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Who We Are

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Chris Shields with patient

With the temporary closure of the Hood Canal Bridge only months away, Peninsula residents are beginning to think about changes to their normal shopping and service delivery patterns. Public surveys conducted by the Washington State

Department of Transportation indicate that the No. 1 concern of Peninsula residents is access to health care services.



Jefferson Healthcare has formed a bridge closure task force to ensure that the health care system is prepared to handle fluctuation in demand for services. As part of this planning, we want to ensure that community members have a good picture of who we are and what we do at Jefferson Healthcare. Whether you are a woman whose baby is due during this period of bridge closure, a person in need of chronic

disease management, or a person concerned about a potential emergency, we are confident that we can meet and exceed your needs and expectations.



Paula Dowdle, COO, and
Vic Dirksen, CEO.



Laura Meadows, ARNP with patient

If you have an emergency

Jim DeCianne, RN (right) with Gordon Pomeroy, Assistant Chief, EMS Division



Jefferson Healthcare **Emergency department** is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with dedicated, highly trained physicians, registered nurses (RNs), and emergency technicians. The department is prepared to care for any emergency, from multisystem trauma to complex medical problems or simple sore throats.

All of our RNs are trained in triage and certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, and trauma care. Many of the RN staff has completed the certified emergency nurse curriculum. Most of the nurses have 15 to 20 years of experience. Our Emergency department technicians are all certified emergency medical technicians and have completed extensive Emergency department orientation and training. All of our physicians are board certified in family medicine or emergency medicine.



Kathleen Telgrin, RN, Doug Nelson, MD, and Glenda Kilmore, RN

If you have an immediate medical need but your problem is less severe, you may be triaged to our Express Care service. Express Care is a service of the Emergency department that is designed to serve patients who have medical conditions that may not be life threatening but that

still need immediate medical attention. Through this service, you can receive prompt diagnosis and treatment for noncritical illnesses and injuries. Visits usually take less time and provide efficient care for unexpected, minor medical circumstances.

Jim DeCianne, RN, Director of Emergency Services

Jim DeCianne, RN, has worked in emergency medicine for 18 years, six of which were spent as a certified flight nurse. His flight and field experience, along with his Emergency department experience, have given DeCianne a depth of experience and skill that is invaluable to Jefferson Healthcare's emergency services.

Since becoming the department director in 1998, DeCianne has improved the standard of care in the department. He was instrumental in supporting the use of certified emergency medical technicians to free registered nurses to spend more time at the bedside with patients.

Last April, through his leadership and partnership with the Emergency department physicians, DeCianne successfully formed a stroke team to care for patients experiencing strokes and transient ischemic attacks.

To reduce patient wait times and improve the patient experience, DeCianne and his team proposed the Express Care service. The service, which has been a success from the start, opened in its permanent location in August of this year.

Finally, as a result of the relationships that DeCianne has established with local emergency medical services providers, East Jefferson County now has consistent coverage for ambulance transport service.

If you need to be hospitalized

The **Acute Care Unit (ACU)** is the unit where patients are admitted after surgery or for medical reasons. The ACU acts as a hub, reaching out to other departments in the hospital to bring about the best outcomes for patients. The team of caregivers in the ACU has the skills to care for the types of medical and surgical patients that are most common in our area. If your case requires medical care beyond our scope, we will stabilize you and arrange transport to an appropriate facility.

According to those who work in the ACU, the foundation of excellent care in this unit is consistent leadership and a multiskilled team of caregivers, all working together with the patient toward a common goal. The nurses say that they know the

various members of their team and the physicians well, which makes teamwork easier.

Laura Showers, RN, director of patient clinical services for the ACU, attributes the excellent care in the unit to the supportive and positive culture of the hospital. Showers commented that Jefferson Healthcare has an excellent nurse-to-patient ratio, which allows the nurses to give each patient the time they need and to get to know them personally.

