

# Nursing Opportunities at Decatur Memorial Hospital

For more information about any of the following, please contact the nurse director listed to learn more about their unit and to discuss opportunities for job shadowing and employment.

## Nursing Administration



**Linda Fahey, RN, MSN**  
Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive, 217-876-2119

## Medical Nursing



**Chris Pope, RN, BSN, Director**  
217-876-4101

DMH's 42-bed medical unit provides a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to patients with a variety of chronic and acute

medical conditions. We use a team nursing model with the RN as team leader and either an LPN or nurse aid as the care partner.

*Continuing education:* Nurses are encouraged to take advantage of the many educational opportunities at DMH. Advanced practice nurses assist with unit-specific competencies.

## Emergency Nursing



**Karen Schneller, RN, ADN**  
Administrative Director  
217-876-3008

Our 24-bed Emergency Care Center sees an average of 140 patients a day. Our nurses treat cardiac emergencies with 24/7 access to interventional cardiology. Recent initiatives for patients with sepsis have resulted in a 50 percent decrease in mortality. Although not a designated trauma center, our nurses maintain trauma certification that allows us to stabilize patients and keep them close to home.

*Continuing Education:* Certified Emergency Nurse is nationally recognized advanced competency; once achieved, a CEN increases base pay with premium adjustment.

## Surgical Nursing



**Kristi Garner, RN, ADN**  
Director, 217-876-5101

DMH's 43-bed surgical unit includes dedicated oncology and neuro/stroke beds. Using a team concept, nurses collaborate with

physicians. A primary stroke center, DMH has neurointerventional capabilities. Nasogastric tubes, vascular access devices, DASH monitors, epidural catheters, chemotherapy and specialized neuro assessments are just a few of the procedures practiced by team.

## Same Day Surgery/ Post Anesthesia Care Unit



**Jane Martin, RN, Manager**  
217-876-6005

With 31 beds and 12 reclining chairs, Same Day Surgery averages 600 patients per month. An 18-bed Post Anesthesia Care

Unit sees patients of all ages, from infant to geriatric, inpatient or outpatient, elective or urgent with 24-hour coverage. Nurses also staff our pre-admission services which sees an average of 450 patients per month.

*Continuing Education:* Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Basic Arrhythmia, Sedation/Analgesia.

## Endoscopy



**Amy Smith, RN, BSN**  
Director, 217-876-2759

DMH's five-room Endoscopy suite dedicates 4,000 square feet to a full range of endoscopy care including gastroenterology, pulmonology, ENT and 24-hour on-call emergency care. RNs admit the patient, assist the physician, prepare the patient for discharge and performs sedation analgesia for many patients. *Continuing Education:* Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and com-

pletion of a sedation analgesia course. After two years endoscopy experience, RNs may pursue a certification in gastroenterology.

## Home Health



**Tanya Andricks, RN, BSN**  
Director, 217-876-4601

This nursing field provides independence and autonomy as nurses give patient care, interventions and education in the comfort of a patient's home. Providing care in the home allows nurses to know and better understand each patient which allows an individualized care plan. Ongoing education and support are key. Nurses who are independent and highly adaptable to a variety of circumstances will thrive in Home Health.

## Surgical Services



**Sally Hodges, RN, MS**  
Director, 217-876-6001

With 12 major operating rooms, three designated cystoscopy procedure rooms and a local procedure room, DMH Surgical

Services accommodates a high volume of procedures each month. The department also has an OR on DMH's OB/Gyne floor and two cardiovascular operating rooms. The surgical RN primarily circulates to assess and manage patient care throughout the procedure. Previous OR experience is not required.

## Surgery Center



**Marsha Cordts, RN, MS**  
Director, 217-876-4851

Located in an adjacent building, a walkway connects the DMH Surgery Center to the hospital.

The Surgery Center has three operating rooms and 13 private pre- and post-operative rooms. Most procedures are performed on an outpatient basis. The surgi-

cal RN primarily circulates to assess and manage patient care throughout the procedure as well as providing post anesthesia care. Previous experience for this specialty is not required.

