



Comprehensive Wound Treatment, Close to Home

For most patients, wound healing is a relatively quick and simple process. Our bodies are designed to recover from minor wounds and injuries, but certain wounds require more involved treatment to heal. If left untreated, non-healing or chronic wounds can result in a variety of health risks, including loss of limbs and life-threatening conditions, making effective treatment critical.

The Wound Reconstruction Center at The Bellevue Hospital provides a thorough and comprehensive outpatient program that features specialized approaches to wound care. Our team of highly experienced clinical professionals, including skilled physicians and certified wound care nurses, focus on each patient's individual needs and create a treatment plan specific to each patient.



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Please enjoy our **HEALTH *e*news** to help keep you informed.

Join us on Facebook and visit our website at www.bellevuehospital.com. Upcoming events and programs listed inside. Please contact the Marketing Department at 419.483.4040, Ext. 4899 with any questions.



The Wound Reconstruction Center treats a wide range of chronic, non-healing wounds and conditions, from head-to-toe, including:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Malignant wounds
- Post-surgical wounds, including compromised skin grafts or flaps
- Pressure ulcers
- Tissue or bone damaged by radiation therapy
- Vascular wounds
- Venous ulcers
- Progressive skin and bone infections
- Other hard-to-heal wounds



Peter Highlander, DPM, MS
Board Certified
Foot and Ankle Surgeon



Todd Tamlyn, M.D.
Board Certified
General Surgeon



Kimberly Cullen, PA-C
Certified Physician
Assistant

Do you have a wound that shows no signs of improvement and consists of pain, swelling, odor, or color change? Ask your primary care provider for a referral to the Wound Reconstruction Center. The Center is located at 102 Commerce Park Drive, Suite D, in Bellevue. **For more information, call 419.484.5965.**

CALENDAR of Events

For more information, or to register for the events listed, call 419.483.4040 and reference the extension numbers listed below. Information on TBH screenings, programs and events also can be found on our website at bellevuehospital.com and on The Bellevue Hospital Facebook page.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 Morning Health Break

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
TBH Main Station Café

This event includes free blood pressure and fasting glucose checks, educational literature, a light breakfast and a registered nurse to answer health questions. At 9:00 a.m. a member of TBH's Vein & Body Specialists team will be discussing topics related to vein treatment. Reservations are not required. Pre-registration is required for Direct Access Lab testing. Direct Access Tests available include:

- A1C Screening (\$20) • Vitamin D (\$35)
- Lipid Panel Screening (\$20)
- PSA (Prostate) Screening (\$30)
- TSH (Thyroid) Screening (\$25)
- Complete Blood Count with Metabolic and Lipid Panel (\$50)

To pre-register for lab testing, call 419.483.4040, Ext. 0.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 Mature Audience Luncheon

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bellevue Society for the Arts
205 Maple St., Bellevue

Enjoy entertainment from The Christian Cloggers dance team. June's event will have a beach theme and participants are encouraged to wear favorite tropical/warm weather gear. The public age 55 and older is invited to attend. The lunch fee is \$3. Reservations are requested. **INFO: Ext. 6610.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 Babysitting Basics Class

8:00 am – Noon or 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
TBH Burson Conference Room

For children 11 years and older, this course introduces participants to the roles and responsibilities of a babysitter. A light snack will be provided. The class fee is \$25. Reservations are requested. **INFO: Ext. 3067.**

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 14 – JULY 19 Serenity Seekers

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
TBH Burson Conference Room

TBH, in association with Stein Hospice of the Western Reserve, is sponsoring a free six-week adult bereavement program for those who have lost an adult loved one. Meetings will begin on Wednesday, June 14 and will continue every Wednesday through July 19. **To register, call 419.625.5269**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 M.O.M.S.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
TBH Burson Conference Room

All new mothers and their babies welcome. This free class is facilitated by a certified lactation consultant and discussions include breastfeeding topics, life adjustment challenges and sleeping habits. **INFO: Ext. 4611.**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 Diabetes

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
TBH East Conference Room

TBH's Diabetes Education Department provides specialized education to help adults and children with diabetes maintain a healthy lifestyle. The support group is free and open to the public. Topics of discussion include diet, exercise, medication and monitoring. **INFO: Ext. 4303.**

TBH Foundation's Memorial Tree Program Honors Loved Ones

One of the most enduring and lasting memorials offered by The Bellevue Hospital Foundation is the memorial tree and plaque program on the Walking & Wellness Trail located around the grounds of the hospital.