The Acute Care Unit has a full-time hospitalist program that provides consistent, high-quality medical care to all inpatients. The department provides postsurgical care for general, urological, gynecological, and orthopedic procedures. The ACU specializes in care of the elderly, and also pro-

vides high quality and attentive care for pediatric patients.

Jefferson Healthcare also has a six-bed **Intensive Care Unit (ICU)**. The services available in the unit include cardiac evaluation and monitoring using the latest technology, as well as internal medicine, general medical, and surgical intensive care services. Our hospitalist staff is highly trained in diagnosis and treatment of intensive care patients.

The ICU is staffed with high-quality, skilled RNs who are trained in advanced cardiac life support and have many years of experience in intensive care nursing. The nurse-to-patient ratio in the ICU is exceptional; patients often receive one-on-one attention from our caring and compassionate nursing staff.



Intensive Care Unit



Patient Room

If you are having a baby

Our mother- and baby-friendly **Family Birth Center (FBC)** offers a comprehensive, evidence-based service with exceptional outcomes. All of our nurses are highly qualified labor and delivery nurses who stay aware of the latest approaches and birthing technology through continuing education and training. Most FBC RNs have specific



Laura Showers, RN, with baby

expertise in labor coaching and comfort measures. Some have received additional training as midwives, and others are lactation consultants or childbirth educators.

The department emphasizes family-centered, personalized care in a warm and welcoming environment. In most cases, we have a one-to-one ratio of nurses to assist mothers throughout

labor, birth, and postpartum care. According to Laura Showers, families who have had their babies at Jefferson Healthcare regularly tell us that they loved the individualized attention they received at the FBC.



Anna Wallin, RN (right) with father Mike Patterson and his son

In January of this year, the hospital began providing the childbirth classes that were previously offered through the health department. The department also offers postpartum and lactation consultant services. The FBC has an interactive and collaborative relationship with the Jefferson County Department of Health and Human Services.

Our physicians

Our knowledgeable family practice obstetrics physicians have been trained in large urban centers and are highly capable of medical interventions, including cesarean section, should it become necessary. They bring a flexible

and holistic perspective to maternal and infant care, helping women to have the type of delivery assistance they desire. These doctors spend a great deal of time with their patients during labor. This is one reason that our rate of primary C-sections is about half the national average. The physicians who practice obstetrics are Rachel Bickling, MD; Todd Carlson, MD; David Harris, MD; Molly Hong, MD; Joseph Mattern, MD (with Olympic Primary Care); and Katherine Ottaway, MD (with Port Townsend Family Physicians).



Laura Showers, Director of Patient Clinical Services

As the director of patient clinical services, Laura Showers manages the third-floor inpatient and outpatient nursing services, including the Acute Care Unit (ACU), the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), the Family Birth Center, and the Medical Short-Stay Unit.

Showers has been a registered nurse for 27 years. During this time, she has practiced bedside nursing for orthopedic, pediatric, medical/surgical, and obstetrics patients. She has been involved in program development and nursing management since 1998.

Showers was initially recruited to Jefferson Healthcare in 2001 to manage the Family Birth Center, and spent five years in that position; she then began managing the medical/surgical section and the Medical Short-Stay Unit, which is ably supervised by Jeinell Harper, RN.

Of her tenure as a manager, Showers is most proud of the substantive changes she has made to the Family Birth Center through implementation of evidenced-based practices. Also to her credit, since she became manager of the ACU, Jefferson Healthcare has seen improved patient satisfaction scores as well as a reduction in patient falls and employee injuries. The ACU and ICU, according to Showers, also have seen significantly improved scores in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' core measures.

Showers said that her personal goal as a nurse manager is to empower nursing staff to reach their fullest potential. She said she believes that an empowered and satisfied nursing workforce will provide exceptional care and lead to satisfied customers.

The primary strength of the third-floor patient care areas, in Showers' view, is that compassion and a patient-centered focus are primary values. She said that she and her staff adopted "Exceptional people, Compassionate care" as their vision statement.

"I am proud to be an employee of Jefferson Healthcare because I am respected and encouraged to do my best," she said.

