

'PROVIDER's WALL' Brightens Hospital

There are 16 photographs hanging in the main hallway at Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, with more on the way.

Hung earlier this month, the professionally-taken, color photographs are of the hospital's providers. LCMH CEO Don Robbins refers to the display as "Provider's Row."

"It's a space dedicated to all the providers, just to let patients, family members and visitors know who the providers are, let them know who's providing their care."

Robbins said such a display is typical in hospitals, and he's glad the local facility is now up to speed.

"Most hospitals will have it somewhere within several feet of their front door, and that's why we chose to put it here, rather than down one of the other halls where there is a little bit more space," he said. "We needed it to be in a place where people would see it. Everybody's going to walk by here when they're going upstairs, or to the X-ray lab or to the cafeteria area. People will be able to see the wall, maybe stop and see who the providers are."

The display is only the beginning. As soon as next week, Robbins says, a pair of shadowboxes near the hospital's business office on the ground floor will be dedicated to the history of health care in Lawrence County.

"It's not just a history of the hospital, but a general history of health care that's been provided in Lawrence County over basically the last 100 years," Robbins said. "We're trying to get our hands on as much memorabilia as we can."

Some of the items have been stored at the hospital for years, according to Robbins. The hospital is also seeking items from the Lawrence County Historical Society and others to display on either a temporary or full-time basis.

"Some people have been collecting things that they thought we could use in the future," Robbins said. "Well, now's the future. We want to prominently display that part of our history."

The hope is that the display will attract visitors on a regular basis.

"When people are in the hospital, it will give them something to look at," Robbins said. "They'll have a chance to see the history of Lawrence County health care, and what's been provided over the years."

It's likely that display will also have a space dedicated to Lawrence County Memorial Hospital's logos through the years.

"The LCMH logo has transitioned through the years, and we want to show them all," Robbins said.

He added that since LCMH partnered with Deaconess Illinois in May, administrators are considering a new logo, which would also be a part of the display.

Lawrence County Memorial Hospital CEO Don Robins displays a "provider's wall" in a hallway at the hospital. Robbins says the wall will serve to let patients and visitors know who is taking care of them.