"When we moved into this facility 17 years ago, we had several wonderful trees already on the grounds," said Dennis Sabo, Foundation Director. "So, Marvin Rettig (then vice president of development) and his Foundation Board created this program to honor and remember our loved ones."

Since that time, nearly 200 memorial trees have been planted or claimed with plaques in honor of or in memory of an individual or group of individuals. While many of the tree/plaque donors are from this area, others come from out-of-town or out-of-state.

"They may have had a positive experience in our Family Birthing Center and want to mark the occasion. Or someone they knew who lived in this area passed away, so they want to plant a new tree in their memory," added Sabo. "One gentleman, Robert Stein from Atlanta,

visited our campus after his dear friend Maggie McCamick was killed in an automobile accident in May 2020. The accident happened on U.S. Route 20 in front of the hospital. Robert decided to purchase a tree in Maggie's memory. That tree and plaque are both located near the fountain in the middle of the walking trail."

Sabo noted that trees range anywhere from \$125 for a simple red maple tree to \$350 for a Buckeye tree, and everything in between. Plaques cost on average around \$200.

For additional information about the memorial tree and plaque program, contact Sabo at 419.483.4040, Ext. 4319 or visit tbhfoundation.com.

Robert Stein, from Atlanta, GA, purchased a tree and plaque in memory of his good friend Maggie McCamick, who passed away in an automobile accident on U.S. Route 20 in front of the hospital.





TBH Announces BEE and DAISY Award Recipients



As part of National Hospital Week, The Bellevue Hospital (TBH) announced the recipients of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® and The BEE Award for Extraordinary Team Members on Wednesday, May 10, during a special presentation in the hospital's atrium.

Christopher Harvey, a licensed practical nurse in TBH's medical/surgical unit, received the DAISY Award. Melissa Richards, a secretary in the emergency department, was named the BEE Award recipient and a memoriam BEE Award was given to the family of the late Alexander G. Schmidt, who was a help desk specialist in the health information technology and telecommunications (HITT) department.

"The Bellevue Hospital understands and acknowledges the strength behind good teamwork. In 2020, we introduced the DAISY Award for nursing excellence and then in 2022 we added the BEE Award for non-nursing team members," said Sara Brokaw, chief operations officer and chief nursing officer.

Nominations for both the DAISY and BEE are reviewed and recipients are chosen by a committee at The Bellevue Hospital. Awards are given twice a year – in May and November.



Christopher Harvey (center), a licensed practical nurse in TBH's medical/surgical unit, is congratulated by members of TBH's Executive Team for receiving the DAISY Award.

DAISY Award recipient Christopher Harvey has been an employee at TBH since January 2023. Harvey's nominator, Kimberly Dukeshire, who is director of the medical/surgical and intensive care units, related a story about how the nurse showed great compassion for a family of a dying patient.

"Chris took the time on a busy night to make sure that they were kindly taken care of after the patient had died," Dukeshire said in the nomination. "He stood in the hall, not saying a word with his arm around the sister for a long period of time while they mourned the loss of their loved one. I spoke to the family member and she stated she has never met a more compassionate nurse, and she was so thankful that he was there for her and her dying family member."

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon autoimmune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses. More information is available at www.DAISYfoundation.org.

Fifteen employees received BEE Award nominations. The award was introduced as a way to recognize non-nursing employees who go above and beyond for the hospital.

