



UnityPoint Health
Grinnell Regional
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Friends,

Did you know that September 7th was National Grateful Patient Day? Observed since 2017, this day provides an opportunity to show appreciation for the professionals in the medical industry. As someone who has been a patient and observed the care my late husband received during his final months, I know gratitude for care received is one very important aspect of patient and care team relationships.

I feel like it's Grateful Patient Day every day at GRMC because during our morning leadership huddle we hear words of appreciation and gratitude, like those below, from our patients.

- *"I am grateful to have the hospital here in Grinnell"* [ED patient]
- *"I was at the facility for several appointments. It makes me realize how fortunate Grinnell is to have a facility such as we do for a town our size. Also, a facility to offer the services offered at Grinnell! Much appreciation!"* [GRFP Clinic patient]
- *"Everyone from the clinic staff, to registration, lab, preoperative area, recovery, Med Surg, and dietary were just phenomenal. I was very, very pleased with how I (and my husband) were treated by all."* [GRMC patient]
- *"Everyone was absolutely amazing. I've got the best hospital and care team. Thank you all very much for taking care of me."* [ED patient]
- *"The OB department was absolutely wonderful and I would recommend them to anyone having a baby. You feel important and they truly care about you."* [OB patient]

By supporting GRMC, you impact the care our patients receive. You help provide the equipment our team needs to care for our patients. You support programs that make a difference to our patients. You fund specialized training for team members that, in turn, benefits our patients.

So, here's to you - our partner in healthcare.

Thanks for caring about healthcare in our communities by supporting GRMC with your donation.



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ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of every dollar donated to the GRMC Foundation stays local to benefit the healthcare programs and needs in the GRMC service area. For more information and to make a gift, visit www.unitypoint.org/grinnell/foundation.

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT



ENDOWING OUR FUTURE

The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission and work of a nonprofit organization. The principal of an endowment is kept intact and only the annual earnings, typically income and a portion of the capital growth, are used to fund current needs. GRMC Foundation has established an endowment so we can continue to carry on the important work of GRMC in the years to come.

Your gift to the GRMC Endowment is a significant contribution in helping us to fulfill our mission today and in the future.

To learn more, contact Donna Fischer at (641) 236-2079 or donna.fischer@unitypoint.org.

FRACTURE TABLE FOR ORTHOPEDIC SURGERIES

Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, GRMC has a brand-new, state-of-the-art orthopedic surgery table!

"This new table is much more than just equipment. Its advanced features allow for precise positioning and improved access during surgery, leading to better outcomes and faster recovery for our patients," says Dr. Anthony Tedesco, a DMOS surgeon who lives and works in Grinnell full-time providing orthopedic care at UnityPoint Health - Grinnell Orthopedic Clinic.



Pictured L to R: Mary Duke, Dr. Tedesco, Mikaylah Avis, Lindsey Cole, Sam Manatt, Haley DeHoedt, Emily Larson, Blythe Woolen, Vicki Brown, Breanna Saunders and Lori Glasgow.

BLADDER SCANNER FOR HOSPITAL

Because of your support, a new bladder scanner has been purchased for GRMC. Our nurses and patient care technicians recognized a need for a second scanner to expedite care for patients and, thanks to you, the GRMC Foundation was able to meet that need.

This new scanner harnesses real-world data to consistently detect and define bladder location, size and shape for all pediatric and adult patients. It measures the bladder volume within seconds and its simple charting tool easily transfers exam results to any electronic healthcare record system.



Pictured L to R: Jasmine Hines, PCT and Jamie Hatfield, RN

NEW OVERBED TABLES THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL

Your donations made it possible to purchase 36 new overbed tables now in use throughout the hospital.

The sleek design of these tables easily slides under beds. The low-profile, U-shaped base provides maximum versatility and the tables can be adjusted to any height. These new tables are appreciated by patients and team members for their ease of use and adaptability.



LAB RENOVATION UPDATE

There has been a lot of construction progress in the new Lab space. In September, the Lab will be transitioning to the temporary lab located just north of the current lab. This will allow for the existing space to be renovated in the next phase of construction. The new reception, waiting, draw rooms and staff support spaces will open in October. Thank you for your continued patience during the process!



Reception Area



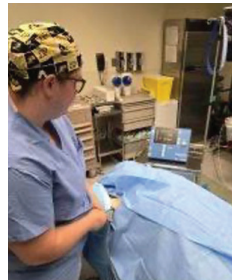
Draw Room



Temporary Lab

BREAST CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME

Recently the hospital purchased a Neoprobe®. This imaging device is used by surgeons to pinpoint cancerous tissue during surgery to provide patients with a more precise and personalized approach to their breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. By offering this technology locally, patients can receive advanced care close to home, reducing stress and travel burdens.



