

Newman Memorial Hospital is Bringing Surgery Back!

Join Us for an Open House Celebration

In May of 2015, Newman Memorial Hospital closed its doors to the surgery department. NMH recognized that the department needed repairs and updates in order to meet state requirements, for which there simply were not funds available to complete. “It was a huge blow to the hospital. We lost OB, we lost cataract surgeries, it cut off that entire revenue stream.” Said Rhonda Hayes, Administrative Assistant. “It was also detrimental to our community. Instead of being able to have surgery and recovery close to home, our patients had to travel elsewhere like Woodward or Oklahoma City. It was an additional hardship on folks.”

For over a year, NMH has been working to complete modification plans, obtain bids, notify the state and complete all updates and repairs in order to successfully complete the State Inspection and re-open the doors to our surgery department. Now we are thrilled to announce that all of the hard work and perseverance through this process has paid off. From the updated cabinetry in sterile supply, the cleaning and painting in the recovery room and new warming cabinets to the new wiring and extensive construction and repairs for the air handler and humidification system the project is complete. Our State Inspection was conducted on May 23rd, 2017 and we have been approved to begin scheduling and performing surgeries once again.

Dr. Brenda Huenergardt, M.D. has been conducting endoscopy and colonoscopy at Newman Memorial and will now be able to perform general surgery once again. When asked what this will mean for the community, she replied, “This is a very positive step for Newman Memorial in their mission to provide more services for the community.” David Wanger, interim CEO of Newman echoed the sentiment with his reply, “This is huge! It signals the re-opening of a full service community hospital. Although starting small, this opens the door for expansion to other services!”

In order to celebrate this milestone, Newman Memorial Hospital is inviting the community to join us for an Open House on June 15th, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by the Shattuck Chamber of Commerce, refreshments provided, guided tours of the updated facilities, a prize package drawing and “surgery” gifts for the kids. Shane Clem, Facilities Manager, who was instrumental in completing this entire project said, “It takes all of us working together as a team to make this place great and keep it going. All of the hard work we do is to better serve our community!” So we are extending the invitation to those we serve to come join us in the celebration. We hope to see you there!