

Why do you support the Meadville
Medical Center Foundation?



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MEDICAL
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"I support the Meadville Medical Center Foundation because I believe in the importance of a community hospital to the community. Apart from a strong educational system, nothing impacts a community more than its hospital and the Foundation assists the hospital in its mission."

Gary L. DeSantis

Chairman of the Board

MMC Health Systems, Inc.

Meadville Medical Center and MMC Foundation

"Because it is right here in Meadville, and it is important to maintain a strong local hospital with competent staff, up-to-date equipment and a patient-friendly atmosphere. The Online Patient Assessment project, which is the focus of this year's campaign, will benefit both our patients and our nurses by allowing nurses to spend more time on their primary mission of patient care and less time on paperwork and redundant questions. This will help to make a hospital which already has a strong reputation for patient satisfaction even more friendly to its patients."

Richard F. McDermot, Ph.D.

2004 Annual Fund General Chairperson

MMC Foundation Board Member

"By supporting this year's Annual Campaign you are helping to enhance the quality of care patients receive at Meadville Medical Center. Thank you for helping us offer our patients the latest in proven technological innovation. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your generosity."

David E. McNamara, M.D.

2004 Annual Fund Chairperson, Physician's Division

"My father-in-law, George J. Barco, always said that we all have a responsibility to give back to the community and institutions that have benefited us. He felt that giving is in the nature of an investment. With this in mind, our family felt that a gift to MMC was certainly an investment that returned dividends of the highest quality of health care to its community members."

James J. Duratz

MMC Foundation Board Member



Gifts to Fund

Online Patient Assessment

Your generous financial support is needed to ensure that the highest quality of health care will always be available for future generations of our community.



Sharing in Success

MMC has remained a non-profit, independent, community-owned hospital since 1867. We continue to use resources prudently and efficiently to provide the highest quality health care to everyone in our community, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. **Annually, we provide more than \$1,700,000 in free care to our patients.**

With a service area covering 75,000 individuals in Crawford County as well as an additional 150,000 persons from northwestern Pennsylvania, **the Medical Center has annual in-patient admissions of approximately 8,200 and over 139,000 outpatient visits.** The Emergency Department alone reports over 32,000 visits yearly and more than 500 babies are born here each year.

Our focus and efforts to provide the highest quality health care to the Meadville community were nationally recognized with the achievement of the following awards:



2003 and 2004 Premier Award for Quality, for demonstrating the best clinical quality of all the nation's Premier hospitals for obstetrical and newborn care.

2003 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in the Energy Efficiency category. This award



was earned as recognition of our upgrades which began in 2000 in an effort to reduce our energy usage.

Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Performance Improvement Leaders. MMC was recognized for developing consistent and effective organization-wide performance improvements across critical measures at a faster rate than all other U.S. hospitals between 1997-2001. These measures include quality of care, operational efficiency, and financial performance.



MMC Inpatient: Online Patient Assessment

*Karen Parker, RN, BSN
2nd Floor North Nurse Manager
Computer Committee Chair*



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Imagine you are a patient who has visited MMC on several occasions. You are extremely ill and need immediate attention. You arrive in the Emergency Room and, after many questions and tests, you are admitted to the nursing floor.

You arrive on the nursing unit and are greeted by the staff and admitted into the hospital. The nurse arrives at your bedside with a stack of papers and informs you that she needs to ask you a few questions. She proceeds to ask you many of the questions that you have just answered in the ER. You are too weak and tired to repeat the information that you have already given. You ask the nurse why you must repeat this information over and over. "Do you not have all of this in my file?" "Don't you keep records around here?"

After completing your assessment, the nurse must leave your side and spend a substantial amount of time at a computer in the nurse's station developing a care plan and inserting all the information that she has just gathered from you.

Online Patient Assessment is a wireless computer system that allows your nurse to input

"Online documentation will allow the nurse to spend more time at the bedside with the patient. It will streamline workflow and allow the nurses to provide the best possible patient care."

patient information into a laptop computer, creating a confidential "electronic medical record." This will allow your nurse to enter information while caring for you in your room and to input only information that is still needed, without repeating questions that you have already answered.

By maximizing our computers to their fullest potential, patient information will be available at the touch of a button, resulting in a seamless admission process. Online Patient Assessment will allow for more continuity of care and allow the nursing staff to spend more time, one-on-one, with the patient and less time completing paperwork.

The benefits of Online Patient Assessment are:

- ✦ Increased personalized care
- ✦ More time spent one-on-one with the nursing staff
- ✦ Effortless, non-redundant admission process
- ✦ Decreased documentation time
- ✦ Automated patient reports
- ✦ Technologically advanced healthcare facility

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$205,000.

A commitment to providing compassionate, high quality health care to all who enter its doors is the hallmark of Meadville Medical Center.

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MMC's intensive care patients are often in critical condition and experience long-term hospital stays. Providing these patients with the most comfortable and technologically advanced bed, a Total Care Bed, was the focal point of the 2003 Annual Fund Campaign.

Gifts to the campaign totaled \$184,021, exceeding our goal of \$180,000. These gift funds purchased 11 state-of-the-art Total Care Beds for ICU. Our success is the direct result of a dedicated team of 109 volunteers.



"The Total Care beds are impacting patient care and safety in ICU. The bed frame is lower to the ground making it safer for patients to get in and out of bed, one of the most important features of the bed. The entire bed can be set into a very comfortable chair position, making it easier for many patients to breathe. The mattresses are much more comfortable, and kinder to our patients' skin. This is an absolute godsend for elderly, sick patients with very delicate skin. The bed was designed to be ergonomically friendly to the nursing staff as well. We regularly transport our critical patients for various radiological procedures. The bed has "intellidrive" controls built into the handle, which allows you to push the bed with a mere touch of the finger. We are so grateful to the Foundation and every donor for this generous gift. It will impact the care of patients for many years to come in our ICU. Thank you."

*Nancy Ferenacz, RN, BSN
Nurse Manager, ICU*