Showers has an AA degree in nursing from Peninsula College, a BSN from the University of Washington, and an MS in nursing from Old Dominion University.

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If you need infusion, medication administration, or wound care services

The **Medical Short-Stay Unit** cares for patients in need of, among other things, chemotherapy, IV therapy, various medication administrations, blood products, allergy injections, central line management, and acute and chronic wound care.

The departmental goal is to offer skilled, comprehensive, all-inclusive care to relieve patients of the strain of going from one medical appointment to another. The unit has the ability to act as a central point for combined and supportive therapies for patients. While a patient is receiving one treatment in the department, he or she also may receive consultations from a pharmacist, a dietician, or a respiratory therapist. The nurses in the unit stay in close communication with the referring physicians, no matter where they are located.

The philosophy of the Medical Short-Stay Unit is that respect for the patient and his or her personal dignity always comes first. The Medical Short-Stay Unit helps to relieve some of the stress of illness by allowing patients to be treated close to home, in Port Townsend.

The Medical Short-Stay Unit offers a quiet room with a beautiful view of Port Townsend Bay. Patients who are not feeling well may request a private room with a bed from which they can see the

same view. Patients are served meals if their treatment spans one of the mealtimes during the day or evening. The unit is staffed seven days a week.

Jeinell Harper, RN, Medical Short-Stay Coordinator

Jeinell Harper, RN, has been an acute care nurse for 31 years, all of which has been spent in direct patient care at the bedside. Harper graduated from Tacoma General Hospital's nursing program in 1977. The program was affiliated with the University of Puget Sound and the curriculum was focused on mastering acute care clinical nursing. During her career, Harper has acquired many skills and has specialized in chemotherapy, IV infusion, central line management, and wound care. She regularly attends classes and continuing education programs, and her competency in these areas is tested throughout the year.

Harper said that Medical Short-Stay has a small but exceptional staff. The five registered nurses, she said, are highly skilled and experienced; collectively they have over 116 years of nursing experience. Because the group is small, Harper said, the staff has the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships with every patient who is seen in the department. According to Harper, this provides continuity and consistency for the patients. All of the nurses in the department are also skilled in the administration of chemotherapy, IV therapy, central line management, and wound care.

Rebecca Kimball, ARNP, Wound Care Specialist

Rebecca Kimball, ARNP, received a BSN and an MN at the University of Washington. She completed the University of Washington's wound care course for certification. Kimball was in a geriatric practice for eight years prior to coming to Port Townsend in 2006. She is now providing wound care consultations in the Medical Short-Stay Unit.



Jeinell Harper, RN, Rick Fourmont, RN, and Rebecca Kimball, ARNP



Rebecca Kimball, ARNP, with patient

If you need surgery

Jefferson Healthcare's **Surgery department** has three state-of-the-art surgical suites and one special procedures/endoscopy room offering multiple levels of care, from same-day procedures and surgeries to emergency and more complicated inpatient surgeries. Current staff includes two general surgeons, Jay Lawrence, MD and Ryan Ramos, MD; two orthopedic surgeons, Alan Greenwald, MD, and Tristan McGovern, MD; one urologist, Dimitri Kuznetsov, MD; one gynecologist, Robert Palmer, MD; two family practice obstetrics physicians, Molly Hong, MD, and Rachel Bickling, MD; and a podiatrist, Jessica Lund, DPM. Together, these surgeons perform over 175 surgeries and special procedures each month, including:

- General surgical procedures, including laparoscopic (minimally invasive) or open abdominal surgeries, which include removal of gallbladder and appendix, hernia repair, colon resection, biopsies, breast cancer surgeries (including breast conservation and sentinel lymph node biopsies).
- Orthopedic surgeries, including arthroscopies of various joints,

minimally invasive partial knee replacements, total joint replacements, a wide variety of fracture fixations, nerve ligament and tendon repairs, and many others.