"We are excited to be able to offer Neoprobe to our patients," says Dr. Anna Mensing, general and breast surgeon at UnityPoint Health - Grinnell General Surgery and Weight Loss Surgery Clinic (pictured above). "This technology is a game-changer in breast cancer care, and we are committed to providing our community with the most advanced treatment options available."

GRMC LAUNCHES SELF-CHECK-IN KIOSKS

To make care easier and more efficient for patients, GRMS has rolled out a self-check-in kiosk. The new kiosk is located at the outpatient registration check-in area. The kiosks are intended to be the first stop for all patients who currently use outpatient registration for walk-in or scheduled appointments. Patients who have complex registration needs will be prompted to visit the registration desk to complete their check-in process.

Patients with appointments in departments that don't use outpatient registration, like Rehabilitation Services or Infusion and Chemotherapy, should continue following the same check-in process.



CONGRESSWOMAN ASHLEY HINSON VISITS GRMC

In August, Congresswoman Ashley Hinson visited GRMC to learn more about the *Delivering Our Future* campaign to expand and renovate our obstetrics (OB) department. She is currently advocating for a Community Project Funding grant for this project.

Upon her arrival, she and two members of her staff met with several team members to learn more about the hospital's plans to grow its maternal health service line and expand the OB department. Included in this meeting were David-Paul Cavazos, Rural President; Darwin Copeman, Chair of GRMC Board of Directors; Dawn Disney-Bruggeman, Chair of GRMC Foundation Board of Directors; Laura Juel, Vice President of Nursing Services; Cherish Hansen, Manager of Obstetrics, Alex Smolik, Business Development Strategist - Finance; Donna Fischer, Director of Development; David Stark, Chief Government Affairs and Philanthropy Officer; and Rachael Kinnick, President and CEO of the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Following the meeting, the group toured the OB unit, and Congresswoman Hinson (pictured below on the left) was provided an inside look at the needs of the unit by Cherish Hansen, Manager of Obstetrics (pictured in the center) and Laura Juel, Vice President of Nursing Services (pictured on the right).

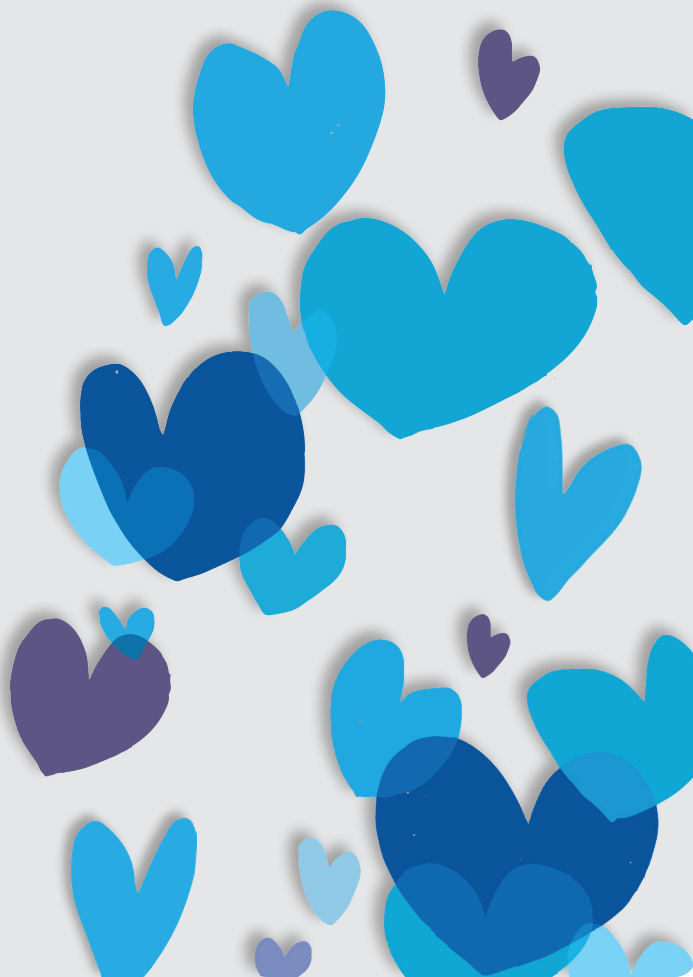


Your support of GRMC has had an amazing impact on our patients and the communities we serve.

From the purchase of new equipment and technology to specialized training for team members to enhancing and expanding services, philanthropy has made a difference throughout GRMC. **As always, 100% of every donation to the GRMC Foundation remains right here to continue making a difference for our patients, their families, and our team members.**

At this time of year, many people like you are thinking about where to spend their philanthropic dollars. I hope you will consider continuing your support of your not-for-profit regional hospital which is here to care for you and your loved ones every day of the year.

If this is the right time for you to make a gift, please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope for your convenience or scan the QR code to make a gift online.



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TO US AND TO
YOUR WORLD.



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