



GMHA LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR



Håfa adai Team GMHA,

Happy August! First, it is with great joy to share with all of you what a wonderful day it was for Team GHMA at the Liberation Day parade this year! I want to thank the GMHA Spirit Committee and our employees who volunteered to build the most beautiful and colorful float for this year's parade! The cheers of enthusiasm from the crowds as our float came down the parade route was truly inspiring. The friendly greetings, applause, and people yelling "We love you, GMHA!"

warmed our hearts to no end. I wish every one of you could have been there to feel the deep affection and heartfelt appreciation from our people. The crowds at the parade react this way every year and it is such a wonderful feeling to know we're supported by the community we serve. And, in the words of our Associate Administrator of Operations, Mr. Zaldy Tugade, "We have our island community under our umbrella."

Figuratively and literally, the colorful umbrella props that covered our float truly embellished the symbolism of our Hospital's mission.

Earlier today, GMHA join our military, community, and healthcare partners in a Full-Scale Exercise (FSE) which involves the simulation of a mass casualty event. The simulation is scaled as a real event, including the activation of GMHA's Incident Command Center. We anticipate receiving 30 patient volunteers who were exposed to low doses of radiation. An After-Action Report (AAR/IP) will be completed. We responded with the same professionalism and dedication to patient care as we always do.

The next big event for Team GMHA is next month and it's another of our favorites, the annual GovGuam Labor Day Picnic on September 1st. The picnic is a great occasion where we can relax and enjoy each other's company with great food, sunshine, and Ypao Beach! What could be better? The GMHA Spirit Committee will be asking for volunteers to help plan GMHA's participation in the Labor Day festivities. Please reach out to them at communications@gmha.org and lets plan an excellent and memorable celebration for ourselves!

Lillian

Si Yu'os ma'ase'

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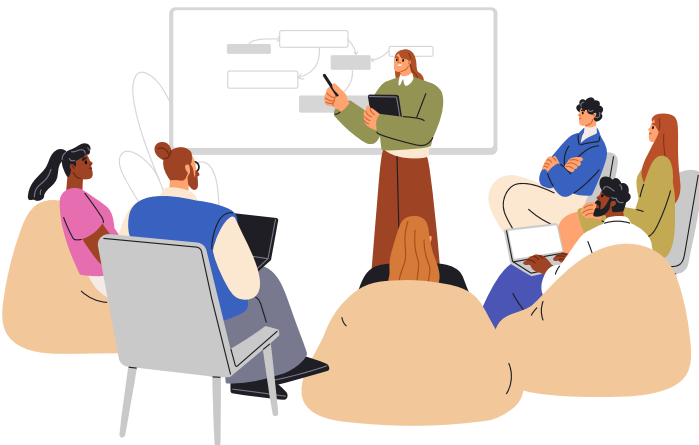
WHAT HAPPENED IN JULY?

We had such a great time at the Liberation Day parade. GMHA had a beautiful float in the parade this year. We want to thank the GMHA Spirit Committee for spearheading the creation of our outstanding float. There are lots of photos inside this issue of the newsletter, from the building of the float to its debut in the parade. We were prepared for the rain under a canopy of umbrellas – and it did rain! Of course, it did. It wouldn't be Liberation Day without a little rain! We want to extend a special Dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse' to Adrian Diaz, who flew from Las Vegas to design and help build the



float.

A lot of training including the Nursing Division's annual Skills Fair, ICS 300/400 training, FEMA Emergency Communications training for our Public Information Officer, and the Governor's Health and Social Services Federal Technical Assistance Sessions. Next month, there will be a Full Scale Exercise to test our ability to meet and challenges large scale events that could occur in our island. You can read more about it in the "What's Coming Up in August" section.



GMHA bid farewell to our dear Father Jason this month. A special farewell gathering was held for Father Jason to thank him for tending to the spiritual needs of our patients, their families, and Team GMHA! We will miss you, Father Jason!



The Pediatric Library is officially open on the 4th floor to encourage our young patients to read. The children can play in their library with toys that have been donated by employees and the community. They are also allowed to select a book to take home with them when they're discharged. Thank you to everyone who has helped create the Pediatric Library. It is a wonderful addition to our Pediatrics department, where we take care of our little ones and encourage them to read!

