliance Hotline: 796-8618

-Denise Plano MHA MSN RN, Director of Quality, Compliance Officer

Patient Safety News

Please join us in our commitment to make BRH the safest hospital for patient care!

Do you have a patient safety tip you would like to share in the Buzz? Contact Mary Crann Risk Manager and Patient Safety Officer at x8718

The next meeting is November 1st at 1PM in the Board Room. Please join us in our commitment to make BRH the safest hospital for patient care!

Patient Comments: RRC and MHU

- The staff, all of them, are very polite, concerned and helpful to our needs — clients and mine.
- Excellent doctor
- Very quick & simple.
- Cleaning staff (ladies) are amazing & thorough.
- All the staff @ RRC is amazing. If I can sum them all up in one word ... it’s compassionate ... nothing in the process of recovery greater than a safe environment staffed w/ people who are patient, professional & compassionate.
- The staff do a very good job.

The psychiatrist done a very good job.
- I’ve had a good experience
- I’ve received very good help
- Good - OK - very helpful.
- Very helpful.
- Good salads, fruits, vegs.
- Having the therapeutic groups and education was greatly helpful.
- Overall excellent experience. One of the nicest facilities I have been in.
- Very nice facility.
- Good choices of food. Plenty of different choices.
- Awesome and courteous staff. All were helpful and polite.
- Dr. ______ was super attentive to my needs and helpful in getting my medications right.
- Everyone was friendly and helpful.
- Good job by all staff members. All were friendly and sensitive to all needs and concerns.
- Good experience.
- Good. 3. No pain. 7. I believe in myself.
- Morning walks are very important for morale.
- Great people.
- Off campus AA meetings were awesome for me personally.
- Very nice people.
- Great experience. Curious whether any of them have struggled with addiction or alcoholism.
- Very nice and kind staff.
- Very good and clean living space. Good quantity and quality food.
Joyous Housing First Opening

The last sun of the summer shone on community stakeholders at the Housing First Grand Opening September 20. More than a dozen Bartlett Hospital employees joined Case Management Director and Housing First Board Member Jeanette O Lacey Dunn at the event and tour of the facility for the chronically homeless, which includes an in-house clinic.

NEW EMPLOYEES!
September 25, 2017

Sean Huntley – Clinical Informaticist, Information Services
Jessica Price – Registered Nurse II, Surgical Services – Same Day Care
Nickolas Rutecki – CNA I, Critical Care Unit

FOR SALE AT THE HR OFFICE!

We have a variety of sizes still available: XS, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL.

Good on Ya CCU!

The Bartlett Regional Critical Care Unit marked their Week of Kindness September 10-16 with donations to local elementary schools of playground equipment, healthy snacks and even a ton of sand to fill up the sandbox at Harborview Elementary School!

CCU Director Audrey Rasmussen, RN and Liesl Bland, RN, made the rounds and met up with Harborview Principal Tom McKenna and PE Teacher Nikki Reichert.
Smoothies Galore!

Theresa Reynolds with the Bartlett Regional Hospital food and nutrition services department created a healthy snack with kids at the Douglas Library this month. They made and ate fruit and veggie smoothies kids during after school snack time September 14 and 21st.

During the Juneau Preparedness Expo, Bartlett Regional Hospital’s Emergency Preparedness committee displayed supplies and equipment for training staff and during actual emergency operations, including the big yellow triage tent!

BRH at 2017 Juneau Preparedness Expo September 15-16, 2017

Kim McDowell, David Campbell, JPD, Charlee Gribbon and Mike Lopez at the Expo
Finding a Better Path to the End of Life, An Evening with Dr. Jessica Zitter, author Tues. Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Hall

Dr. Zitter, the author of *Extreme Measures: Finding a Better Path to the End of Life* and the subject of the Oscar-nominated Netflix documentary *Extremis* is a regular contributor to the New York Times. Her articles have also appeared in the Atlantic, the Journal of the American Medical Association and Time. Most recently, Dr. Zitter appeared on NPR’s *Fresh Air* with Terry Gross.

“Dr. Zitter has a new perspective about what is really important when you have a family member nearing the end of life. That perspective is based on a lot of hard-won wisdom earned at the hospital bedside,” said Foundation for End of Life Care Board President Hal Geiger.

Currently, Dr. Zitter practices the unusual combination of Critical and Palliative Care medicine at a public hospital in Oakland, California. She is also co-founder of Vital Decisions, a telephone-based counseling service for patients with life-limiting illness.

This event is free and sponsored by the Foundation for End of Life Care with support from the Juneau Medical Society, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Hospice and Homecare of Juneau, AARP Juneau Community Council, Widowed Persons Program,

Juneau Pioneer Home Foundation and Congregation Sukkat Shalom.

For more information, please visit foundationforendoflifecare.org or call 586-3806.
How to Document Collection of Specimens for Lab Orders

1. When acknowledging new orders, pay attention to those that require a specimen. Until documentation is complete, those orders will remain in an “uncollected” status, and Lab will not see the order.

2. Selecting the red flag in the “RN to Collect” column of the status board/tracker will take you to the work list. Nursing can also go directly to the work list by opening the chart.

3. Find the intervention name beginning with “Collect Specimen” and document on it.

4. You may need to select a body location or method of collection. Clicking on the words “Collect Specimen” from within the intervention will open up any options available to you. If there’s a body location, you may need to click on that location to open up other options such as laterality.

5. Once you save, your order will go from an “uncollected” status to “ordered” status, and Lab will now be able to see the order in Meditech.

Joyce Chambers and Kirsten Kincaid (KK) are Nurse Informaticists supporting clinical users of Meditech. They can be reached during business hours by calling the Clinical Team at extension x8400. Questions of a technical nature (pin reset, WOW’s not responding, etc.) should continue to be directed to the IT Help Desk at x8480.