



Memorial Medical Center

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Memorial Staff, Medical Staff, Board of Trustees and Community:

Introductory CEO Remarks

We are so honored to have been chosen #1 Hospital in the Las Cruces Sun News 2017 Readers Choice Awards. Additionally, the Memorial Family Medicine Center was #1 Medical Clinic and Memorial Urgent Care Center was #1 Urgent Care in this public poll. It takes a daily commitment by our staff, volunteers and medical team to be YOUR FIRST CHOICE. I applaud everyone at Memorial for being the favorite hospital for 13 out of the last 14 years. And, congratulations to each of our two clinics for receiving this vote of confidence and appreciation! We were also honored with a second place for the Memorial Gift Shop. If you have never been into the gift shop in the hospital lobby, you owe yourself a visit. It is exceptional. A special thanks goes out to each of you who took time to vote for Memorial. We dedicate ourselves each and every day to achieve Our Vision of Being a Place Where People Choose to Come for Healthcare.

Memorial Earns National Honor from March of Dimes

Memorial has been recognized by the March of Dimes for significantly reducing the number of elective inductions and cesarean deliveries - those performed before 39 completed weeks of pregnancy - to less than one percent (1%). This is a tremendous accomplishment, and one that will give more babies a healthy start in life. To accomplish this outstanding achievement, Memorial participated in LifePoint Health's enterprise-wide initiative aimed at reducing early elective deliveries. Studies have shown that babies born even just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness than full-term infants, according to March of Dimes. We are so proud of our expert team of physicians and nurses who recognized the problem of unnecessary early deliveries, and put in place practices and processes to avoid scheduling cesarean sections or inductions before 39 weeks of pregnancy, except when medically necessary. This achievement is a testament to our strong commitment to Making Communities Healthier!



Dr. Aburto Joins Memorial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Jaime Aburto to Memorial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, now located in a beautiful office at 2540 S. Telshor (entrance is on Memorial Court). Dr. Aburto was raised in El Paso and is very pleased to return to this part of the country to care for our community. He has a passion for reconstructive surgery, including breast reconstruction after cancer and body contouring for patients who have undergone weight loss surgery. He also enjoys cosmetic surgery, working with patients to help them achieve their personal goals. Dr. Aburto is highly trained, having studied at the prestigious Ohio State University and James Comprehensive Cancer Center, where

he worked alongside the country's leading Plastic and Reconstructive surgeons. He completed a fellowship in Ghent, Belgium, working with some of the European leaders in Plastic Surgery to learn cutting edge techniques in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Appointments may be made by calling 575-556-1892.

Our Mission

Making Communities Healthier

Our Vision

To be a place where:

People choose to come for healthcare,

Physicians want to practice, and

Employees want to work.

Our High Five Guiding Principles

These principles guide our actions and decision making and define what our community can expect from us as a healthcare partner.

- Delivering high quality patient care
- Supporting physicians
- Creating excellent workplaces for our employees
- Taking a leadership role in our communities
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility

Welcome Dr. Briana Wellington to Our Exceptional OB/GYN Team

We extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our OB/GYN team. Beginning in mid-February, Dr. Briana Wellington will be joining Women's Medical Associates. She is highly experienced and board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Wellington was most recently in private practice in Chandler, AZ. She is committed to providing compassionate, competent women's health care for our community and strives to ensure that her patients are well informed and make the best choices for their individual health. **Appointments may be made by calling 575-522-9793.**



6th Floor Re-Opens after Extensive Renovations

After several months of construction, our 6th floor has re-opened. Our Oncology Unit, Total Joint Replacement Department, and Bariatric Unit are now located on the 6th floor. Extensive renovations to this floor included new bathrooms, flooring, paint, and furniture in the patient rooms. Renovations also included an updated nurses station and fresh paint and flooring in the common areas. We are pleased to offer a comfortable and fresh environment for our patients and their families, along with upgrades in technology. We will be hosting a ribbon cutting in the near future, and encourage you to come see our fresh new look. This 6th floor upgrade is the start of an extensive renovation project throughout the hospital. We will share the details with you as plans move forward. Patient safety, quality care, and comfort are our highest priorities. These improvements evidence our commitment to these goals.



Memorial Cares Series Kicks Off With SweetHeart Expo & Seminar

We believe that an informed patient is the best patient. That's why Memorial introduced our Memorial Cares Seminar series several years ago. On Thursday, February 15th, we will be hosting our 4th Annual SweetHeart Expo and Seminar. We encourage anyone who is interested in heart health...their own, or a loved one's...to attend the Expo to pick up tips, see demonstrations and get information from our heart team. Following the Expo, attendees will hear from one of the most talented interventional cardiologists in the region, Dr. Craig Cannon, followed by a Question and Answer session with a panel of heart experts. Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to pick up tips, information and swag, and ask your questions directly to the physicians and surgeons. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so we ask that you RSVP to our 24-hour reservation line 1-800-424-DOCS (3627).

In Closing...

I extend my sincere thanks to Memorial's Board of Trustees. Our Trustees are all volunteers who guide Memorial by attending a monthly meeting as well as an annual planning session. They are dedicated to helping us achieve our Mission, Vision and High Five Guiding Principles. A very special thank you goes out to Dr. Catherine Kemmer who retired from our Board this month, having served as Chair for the past year. We are all grateful for her service and wish her well in her retirement. Dr. Prasad Podila will serve as our new Chair. We also welcome new Board members Robert Garza, Garza and Associates, and Frances Scappaticci, Director of Nursing/Performance Improvement at Ben Archer Health Centers. Dedicated volunteers are an important part of helping to make Memorial YOUR FIRST CHOICE.

Choose to Be Healthy,



John Harris, CEO
Memorial Medical Center

