A DAY IN THE LIFE

How do you prepare to ease stress, especially when your house is always filled with people in need of your immediate attention? And once you get to the new place, how do you find that all that you need is long piles waiting in the kitchen?

As we approached the site of the new patient rooms and service areas to the new pavilion, there was a question to be answered. To be sure we were ready, affected staff members participated in a special training opportunity. A Day in the Life exercises let nurses and others experience life in the new patient pavilion, making sure they were well prepared for the transition to the new space.

YOUR OWN DAY IN THE LIFE

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When it's time to return home, you'll enjoy a private patient exit to that same covered drive so you are shielded from the bustle and enjoy the expansive views out your window because we've learned a connection to nature and natural light can have a positive effect on your well-being. The spacious patient rooms you'll find comfortable arrangements that include sofabeds for overnight family guests. The CARE Package wall created by the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation.

Patient rooms fill floors 2 through 5 with four nursing stations on each level to ensure close proximity to our patients. And in the pavilion lobby, you'll find easy access to Registration, the Calandra Chapel, and visitor elevators. An information desk, pre-admission testing, the original windowed hallway from the garage and can pause to enjoy a new history of the main lobby and from the elements.

If you are a visitor entering the new lobby from the parking garage, there's no more need for those subterranean travels instead of being on-site, here's what patients and their families can expect now that we've moved into the new space.

Coming to the hospital, you'll enter the hospital campus via the new driveway on Oak Street. This covered drive provides visitors a convenient drop off at the patient pavilion entrance – our new front door – and then continues on to the parking garage. In the pavilion lobby, you'll find easy access to Registration, the Calandra Chapel, and visitor elevators. An information desk, pre-admission testing, the original windowed hallway, and gift shop with café round out the services on the ground floor.

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Happiness is a Warm Puppy

Charles Schultz had it right according to Kathy Serakaku of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital’s Paulson Pediatric Rehabilitation Services. The Peanuts author wrote, “Happiness is a warm puppy.” Several of our children and their parents have experienced the joy of a new puppy.

Working in partnership with the Hinsdale Humane Society, the joint Hinsdale Canine Assistant Rehabilitation program – CARe – does Island, provides needed dogs to help young rehab patients meet their therapy goals. An autistic child, for example, having trouble making eye contact can improve when he or she learns that catching the dog’s eye is the key to getting the dog’s attention. Young clients reluctant to do taxing walking exercises will willingly make their way across a room to pet “their” dog.

Learning a pattern of three commands – “Come,” “sit,” “stay” – is a great accomplishment for other children struggling to master sequences and patterns. An autistic child, for example, can’t make eye contact. The benefit is increased ability to understand some of the simple tasks of daily living. It’s a great accomplishment for others.

In each session, these therapy-assisted animals included children to work toward their therapy goals. Kathy affirms that the dog’s warm personality can help create a positive outlook in a child who is in rehab. The dog’s friendly nature can help others who are having trouble following directions.

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Gifts to Adventist Paulson Pediatric Rehabilitation support programs, equipment, and staff development to the benefit of a growing population of children in need of physiatric, occupational, and speech therapy.

In memory of Bianca Demetrio...
50 years, and based on this professional experience, he readily agreed to partner with the hospital in supporting the development of a new neurosurgical service that would offer a full range of services throughout the surgical and hospitalization at Hinsdale Hospital. As expected, the surgical director is perfect kind of expert level clinical care and welcoming teachers such as the architectural environment. Thanks again! The pavilion plays a special role in the Holiday for the entire family.

The family was a great family, and it was nice to have the kids who are growing up fast and older. And other families will have the same opportunity. I hope you've stopped by to see it.

This is a very exciting time for Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Hinsdale Hospital Foundation as we open the new patient pavilion. I hope you've enjoyed the new patient pavilion. I hope you've stopped by to see it.

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