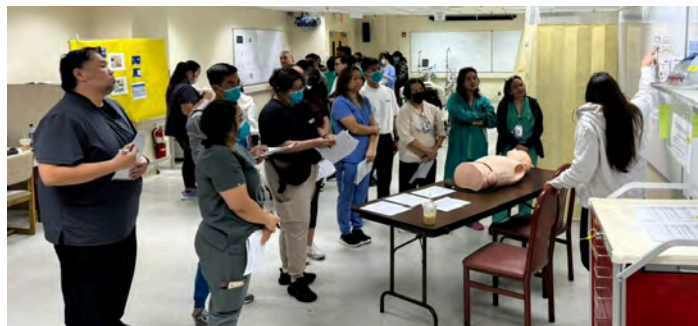


WHAT'S COMING UP IN AUGUST?

On Friday, August 2nd, GMHA joined with the military, government, and our healthcare partners to participate in a Full-Scale Exercise to ensure we're prepared and ready for any mass casualty events that might occur. The purpose of this event was to focus on potential incidents, like radiation exposure to members of the community, that would call for a unified response from the participants. Team GMHA responded with flying colors, assuring us that we are prepared to handle a mass casualty event. We expect there will be more FSEs in the future and we will be ready to tackle them!



A lot of the recognitions this month are sending important messages to us! One is to remember our family and friends on Sister's Day, Friendship day - both on August 4th and National Son & Daughter Day on August 11th. August is also telling us to slow down and appreciate our beautiful island on National Relaxation Day and National Beach day on Friday, August 30th. A lot of nice commemorations this month - putting us in a great mood for one of the Government of Guam's biggest celebrations in September!



We have been receiving a lot of book donations for the new Pediatrics Library. The library is full of wonderful books from the community and this month, we received a really cool donation from the University of Guam Press of CHamoru language books. What a wonderful donation celebrating the joy of reading and Guam's language and culture. Plus, it's National Book Lovers Day August 9th. Power 98 radio announcer Dice will be here that day to read to our pediatric patients in their new library. Dice has read to our peds kids before and plans to make it a regular thing.



Finally, we have the annual GovGuam Labor Picnic coming up on Sunday, September 1st. If you would like to help the GMHA Spirit Committee in their preparations, including decorating the GMHA tent, please contact us at communications@gmha.org. The GMHA Spirit Committee will be holding meetings soon to begin planning for a fun, successful event. We would love to have representation from every department, so please encourage your staff to attend the Labor Day Picnic meetings, which will be announced soon!



GUAM GOLF & RESORT DONATES GOLF CART

Last week, Finest Guam Golf & Resort donated a golf cart to the GMHA Volunteers Association for GMHA. Finest Guam Golf & Resort General Manager Sung Hyun Jeong joined members of the GMHA VA to present the golf cart to GMHA. The golf cart will be used to assist in transporting patients from the parking lot. GMHA is grateful for the generosity of Guam Finest Guam Golf & Resort for supporting our patients by making their arrival to GMHA as comfortable as possible. Si Yu'os ma'ase'!



Thank YOU!

UOG PRESS DONATES CHAMORU BOOKS



GMHA's Pediatric department's new children's library received a very special gift from the University of Guam Press. Representatives from the GMHA Press donated several boxes of CHamoru language books for our young patients. This is a very meaningful gift, promoting both reading and preservation of our island's CHamoru language and culture. A huge Dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase' to the UOG Press for this extraordinary gift to our Pediatric Library!



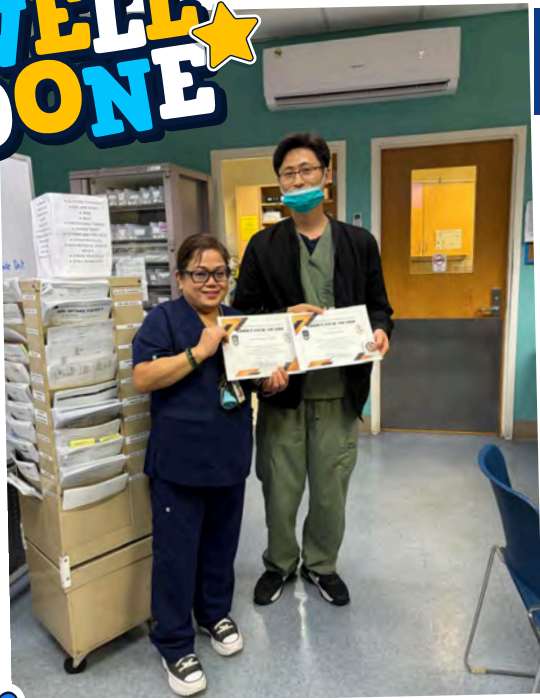
GUAM HAWGS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY WITH GMH

