Anderson Regional Breast Center has been awarded a fourth consecutive, three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). This reaccreditation qualifies Anderson Regional Breast Center to continue its designation as the area's only Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. As a Breast Center of Excellence, Anderson has achieved accreditation in mammography (required of all breast centers), breast MRI, breast ultrasound, breast ultrasound biopsy and stereotactic biopsy.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists, who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.
Anderson Regional Sleep Disorders Center recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). “The American Academy of Sleep Medicine congratulates Anderson Regional Sleep Disorders Center on meeting the high standards required for receiving accreditation as a sleep disorders center,” said Dr. Nathaniel Watson, AASM president. “Anderson Regional Sleep Disorders Center is an important resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders.”

To receive accreditation for a five-year period, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the AASM. These standards address core areas such as personnel, facility and equipment, policies and procedures, data acquisition, patient care, and quality assurance. Additionally, the sleep center’s goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine accredited a sleep disorders center for the first time in 1977. Today there are more than 2,500 AASM-accredited sleep centers across the country.

Anderson Regional Sleep Disorders Center is directed by Kary G. Whitehead, MD.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine is a professional medical society for clinicians, researchers, and other health care providers in the field of sleep medicine. As the national accrediting body for sleep disorders centers, the AASM is dedicated to setting standards and promoting excellence in sleep medicine health care, education and research.
2015 Highest Overall Patient Experience Scores

Congratulations to the following departments!

Anderson Breast Center

Anderson CHF Management Center

OB/Post Partum

OB/Post Partum
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Congratulations to the following departments!

5-East

Swing Bed Unit
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Congratulations to the following department!

Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center
Dr. Joe Anderson was honored by Meridian Community College recently by being inducted into the MCC Hall of Fame. Anderson joined fellow MCC alums for a ceremony at MCC “Highest Flying Eagles” Hall. “This program is always one of the highlights of our school year,” said MCC President Dr. Scott Elliott. “Each year we have the opportunity to honor a group of servant-leaders who have distinguished themselves in their professions and their community service. This is another truly outstanding contingent of leaders who started their college experience at MCC.”

The Hall was initiated in 2002 with Dr. William F. Scaggs (MCC president emeritus), Tommy Dulaney and Lou Weddington Hart as its inaugural honorees.

Along with Dr. Joe, the Rev. Dr. LaBaron Hedgemon, Col. (RET) Howard Malone, Ben Scaggs and Dr. Jamie Osby-Williams were inducted.

Dr. Joe is the chairman of the Anderson Board of Directors and had a long career in the insurance industry before being called to the ministry.
We are always so fortunate when patients thank us for their excellent care. Lashonda Boddie, RN on 2-East was pleased to receive balloons and bag full of goodies from just such a patient. Pictured with the treats and Lashonda is Dr. Adam Yamout. Way to go, Lashonda!
January Service Excellence Awards

[Image of a group of people in a hospital setting, labeled as 'Telemetry', 'Anderson Horizons Geri-Psych Center', and 'Infusion'.]

[Image of another group of people in a hospital setting, labeled as 'Express Care Clinic'.]
Congratulations to Linda Loyd, retired after starting at Riley in 1973 and continuing to Anderson MRI Center. We appreciate your dedication and long-time care to patients in Meridian! From left, Lashaunte Horton, Pam Mosley, Felicia Wood, Linda Loyd, Michael Nowell, Beth Arias and David Howell.

Hodges and Jordan Honored with Management Award

Anderson Health & Fitness Center’s Adam Hodges and Mallory Jordan have been selected by Healthplex Associates for the 2015 Bev Slavic Award for Excellence in Management. HPA is the umbrella organization that manages Anderson Health & Fitness Center, and it honored Anderson based on the following criteria:

• This group has exceeded their aggressive budget for net revenue by 25 percent despite encountering some real competition for the first time.
• This group has set the HPA bar for clinical integration by generating more than 130 clinical memberships in 2015. Their program has been adopted by all HPA centers.
• This group has challenged us to think outside the box by launching a successful CrossFit Box at their wellness center, despite push-back from corporate.
• This group has supported Anderson Regional Health System efforts by expanding their community outreach program.
• This group approaches their jobs in a very professional manner.

“I was very supportive of recognizing this group.” said Healthplex Vice President Dan Doyle. “They are a joy to work with!”

That’s Not My Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

If you followed this chain of events, you can see that ALL OF US need to keep this from happening — let’s continue to work to together as a TEAM!
Eleven Anderson staff members have successfully completed Healthcare Lean Training classes that were conducted by Mississippi State University’s Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems. With a total training time of four months, each student was required to complete a Lean project in order to receive their certificate.

Lean thinking is vitally important to the success of healthcare facilities nationwide. Lean focuses on the patient by eliminating waste, ensuring continuity, reducing variance and improving predictability. Implementation of a Lean culture here at Anderson is another step in becoming a high reliability organization.

When a series of tornados hit Collinsville and other parts of Mississippi February 3, Anderson sprang into action. The day after the tornado hit, Anderson set up a first aid tent near the fire station in Collinsville to assist local residents with medical care if needed. Many Anderson employees volunteered their time to help clean up damaged homes of fellow employees, friends and family members.
Anderson Hosts Go Red Event

A record crowd turned out for Go Red for Women, a night of heartfelt awareness presented by Anderson Regional Health System and The Meridian Family of Stations in February.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women... more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. Anderson is passionately driven to change these statistics by bringing awareness to women in our community.