- Obstetrical and gynecological surgeries, including sterilizations, diagnostic laparoscopies, hysterectomies, endometrial ablations, and cesarean sections.
- Special procedures such as colonoscopies, gastroscopies, and bone marrow biopsies.
- Podiatric surgery, including bunion and hammer toe repairs and other foot surgeries.
- Urological procedures such as prostate cancer treatments, including radical prostatectomy and cryoablation (freezing); bladder cancer treatments such as minimally invasive removal of bladder cancer; kidney cancer treatments such as laparoscopic removal and cryoablation (freezing) of cancer; non-cancerous prostate treatment for urinary problems, including greenlight laser vaporization and transurethral resection; kidney stone treatment, including sound wave fragmentation of stones or laser fragmentation



Jay Lawrence, MD, in surgery

of stones; incontinence treatment, including minimally invasive treatment for urinary leakage and urinary infections;

pelvic prolapse and reconstructive treatment, including minimally invasive and laparoscopic bladder "lift" surgery; and genital organ surgery.

Florida Rue, RN, CNOR, RNFA, Director of Surgical Services

Florida Rue has been the director of surgical services at Jefferson Healthcare for the past 20 years. She is responsible for all aspects of the Surgery department, including ambulatory surgery care, postanesthesia recovery, operating suites, special procedures/endoscopy, and sterile processing. She was instrumental in designing the surgery complex, which was built in 1995.

Rue said that she is committed to creating and maintaining an effective, successful team approach to the care of surgical patients. The surgical team she leads is a collaborative group of surgeons, advanced cardiac life support-certified surgical nurses, surgical technologists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists with unique skills and abilities. They share a common goal of providing Jefferson Healthcare patients with clinically excellent, compassionate patient care in a supportive surgical environment. Rue said that her team works hard to surpass expectations, anticipate needs, and treat the whole patient.

The surgery team, according to Rue, shares a belief that taking care of patients is not just a job; it's a special way of caring for neighbors. "This perspective is what sets Jefferson Healthcare apart from other medical and surgical providers," she said.

Rue obtained her nursing degree from the University of Southern Colorado and her registered nurse first assistant degree from UCLA. This training qualifies her to assist surgeons in all specialties.



If you need radiology services

Jefferson Healthcare's **Radiology department** is equipped with effective technology for most diagnostic imaging needs. We offer outpatient, emergency, and inpatient radiology services. Our goal is to deliver high-quality imaging services in a patient-friendly environment. The radiologic technologists at Jefferson Healthcare work as a team to ensure high-quality images for all patients that come to the Imaging department. This team has a combined total of 100 years of imaging experience.

Our services include:

- Bone densitometry: Hologic
- Computerized tomography scans: Siemens Somatom
- Mammography: Instrumentarium
- Magnetic resonance imaging: Siemens Vision 1.5T
- Nuclear medicine: New Phillips
- Ultrasound: 2007 Phillips HD11 with 3D and 4D capabilities

Teresa Adams, RTR (M), Director of Ancillary Services

Teresa Adams has 17 years of experience in all aspects of medical imaging and is nationally certified in radiology and mammography. Adams has specific expertise in maintaining national certification for mammography services. For the six years that she has been the director of imaging at Jefferson Healthcare, yearly FDA inspections have resulted in a 100 percent positive rating.

Adams was instrumental in bringing magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine, and ultrasound services to Jefferson Healthcare. Adams said that she gave fulfillment of this goal a top priority because she felt strongly that the local hospital should provide these high-quality imaging services within its community so that patients would not have to travel elsewhere to receive these services.

Adams says her strengths are drive and flexibility, which she attributes to growing up as a naval officer's daughter. She said that moving every two years and attending four different high schools made her adept at change.

"My father made sure I was goal-oriented but also taught me that being flexible and open-minded would allow my goals to evolve and grow," she said. "I try to bring that into my daily work."



Cabel Adams, RTR

If you need home health or hospice services



Karen Hunt, RN, and Joe Mattern, MD, Hospice Medical Director

Jefferson Healthcare Home Health is Medicare/Medicaid–certified and licensed by the state of Washington. We have a comprehensive network of health care professionals, including nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, and physical, occupational, and speech therapists, to help patients and their caregivers become as self-sufficient and independent as possible.

