

2015

BEACON[™] HEALTH SYSTEM Top Stories



Baby Love

Memorial Hospital received the prestigious international recognition as a Baby-Friendly hospital, demonstrating Memorial's commitment to care and support for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. Elkhart General is currently undergoing the designation process as well.



Linking Arms

Beacon Home Care launched its first post-acute care network, a system of providers including Memorial Hospital and Elkhart General Hospital that teams up with skilled nursing facilities to coordinate care from before patients get to the hospital to after they leave.



Get On Up

On October 8, dozens gathered to celebrate the start of construction for Beacon Health & Fitness, what will be a 67,000-square-foot facility, located on Beacon Parkway in Mishawaka.



Growing Up

More than 200 people came out on September 17 to celebrate the start of construction of the new home for Memorial Children's Hospital.



Expanding Services

Construction crews broke ground on a 20,469-square-foot medical facility on five acres of land on Cleveland Road in South Bend. The new facility, to open in late summer 2016, will replace the current Beacon Medical Group Portage Road office.



Change of Direction

Only after a few months since launching at Beacon Health System, the Dr. Dean Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease[™] led several people to better health, thanks to a combination of exercise, stress management, nutrition and group support.



Young at Heart

Elkhart General's Center for Cardiac Care observed the 15th anniversary of its opening with a weeklong celebration in February.



Saving Lives

The Elkhart General Critical Care team saved the life of Thomas Fritschi by employing pronation therapy. This involves a special bed used to rotate intubated, mechanically ventilated patients from their back to their stomach to improve oxygenation and ventilation.



Bigger and Better

In early 2015, Beacon Medical Group Ireland Road opened its 28,000-square-foot addition that includes a new wing for specialty services: pediatrics, rheumatology and dermatology.



Making History

The Surgery Center Expansion, a two-year, \$83 million project that encompasses three and half football fields, wrapped up at the end of 2015.



Best and Brightest

Thirty-eight of Beacon's best and brightest associates participated in the yearlong e.crew program that offers team-based learning opportunities to advance special projects for the health system.