"The BEE award was established in 2022 to recognize extraordinary team members in non-nursing roles that go above and beyond to make an impact outside of their day-to-day duties," said Lisa Sartain, TBH's vice president of human resources. "The support of these individuals is foundational to the exceptional care our nurses and providers give to our patients. Just as the Daisy cannot survive without the BEE, nurses cannot survive without their teammates."

Richards was nominated by her co-worker Ashlynn Bales, a registered nurse in TBH's emergency department (ER), for her efforts to step up and lend a hand during critical times in the ER. Richards has been an employee at TBH since November 2006.



Melissa Richards, a secretary in the emergency department, was named the BEE Award recipient.

"Though Melissa does not play a part in direct patient care, I know for a fact she has greatly improved the quality of care hundreds of patients have received," Bales said in her nomination. Bales related a night when the ER had two critical patients being transferred out and an active cardiac arrest.

"During that full arrest... all of us night shift nurses were in that patient's room giving it our all. Melissa's shift had ended hours prior, but she did not leave us stranded. By the time we had all trickled out of the room, she had initiated all of the transfers."

"If she hadn't done that, the patient's condition could have faded drastically in the time it would have taken us to do so. This is just a tiny, tiny example of the miraculous work she does for our staff and patients," Bales added.



A memoriam BEE Award was given to the family of the late Alexander G. Schmidt, who was a help desk specialist in the health information technology and telecommunications (HITT) department.

A special memoriam BEE Award also was presented to the family of Alexander Schmidt. Schmidt served TBH for seven years as a help desk specialist in the HITT department. Schmidt passed away earlier this year and TBH wanted to recognize his caring spirit and the ways he exemplified excellence by naming him a BEE Award recipient.

Anyone who has recently been a patient at TBH and would like to nominate a nurse for The DAISY Award, visit www.daisynomination.org/tbh. To nominate a support employee for the BEE award, visit www.bellevuehospital.com/bee-award-nomination.



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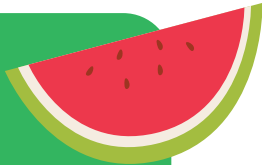


Drown's Garden Market

Wednesdays, June 7 & 28
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Located outside of TBH's Main Station Café

- Enjoy a wide variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables
- Open to the public
- Cash, check and credit card accepted



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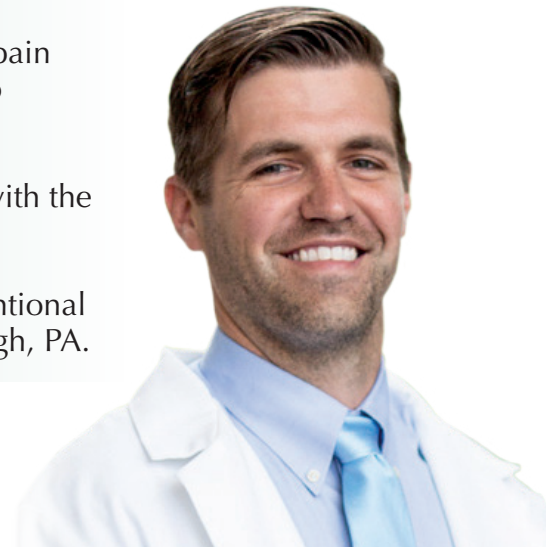
THE BELLEVUE HOSPITAL WELCOMES

Andrius Giedraitis, M.D. – Board Certified in Pain Management

Dr. Andrius Giedraitis (Dr. G) has joined the staff of The Bellevue Hospital's Pain Management Center. Dr. G is a board certified and fellowship-trained pain management physician and offers a balanced and personalized approach to evaluating, diagnosing and treating many types of chronic pain concerns.

Dr. G creates a tailored care plan specific to each diagnosis and designed with the goal of decreasing pain and increasing functionality for patients.

He completed his residency in anesthesiology and his fellowship in interventional pain management at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA.



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