The highly qualified and compassionate staff of Jefferson Healthcare Home Health is available when you need health care brought to your home. Our team works closely with you and your physician to develop a plan of care following a recent illness, surgery, or change in health, or for chronic disease management.

Our Home Health management team comprises Pat Shaughnessy, RN, manager; Kirsten Golden, SLP, rehab services manager; and Ed Presnal, MSW, for social services.

Hospice of Jefferson County is licensed by the state of Washington and is a Medicare/Medicaid–certified provider. We have been providing end-of-life services since 1980 and have been Medicare certified since 2002. We

are a member agency of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Washington Hospice and Palliative Care organization. We have a reputation for high professional standards and service excellence.

Our focus is on reducing pain and enhancing quality of life while providing comfort and support. We develop an individualized program providing medical, emotional, psychological, financial, social, and spiritual care, when requested.

Our hospice nursing director is Karen Hunter. Karen graduated from nursing school in Denmark

and has practiced nursing for over 35 years, in Denmark, Greenland, Ohio, Texas, Alaska, and Washington. Her philosophy of hospice care is based on a quote from Mother Teresa: “In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.” Karen has her hospice certification.

Our hospice medical director, Joseph Mattern, MD, is a graduate of Drexel College of Medicine. He completed his residency and internship at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.



Andrea McElrath, RN, Kirsten Golden, PT, and Pat Shaughnessy, RN

Keri Johns, RN, MS, Director of Home and Community Services

Keri Johns came from Seattle to Port Townsend in 1990, working first in cardiac rehab, then as the director of Wellness programs until 1999. Since 2000, Johns has worked in Home Health/Hospice services, first as staff and then, for the past eight years, as director. In that time Hospice has become Medicare certified and the Hospice census has grown enough to have its own nursing director, Karen Hunter.

Johns’ expanded role now includes broader responsibility for community outreach. Her vision in this regard includes identifying new and innovative ways to meet community health care needs.

Johns graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and has been a nurse since 1977. She completed her advanced hospice administrator certification in 2004 and her MS in community health administration in 2006. She has been an employee of Jefferson Healthcare since 1990.



If you need physical therapy or rehabilitation

Jefferson Healthcare offers high-quality, full-spectrum skilled **rehabilitation services** to both hospital inpatients and outpatients. Outpatient services are available at the hospital campus. Most primary insurances pay for skilled rehabilitation services as long as there is a medical need and a referral from a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

At Jefferson Healthcare Rehabilitation Services, our goal is to provide the community with the highest quality, most patient-centered therapy services possible. We work closely

with physicians, families, and colleagues to bring about the best possible outcomes. With several therapists having over 20 years of experience, we are confident that we can effectively evaluate and treat any physical problem that comes our way. In addition to their train-

ing and expertise, you will find that our therapists are friendly and innovative—exactly what you need when undergoing any type of rehabilitation.

We also have the area’s largest and most sophisticated rehabilitation center. Our fully

equipped, 1,750-square-foot facility includes state-of-the-art equipment to help patients recover full function as quickly as possible. In addition to the main gym overlooking Port Townsend Bay, we have eight private treatment rooms for patient privacy and comfort.



Robert Martin, Director of Rehabilitation Services

Robert Martin came to Jefferson Healthcare in 2005 from Whidbey General Hospital. Martin has a BS in physical therapy from the University of Montana. He has seven years of management experience and 14 years of experience as a clinical physical therapist. Martin’s specialties are in sports rehabilitation and manual therapy. He manages both the inpatient and outpatient physical therapy areas.

To improve your health and well-being



The Wellness department at Jefferson Healthcare is here to support you in achieving your wellness goals. We want to help you be the best you can be and to encourage you to reach your optimal level of physical and psychological well-being. We know that feeling better is the first step to actually being well, and we're here to help you take those first steps to wellness.



