

## Clarke Named EMU Medical Director

Dr. Dave Clarke has been named medical director of Le Bonheur Children's Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

Clarke is an epileptologist and sleep neurophysiologist with Le Bonheur's Neuroscience Institute who also serves as co-director of neurophysiology. He was also recently chosen by the International League Against Epilepsy to be a visiting professor in the Caribbean.

In his new role, Clarke will lead the hospital's seven-bed unit, which offers long-term EEG with simultaneous video monitoring.

"Dr. Clarke is an excellent clinician who is respected by his colleagues. This position allows him to continue to use his skills to help improve and expand epilepsy services for children throughout the entire southeast United States," said Dr. James Wheless, director of Le Bonheur's Neuroscience Institute and Comprehensive Epilepsy Program.

Le Bonheur's Comprehensive Epilepsy Center is designated a Level IV Center by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers. Le Bonheur saw 1,600 patients with epilepsy in 2007.



*Dr. Dave Clarke*

## Transfer Center Streamlines Patient Admission and Transport

Le Bonheur Children's recently centralized its call process for direct admissions, patient transports and transfers. The new transfer center expedites the inpatient and emergency admission process to the hospital by routing all direct admit, transport and transfer requests through one phone number. The new system also assists with tracking admissions.

The transfer center number is 901-287-4408 – or toll free 888-899-9355 – and should only be used for patients with emergent needs, not for appointments or non-critical referrals. The center is staffed by medical professionals and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to answer calls. Appropriate requests for the transfer center include direct admissions, emergency referrals to the Emergency Department, hospital-to-hospital transfers, transports and ED-to-ED admissions.

When calling the transfer center, referring hospitals and physicians are asked to provide the referring facility name, phone number, city and state; name of the referring physician; and patient's name, age and weight.

After obtaining this information, the transfer center dispatcher will connect the referring party to a physician who will take clinical information and discuss options for patient transport.

For non-emergent pediatric services, please continue to contact Le Bonheur Children's Referral and Resource Center at 901-287-7337 or 866-870-5570.



*Le Bonheur's Transfer Center recently underwent renovations. Pictured above, Chief Transport Nurse Darlene Hamblen manages patient admit, transfer and transfer requests in the new center.*

# Le Bonheur Bulletin

Physicians can stay up to date on the new Le Bonheur with Le Bonheur Bulletin, a monthly feature that details what's happening at the construction site. The bulletin will also fill you in on some of the great features of the new facility. More details can be found at [www.lebonheur.org/growingup](http://www.lebonheur.org/growingup).

Construction of the new Le Bonheur is moving ahead smoothly. Workers have started creating a slab for the first floor – and will pour concrete for it by the end of July. The first floor of the hospital will be level with Dunlap Street.

Meanwhile, plumbing, electrical and mechanical equipment is being laid for the ground floor.

Once it's finished, the new building will be covered with 700,000 bricks. It will also have 381 tons of rebar equaling the weight of more than 50,000 people. The finished building will be 251 feet tall, almost the length of a football field.

To make way for the new building, more than 18,000 cubic yards of dirt were removed during demolition, enough to cover 11 acres of land with a foot of dirt.

## NICU Follow-up Clinic Opens in July

Le Bonheur Children's is enhancing its neonatal services for children once they leave the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The hospital will open a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Follow-up Clinic in July for infants who have spent time in the hospital's NICU.

The multidisciplinary clinic will partner with community physicians to follow a child to ensure developmental milestones are monitored. Drs. Fred Palmer and Tony Whitaker of the University of Tennessee Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities, serve as physician coordinators.

"Over the years there have been significant advances in perinatal care which have allowed for improved survival of high-risk neonates, said Wyatt Howell, vice president of Ambulatory Services. "However, many of these babies are at risk for certain developmental disabilities which need to be assessed and followed closely through maturity. Longitudinal follow-up also serves as a basis for on-going research initiatives."

The weekly clinic will open July 10 and will offer services in social work, nutrition, physical, occupational and speech therapies, psychology, etc. Neonatology fellows will also staff the clinic.

## New Rule Requires Well-Child Checks For Athletes

Beginning in the 2008-09 school year, the Tennessee Board of Education will require that every student athlete in the seventh and ninth grades receive a complete health maintenance exam before participating in sports.

The state and Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association already require any child who participates in interscholastic sports to have an annual physical exam. The new rule requires those seventh- and ninth-graders to have a more comprehensive full health maintenance exam. These athletes won't need an additional sports physical to be cleared to play.

The full health exam would ideally be performed by a child's primary care provider and is geared to also look at behavioral, emotional and psychosocial topics covered during a comprehensive exam. The change requires the exam be reported using the Interscholastic Sports Examination Form, which can be downloaded at <http://health.state.tn.us/sportsphysical/index.htm>.

# Le Bonheur Educational Offerings

Presentation Title	Credit/Contact	Day, Date Time	Host Location Live/Satellite	Presenter
<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b> "Rapid Sequence Intubation & Recognition of the Difficult Airway"	CME	Wednesday July 2 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Barry Gilmore, M.D. Chief, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center Memphis, TN
<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b> "Pulmonology"	CME	Wednesday July 9 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	TBA
<b>Speakers Bureau:</b> "Pediatric Pulmonology for the Family Physician"	CME	Monday July 14 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians San Destin Golf and Beach Resort Destin, FL	Dennis Stokes, M.D. Professor of Pediatrics Chief of Pulmonology University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN
<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b> "Music Therapy"	CME	Wednesday July 23 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	DeForia Lane, Ph.D. Director of Music Therapy at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital – Cleveland, OH
<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds:</b> "Gastroenterology"	CME	Wednesday July 30 8:00 – 9:00 AM	Le Bonheur Auditorium	Linda Lazar, M.D. Associate Professor of Pediatrics University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN

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## Urgent Care Opens In Desoto County

A recently opened Le Bonheur Urgent Care Center is the only dedicated after-hours urgent care center in Olive Branch designed specifically for children.

The center, located at 5480 Goodman Road, offers care for a number of ailments and injuries including fevers, sore throats, bug bites, as well as providing stitches and splinting. It is open Monday through Friday from 5-11 p.m. and Saturday from noon-9 p.m.

“Le Bonheur’s DeSoto Urgent Care facility will complement the work of local pediatricians by providing a new resource to help keep children healthy,” said Le Bonheur President Meri Armour.

A Methodist Healthcare Minor Medical Center and Sleep Center are located at the Goodman Road location, along with the urgent care center.



*A Le Bonheur Urgent Care Center is part of three new facilities that Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare has opened on Goodman Road in Olive Branch, Miss.*