

Barnesville Connection

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CEO's Letter

The WVU Health System has started the process of integrating the Dragonfly Initiative into WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital, Harrison Community Hospital, and Wheeling Hospital. The goal of the initiative is to transform patient care and quality by implementing a new software called EPIC.

EPIC is an electronic medical record system that allows patients to go to any WVU Medicine facility, and staff there can immediately access the medical records of that patient. This not only saves both the patient and staff time but also saves the patient money by allowing test results to be shared between facilities. WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital will officially go live on the system in March.

The name for the initiative also has a backstory behind it. Luann Berkshire was a long-time member of the WVU Medicine IT family. She was beloved by her team and everyone she worked with in both IT and Operations. Luann had a long-distinguished career in IT, including managing the interface team and then becoming a director over the interface team and software development. Luann passed away in March 2020, and to honor her legacy and love of dragonflies, the Dragonfly Initiative was born. In almost every part of the world, dragonflies symbolize change, transformation, adaptability, and self-realization. A dragonfly moves with elegance and grace, just like WVU Medicine brings in new hospitals with an objective and workable plan for success.

Other WVU Medicine facilities, including Ruby, Reynolds, Camden Clark, and Wetzel, are already on the EPIC system and seeing the benefits of it. Barnesville Hospital looks forward to being able to give our patients the highest level of care with this new system.

Thank you,

David Phillips
President and CEO

Full List of Services

Financial Services

- Financial Counselor
- Online Bill Pay

General Services

- Emergency Department
- Inpatient Admissions
- Inpatient Surgery
- Hospice Care
- Observation Admissions
- Outpatient Services
(e.g., Blood Transfusion
Therapy, Dressing Changes,
IV Infusion Therapy, etc.)
- Outpatient Surgery
- Outpatient Testing
(Laboratory, Radiology)
- Pastoral Care
- Respite Care
- Skilled Care

Medical Services

- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Cardiovascular
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Hospitalist Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Occupational Therapy
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Pathology
- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiology
- Sleep Medicine
- Speech Therapy

Imaging Services

Our board-certified physicians and licensed imaging technologists use the most advanced equipment to accurately diagnose the medical issue you're experiencing. We are committed to providing you with the best personalized care.

Diagnostic imaging services available include:

- Computerized tomography – Provides low-radiation imaging of the entire anatomy of a patient
- Fluoroscopy/barium studies – Shows images of the digestive tract
- Magnetic resonance imaging – Radiation-free imaging of the brain, spinal cord, vertebral discs, and more
- Mammography – Low-dose imaging of each breast to screen and detect abnormalities
- Digital x-ray – Imaging that uses small doses of radiation to both the skeletal system and the digestive system
- Ultrasound – Imaging produced using high frequency sound waves

Abdominal, Breast, Cardiac, Small parts, and Vascular system.

Learn more about Imaging Services by visiting our website.

Question: What sparked your interest in Medicine?

Answer: Growing up in a small village in India, I learned firsthand the challenges with accessibility to quality and safe healthcare. For example, when I was 5 years old, I fell off a tree while playing with my sister, and I vividly remember my grandfather treating me at home with Ayurvedic medicine, as there were no medical clinics or hospital in our village. This initially sparked my interest in medicine. My passion in medicine grew even stronger when I volunteered at local emergency department while I was pursuing my college degree. Seeing doctors and nurses treat trauma and other critical patients in the emergency department sparked my interest in being a doctor myself so that I can contribute in a meaningful way to my patients and community.



Meet the Provider
Hema Patel, MD

Question: What do you love to do in your free time?

Answer: I love to spend time with my family, friends, and our beagle puppy Barry, during my free time. I enjoy nature very much, so I love to go for nature walks just about every day. I also enjoy swimming, yoga and providing mentorship to younger generations.

Question: Do you have any interesting hobbies?

Answer: Yes, I love classical Indian dancing called Kathak, cooking different cuisines, and traveling to different parts of the world to embrace their culture, food, and people.

Primary Care

Barnesville Hospital primary care providers offer general wellness exams, gynecologic exams, and well-child visits – plus a whole lot more. We'll get to know you, your family, and your medical history, and keep you up-to-date on any recommended health screenings or vaccinations. We can help identify and treat many minor problems before they become serious issues.

Our providers can address any common health issues you or your child might experience, like cold, flu, aches, or pains, and we can help you effectively manage chronic conditions, like diabetes or heart disease.

Barnesville Hospital primary care providers treat many medical issues, including:

- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder
- Cold, flu, sore throat, fever
- Cuts and wounds
- Diabetes management
- Diarrhea and nausea
- Earache
- Heart disease
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- High cholesterol
- Migraines
- Rashes and dermatologic conditions
- Sinus infections
- Sprains, strains, and fractures
- Upper respiratory conditions
- Urinary tract infections



Barnesville Pumpkin Festival



**A big thank you to the
Barnesville Pumpkin Festival
Committee for putting on an
amazing event!**



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BARNESVILLE HOSPITAL COVID-19 TESTING

WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital offers COVID-19 testing by PCR with same day results for outpatients as well as pre-op testing required by other facilities.

In order to get a COVID-19 test,
a physicians order is required.

Physicians can fax orders to
Registration at 740-425-5163