Wendy B. Schultz, RN

The Wellness department provides programs to optimize, restore, and maintain overall health, thereby

reducing the risk of developing complications from actual or potential disease processes. The individual programs focus on a specific disease process or therapy through a series of education

programs and ongoing physical and exercise activities specifically designed to optimize health.

This individualized support empowers individuals to identify and achieve their goals for behavioral change and development of self-management skills toward achieving better health.

The programs we currently offer are:

- Anticoagulation (Coumadin) clinic
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Diabetes education
- Exercise for Health
- Support groups
- Massage therapy
- Freedom from Smoking
- Community forums

Wendy B. Schultz, RN, Wellness Director

Wendy Schultz has been an RN for 25 years. She started as a coronary care nurse at Huntington Memorial Hospital, after graduating from Chaffey College in 1984. Wendy has specialized as a cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation specialist since 1987 and 1989, respectively. She worked at Harborview Medical Center in the cardiology services clinic; she was a congestive heart failure case manager for Medalia Medical, LLC, formerly Providence Medical Group; and she has been managing patients on anticoagulation therapy in clinic and hospital settings for much of the past 20 years. In 1997, Wendy returned to the University of Washington and completed her BSN, remaining on the dean's honor list.

Wendy started at Jefferson Healthcare in the fall of 2002 as the backup RN for cardiac and pulmonary rehab. She started the Water Street anticoagulation services clinic in November 2004, and became the Wellness director in July 2007.

Judy King, RN, Cardiac Rehabilitation Case Manager

Judy King graduated with her BSN from Luther College in 1979. She worked in the surgical intensive care at Sharp Memorial Hospital for five years, and as a staff RN and staff developer. She then became clinical coordinator of the heart and lung transplant program there, from 1986 to 1995. In anticipation of moving to a smaller community, she transferred to the postanesthesia care unit there until accepting the position as cardiac rehabilitation case manager at Jefferson Healthcare in December of 2007.

Amber Benner, RN, CDE, Diabetes Education Coordinator

Amber Benner is a native Washingtonian who graduated with a BSN from Seattle University in 1986. She worked in the inpatient nursing departments at Group Health, Providence Seattle, Swedish, Kittitas Valley Community Hospital, Forks Community Hospital, and Olympic Medical Center before coming to Jefferson Healthcare 17 years ago. She transitioned to outpatient wellness in 1999, when she became the cardiac rehabilitation case manager. In 2003, she became a certified diabetes educator. Since that time she has worked to educate clients and to help them improve their blood sugar control.

Hilary Metzger, RN, BA, Pulmonary Rehabilitation Coordinator

Hilary Metzger has worked as a clinical nurse, public health nurse, and health educator in Jefferson County for over 25 years. Currently, she is the pulmonary rehabilitation clinical coordinator and case manager for Jefferson Healthcare. Metzger graduated from Peninsula College with an AA degree in nursing, and from The Evergreen State College with a BA in health education. Recently, Hilary has served as a consultant in health education for the University of Washington. She received the Washington State HIV/AIDS Educator award in 1999.



Judy King, RN, Cardiac Rehab, Hilary Metzger, RN, Pulmonary Rehab, and Amber Benner, RN, Diabetes Education

If you need primary care

Jefferson Medical and Pediatric Group, 360-385-4848. Physicians are dual certified in internal medicine and pediatrics; midlevel providers practicing family medicine.

Olympic Primary Care, 360-379-8031. Family physicians, several practicing women's medicine and obstetrics; midlevel providers practicing family medicine.

Port Townsend Family Physicians, 360-385-3500. Family physicians, with some practicing women's medicine and obstetrics; midlevel providers practicing family medicine.

South County Medical Clinic, 360-765-3111. A midlevel provider practicing family medicine.

Richard Lynn, MD, 360-385-5330. Internal medicine; works with Catherine Parkman, MD.

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Helps people with diabetes learn to care for themselves in ways that encourage optimal manage of this lifelong disease.

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A medically supervised exercise program for persons with chronic disease or disabilities.

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Judy King, RN, with cardiac patient



Sheila Bailey, LMP, with patient

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