The Guam Hawgs visited GMH on Sunday for their annual Christmas in July celebration with our pediatric patients. This year's donation included toys, books, food stuff, drinks, and more. The Hawgs also donated a big box of books specifically to be given to children when they're being discharged so they can continue reading when they get home. We love the Guam Hawgs. They're always thinking about our pediatric patients and making them feel special!





WELL DONE★



ANGELINA EUSTAQUIO

CLINICAL PHARMACIST



GOOD CATCH!

Upon reviewing medication orders, Angie identified that an order was contraindicated due to an allergy. The physician was notified and the order was cancelled. Additionally, Angie noticed allergies to two other medications that were documented in ePower had not transferred to CareVue. Angie updated the CareVue record to avoid further errors when ordering medication.



KWONIL JUNG

CLINICAL PHARMACIST



GOOD CATCH!

Upon review of medication orders, Kwonil identified an order that was contraindicated due to a severe allergy. The physician was notified and an order for an alternate medication was issued.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



GMHA received a phone call from a patient who was discharged recently. The patient insisted on finding out the staff member's name who was so kind and wonderful during their stay at GMHA. Patsy Acfalle, Chief Environmental Services, was able to identify her team member, **Ciena Salonga**, as the GMHA employee who had made the patient's stay especially positive.

We're very proud of you, Ciena! You're an excellent example of what makes Team GMHA so special!



"My son went to the ER for a seizure, his first time. Dr. Mendiola impressed me! He was cool, calm, and collected. He stayed with me and my son until he was set up for monitoring. He made me feel good about being in the ER. Dr. Mendiola is great. Thank you for caring, sir."

- GMHA Patient



PATIENT TESTIMONIALS



"To all the Nurses and Staff on the 4th floor, Vanesha, Grace, Emily, Rachel, Jeanette, Erica, Sheryl... Hope I didn't forget anyone! Mr. Jeff from the cleaning staff: a very GIGANTIC THANK YOU for All you've done to make me feel comfortable and well taken care of. You've displayed so many positive characteristics that your employer should indeed recognize."

- GMHA Patient





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#TEAMGMHA AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Patsy Acfalle
Maya Aguan
Brittney Aichem
Jasmin Aquino
Brittney Arriola
Sharon Azucena
Colleen Bamba
Lorraine Battle
Jizan-Anne Benavente
Daniel Bernardo
Audrey Blas
Brian Blas
Eugene Bondoc
Jose Dray Borja
Gemma Bustamante
Phillip Calalo
Ramona Calumaya
Charles Camacho
Luz Carlos
Rheyann Carlos
Cassandra Castro
Sherie Ann Cauilan
John Clarence
Marie Concepcion
Ericann Cordova
Crystalline Cristobal
Jocelyn Cruz
Melissa Cruz

Hannah Cuenco
Susana Cuison
Melisa Curtis
Rachel Ann Dahilig
Edlyn Dalisay
Wilson Datario
Michael David
Sharon Del Mundo
Kimberly Dela Cruz
Laarni Dewitt
Bobbie Jean Duenas
Connie Echipare
Arianna Edejer
Bryan Edejer
Ahmed Elsegini
Leticia Enderes
Emil Estabillo
Avorie Fausto
Vicky Fernandez
Dominique Flores
Maria Perpetua Gersaniba
Ana May Herradura
Kwonil Jung
Aileen Labadnoy
Samantha Lee
Michael Libardos
Albert Linder

Maria Delia Liwanag
Grace Lulu
Zenaida Madarang
Briana Mafnas
Elbeth Magat
Rosemary Magro
Annette Manibusan
Adrian Manuel
Agnes Marquez
Josephine Mata
Kennie McDonald
Eric Meno
Lauren Millanes
Marilyn Oliveros
Lilibeth Orallo
Erwin Orario
Nelma Pascua
Frumencio Patacsil
Joseph Paulino
Juanny Pereda
Maria Mekhaela Perez
Mark Pernia
Pamela Quibuyen
James Quintanilla
Lawrence Quinto
Alma Rains
Kristine Redolozo

