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Newsletter



RCHC in Top 100

Rawlins County Health Center ranked in the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States in 2018. The iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX is the tool used by The Chartis Center for Rural Health to measure where Critical Access Hospitals rank amongst each other in the nation. The INDEX's assessment uses Inpatient Share Ranking, Outpatient Share Ranking, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective and Financial Stability to evaluate each hospital.



eCARE Live

Avera eCARE Emergency Services went live at Rawlins County Health Center at the end of January. Nurses, providers and emergency staff are becoming accustomed to the 24/7, push of a button, virtual access to a team of physicians and nurses that provide extra support.

Patrick Conrad, RN, said he used eCARE for documentation services recently during an emergency.

"While local providers are in-route to the hospital, eCARE doctors are available so care can begin immediately," said Vicki Reuber, RN, who used Avera doctors to read an EKG while a provider was on their way.

Avera eCARE Emergency Services allow RCHC nurses and providers to focus on the patient and enable them to deliver better care in Rawlins County.

Welcome



Brent Sarauer PA Student

with Kyle Herspring, PA-C

Brent Sarauer, a PA Student from Wichita State University, is at RCHC for his fifth, out of eight, rotation. Brent is originally from Wisconsin.

RCHC Specialty Clinic

Cardiologists

Dr. Denney: Mar. 8

Dr. Markiewicz: Mar. 12

Dr. Freund: Call to schedule

Urologist

Dr. Catanese: Call to schedule

Orthopedist

Dr. Sears: May 9

Surgeon

Dr. Kopriva: Mar. 7 & 21

Hearing Specialist

Precision Hearing • Ken Drag: Mar. 29

Mental Health

High Plains Mental Health: Mar. 8 & 22

Wound Care Center

Kyle Herspring, PA-C: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Trauma Designation

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has designated Rawlins County Health Center as a Level IV Trauma Center. The primary role of a Level IV Trauma Center is to stabilize seriously injured patients and transfer them to a higher-level center, if necessary.

Through collaboration with multiple health sector agencies, RCHC is committed to providing quality care to all trauma patients and is proud to continually improve the health services offered to many communities.

Points to Ponder...

Harmful Substances in the Home

Potentially harmful substances used in homes usually have one or more of these characteristics:

- Corrosive– they eat or wear away at materials
- Flammable– easily ignited
- Reactive– can cause an explosion or produce deadly vapors
- Toxic– poisonous to humans and animals

Some examples of hazardous wastes found around the home include antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, chemical strippers, chlorine bleach, contact cement, drain cleaners, insecticides, lawn chemicals, nail polish remover, spot removers, motor oil and toilet and oven cleaners.

Follow these common household chemical safety tips to avoid harm or injury:

- Never combine two chemicals. For example, chlorine bleach and ammonia combined form a highly toxic gas, which can cause severe respiratory injury or death.
- Do not store hazardous chemicals near food.
- Store chemicals out of reach of children and pets.
- Never take chemicals or cleaners out of their original containers.
- Properly dispose household and chemical products that are leaking, expired or look bad. If you don't know how to dispose of them, contact your local waste management facility.

Source: http://www.ehstoday.com/safety/chemical/ehs_imp_39314

Welcome Back Barb Herspring, PA-C

Rawlins Clinic is excited to announce the return of Barb Herspring, PA-C this March. She has been a provider at RCHC since 2013 and is excited to be in the clinic setting again. For an appointment with Barb call (785)626-3241.



Rawlins County
Health Center

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