

New Names to Reflect West Tennessee Healthcare's Medical Services
Tailored to the Needs of Gibson County

Trenton Version

West Tennessee Healthcare's work to bring the best mix of health care services to people in Gibson County is well under way. And while preparations are being made for a January launch of new services, the hospitals, emergency rooms, physical therapy, labs, x-ray and other West Tennessee Healthcare services in Gibson County are operating as usual.

"We have teams of people who are working to roll out what we have planned for Gibson County and we are making steady progress," said Bobby Arnold CEO of West Tennessee Healthcare.

Beginning in January 2014, West Tennessee Healthcare's medical campus in Trenton will be called Trenton Medical Center. Within the Trenton Medical Center will be a range of medical services that is tailored to the health needs of the community.

Sports Plus outpatient physical therapy will remain a key part of Trenton Medical Center. All of the physical therapists, most who have been with Sports Plus for years, will continue working with patients with no disruption in services.

The on-site lab will continue to operate to serve local physicians and residents who will find it convenient to go there for lab tests. There will be no change in the lab staff.

A primary care clinic will be part of Trenton Medical Center. It will offer extended hours walk-in care.

In addition, medical specialties such as cardiology will also be provided on a regular rotating schedule. Post-discharge follow up care, health screenings and other health care services will also be offered.

"As more of our plans are finalized we look forward to providing more information about how we are tailoring our services to each community's needs," says Sherry Scruggs, administrator for West Tennessee Healthcare in Gibson County.

"A great deal of progress has been made in matching our employees to new positions in Trenton Medical Center and our other health care operations in Gibson County, as well as in Madison County. Our goal remains for no employee who wants to work with West Tennessee Healthcare to become unemployed. We've been working on that for five months now and we will continue until we have completed the job." says Karen Utley, vice president of hospital services.

New signage will mark the Trenton Medical Center. Mock-ups of the signs for the center and its services are being made public as a way to help envision the types of health care services that will be available.

“As we continue to align our services in Gibson County we will constantly monitor needs so that we can provide the types of health care people most often need close to home,” says Arnold.

“Meanwhile, we want people to know that important services such as physical therapy, lab and x-ray will have no interruption in Gibson County. We don’t want anyone to think these important services are not available to them now or in the future in Gibson County.”

Humboldt Medical Center will also launch in January 2014. The health care services there are also being tailored to the needs of the area.

In Milan, the addition of a hospitalist program is in process. The addition of 24/7 coverage by doctors who specialize in the care of hospitalized patients may be in place before the January 2014 goal. The hospitalists will collaborate with primary care physicians throughout Gibson County and beyond.

West Tennessee Healthcare’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care.