Jo Ann Rivera
Marylene Robang
Christina Roberto
Ruth Sabangan
Michael Salas
Vinisha Salas
Leandra Shimabuku
Alma Siapengco
Sarah Siguenza
Carina Su
Isabel Sumor
Mercy Tabuli
Roscoe Tajeron
Sydie Taisacan
Vincent Tajalle
Cherry Tandoc
Shyr-Jiun Tang
Darlene Tedtaotao
Edyn Torres
Daniel Treltas
Jowie Usares
Nia Hong Vu
Jennifer Wiley
Matilda Wusstig
Reiner Yabut
Antonio Yamashita
Aris Zapanta





HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

MRI SAFETY SCREENING

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners produce non-ionizing radiation. That's good news! In other words, an MRI is less risky than many other radiological modalities, but there are still some serious risks due to the magnetism. Some of those risks include a projectile force from a magnetic object soaring into the MRI scanner, along with potentially damaging implanted devices and other medical equipment, e.g., ventilators, wheelchairs, IV pumps, etc. Let's discuss the risks associated with magnetism and the importance of MRI safety.

Use & Function

The MRI scanner is a large, spinning magnet that can produce detailed images from any part of the body. When the body is placed in this strong magnetic field with radio frequency pulses, the MRI can detect tissue abnormalities which makes it a valuable tool in the diagnosis and monitoring of many medical conditions.

The MRI Zones

To provide safe patient care in a magnetic environment, precautions and procedures must be hardwired into daily workflow processes. The American College of Radiology (ACR) sets nationally recognized standards for safe practices with the establishment of four (I-IV) MRI safety zones. Zone I is in the public area and leads into Zone II. In Zone II, patient preparation begins which commonly includes patient gowning, obtaining medical history, and conducting safety screening.

Upon entering Zone III, you are crossing a safety threshold! Yes, this is a critical touchpoint in the safety process. According to ACR, unsecured access to Zone III can result in serious injury and even death due to the MRI scanner's particular magnetizing environment. ACR recommends this zone should be demarcated to clearly indicate it as potentially hazardous. Whether you choose Zone I or II as the place to conduct the screening, be sure to make it a hard rule for anyone and everyone to be screened before entering Zone III. (Safety Tip - Test your hospital's safety screening process(es) to see if anyone, can access Zone III without first being screened. Remember, there are no exceptions to this rule - Everyone must be screened!)

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COMPLIANCE TIP OF THE MONTH

The compliance tip of the month for August is focused on an organization's Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement (QAPI) program.

Hospitals are often cited when based on a review of documents or staff/leadership interviews a surveyor is not able to see how services or departments are incorporated into the QAPI program.

The program must also include the organization's compliance with the NFPA life safety code and care environment. Additionally, CMS now requires surveyors to evaluate not only the data and analysis itself but how the organization goes about ensuring that there is sustained improvement over time in order to determine the success of the overall program.

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HEALTHCARE REGULATORY ALERTS

- [FDA Issues Recall Addressing HAMILTON-C6 Medical Ventilators Risk of Failed Restart](#)



ONGOING COMPLIANCE OFFICE TRAINING

The Compliance Office trainings will be through our Learning Management System (LMS) provided by MCN Healthcare. Below is a list of on-going training(s) required through the Compliance Office:

- Medicare Beneficiary Discharge Appeal Rights
- Condition of Participation - Radiology Services
- Preparing for a Life Safety Inspection

Staff required to take trainings will be emailed directly through MCN eLearning. You may follow-up with the Education Department if you have any questions.



CIHQ-ARS WEBINARS

UPCOMING CHIQ-ARS WEBINARS (CEUS PROVIDED):

August 29, 2024 Webinar - CMS & Condition-Level Deficiencies, The Top 10

For those who are interested in attending the free webinars provided by CIHQ-ARS, contact the [Compliance Office](#) for more information.(registration with a GMHA email is required)





**THIS IS YOUR [GMHA LIFELINE NEWSLETTER!](#)
THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF [#TEAMGMHA!](#)**

Your dedication and contributions make a real difference.
Until next time, be well!

[HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?](#)

EMAIL US AT COMMUNICATIONS@GMHA.ORG

WHAT'S COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

The annual GovGuam Labor Day Picnic is on Sunday, September 1st! We will be announcing our tent # soon! Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!



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