## DMH Millennium Pain Center



**Marsha Cordts, RN, MS**  
Director, 217-876-4851

The DMH Millennium Pain Center sees patients with chronic pain syndromes. The Pain Center provides care and invasive procedures in a clinic setting. RNs work closely with physicians to assess patient needs and implement the care plan. RNs provides pre and post-procedure care or assists in the procedure room. Previous experience in this specialty is not required.

## Family Birth Center

**Jenny Brandenburg, RN, MSN**  
Director, 217-876-3101



DMH welcomes 1,000 bundles of joy each year and follows a mother/baby couplet care model. With 18 total beds, our Family Birth Center includes nine Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Postpartum rooms, two surgical suites, a four-bed triage area, a post anesthesia care unit for cesarean sections, a 16-bed level 1 normal newborn nursery, and a four-bed level 2 intermediate care nursery. Nurses experience triage, labor and delivery, post partum care, nursery, surgery and post anesthesia care. *Continuing education:* Opportunities include, lactation counseling, childbirth educator, OB and neonatal certifications. *Required continuing education:* fetal monitoring, neonatal resuscitation, neonatal stabilization, and advanced cardiac life support.

## Pediatric Nursing



**Jenny Brandenburg, RN, MSN**  
Director, 217-876-3101

Our 11-bed pediatric unit cares for newborns to patients age 18. Five beds have cardiac monitor-

ing capabilities, a treatment room for lumbar punctures and outpatient procedures and a playroom. Pediatric nurses specialize in being the pediatric code team for the entire hospital with the exception of emergency and surgery. *Continuing education:* CPR, pediatric medication administration and pediatric advanced life support.

## Intensive Care Nursing



**Brooke Wilkey, RN, MSN**  
Director, 217-876-4401

Motivated, organized, caring, flexible and driven are just a few characteristics required for an intensive care nurse. With two wings and 22 beds, our ICU treats a variety of adult patients with medical/surgical diagnoses. We offer a thorough orientation with a knowledgeable preceptor that includes hands-on and classroom learning. *Continuing education:* DMH encourages ICU RNs to receive Critical Care Certification. Nurses work closely with our critical care nurse educator who offers classes in Sepsis, Advanced Drugs, Advanced Arrhythmias, ACLS and Code Blue Certification.

## Cardiovascular Nursing



**Sue Krows, RN, BSN, CCRN**  
Director, 217-876-5401

Our Cardiovascular Unit consists of two 10-bed units: The **Cardiovascular Intensive Care** is for patients having open-heart surgery and includes the recovery phase. We care for acute MI patients, post intervention, post cardiac catheterizations, vascular surgeries including carotids, AAA, peripheral cases as well as thoracic cases. We follow the primary nursing care model. **Cardiovascular Intermediate Care** is for patients with chest pain, CHF, atrial

fibrillation, syncope and heart arrhythmias. We follow the team nursing model which consists of RN team leader, an LPN and a CNA/PCT. Orientation focuses on critical care skills through a combination of classroom and observation. *Continuing education:* ACLS required; taught here at DMH.

## Orthopaedic Nursing



**Sharon Norris, RN, MSN**  
Director, 217-876-3501

The 22-bed orthopaedic unit cares for patients who have had total knee, total hip, total shoulder replacements and for patients admitted with acute injuries. Staff also care for general surgery, interventional radiology and cosmetic surgery patients. The multidisciplinary care team concept is used with collaboration among the following disciplines: nursing, physicians, rehabilitation, case management and dietary. Our individualized orientation helps meet new team members' needs. *Continuing education* is encouraged.

## Medical/Surgical and Outpatient Care



**Sarah Coulter, RN, MSN**  
Director, 217-876-6401

Our 12-bed Medical/Surgical unit provides an eclectic menu of challenging services. The holistic, multi-disciplinary care incorporates a team of RNs, LPNs and CNAs who work independently and in collaboration with physicians.

The DMH Outpatient Care Center provides simple dressing changes, injections and blood draws as well as more complex procedures such as infusing chemotherapy, blood transfusions, platelet transfusions, antibiotics, and anti-coagulant therapy.

*Continuing education:* chemotherapy training, CPR are provided.