The event was held at the MSU Riley Center and featured an evening of open conversation with a panel of heart experts. The panel included Dr. Jennifer Rodriguez, Dr. Andrea Goodwin, Dr. Sarita Elizabeth Cox and Adam Hodges.

Telemetry Goes RED for Women

In recognition of Go Red for Women month sponsored by the American Heart Association, these telemetry supporters below went all out. Back row, from left: Briana Petty, Laura Harbin, Tina Clark, Lacey Rawson, Alice Johnson, Nikki Gibbs and Renea Hardy. The two in the front are, from left: Minnie McCray and Sue Yeatman.
I recently had two cataract surgeries performed by Dr. Jeff Cook at Anderson hospital. The kindness, consideration and care I received from starting my pre-admission through my release after surgery was outstanding. Of special note, I had the same nurse in attendance for both surgeries, Cathy Clarke, who rated five stars in my book. My mother was an RN at Rush for 47 years, so you have to be exceptional for me to consider someone to rank in her league! I just felt the need to let you know how pleased I was with my experience. I have been through many surgeries in Meridian, Jackson and New Orleans, and none of those facilities offered anything to surpass the care I received at Anderson.

Best Regards,

Gloria Malone
January 2016 Employees of the Month

Melba Hodge
Melba Hodge is a patient access coordinator in the admissions department, and she recently received a promotion because of her outstanding performance. Her coworkers said, “Melba is the model employee. • She is dedicated, efficient and always willing to go above and beyond to help patients. • Melba has a positive, uplifting attitude and can brighten anyone's day. • She treats all patients with respect and dignity, and she is responsive to their individual needs.” In her spare time, Melba enjoys horseback riding with her horse named Zip. She is married with two children, and the family attends Salem Baptist Church in Kewanee.

Anita McMullen, RN, OCN
Anita McMullen has worked at Anderson for 23 years. She currently serves as charge nurse of the oncology/hematology unit. Anita is a Certified Oncology Nurse and she received the Circle of Excellence award when she graduated from Meridian Community College. Her coworkers said, “Anita is one of the best, if not THE best, choices within our organization for this recognition. • When negative occasions arise, Anita always stays positive and keeps a smile on her face. • She is a wonderful person.” In her spare time, Anita enjoys reading, walking, hiking, traveling, listening to praise music and spending time with her husband and their children and grandchildren. Anita is an active member of Russell Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday School and sings in the choir.

Senecia Jackson, RN
Senecia Jackson is a registered nurse who has worked at the Tom C. Maynor Rehabilitation Center at Anderson - South for three years. She currently serves as the day-shift charge nurse. Senecia’s coworkers said, “Senecia is kind and compassionate toward her patients. • She works hard to ensure their needs are met. • Senecia is very organized and thorough. She leads by example and is a very hard worker. • Senecia is willing to help anytime we need her. The staff really counts on her and she always rises to the task. • Senecia’s patients love her and ask for her by name.” In her spare time, Senecia enjoys cooking, shopping, traveling and spending time with her family. She loves to clip coupons and never misses out on a good bargain. Senecia has a three-year-old daughter named Leya and they attend New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church.

Katelan Penney, RT
Katelan Penney is a respiratory therapist. She has worked at Anderson since she graduated from Meridian Community College eight years ago. Katelan’s coworkers said, “Katelan is a very hard worker and always goes above and beyond. • She is very deserving of this honor. • If you ever have a problem, just ask Katelan for help because she is always willing to lend a hand. • During a very busy day, Katelan was finally able to take a lunch break, but when she realized her coworkers needed her she sat her lunch aside and came to the rescue. • We can always count on Katelan.” In her spare time, Katelan enjoys listening to music, meeting new people, creating new friendships and traveling to new places.

Luther Serton
Luther Serton has worked at Anderson for 32 years. He started his career as an orderly and then worked as a transporter in the radiology department. He now transports patients hospital-wide for tests, procedures, surgery, etc. Luther’s coworkers said, “Luther will do anything to help anybody anytime you ask. • He is always willing to go beyond his duties to help coworkers and patients any way he can. • Luther has a positive attitude and is one of the nicest people I’ve ever known.” In his spare time, Luther enjoys playing golf, working outside and having fun with family and friends. He is married and has three children.

Diane Busby
Diane Busby has been a medical records analyst at Anderson - South for seven years. She went back to school at the age of 51 to pursue a degree in Health Information Management and she received the Star Student Award at Meridian Community College. She is also on the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee at MCC. Diane’s coworkers said, “Diane is one of the most caring and giving people we know. • She is always willing to do anything to help others. • She has a calm approach to problem solving and always sees the good in every situation. • Diane is a hard worker and always willing to do more than her share.” In her spare time, Diane likes to decorate for special events, make wreaths for different occasions and spend time with her husband of 33 years and their nine grandchildren. Diane received the Distinguished Service and Outstanding Leadership Award from Clarke County 4-H. She has attended Northrup Chapel Baptist Church all her life and currently serves as Treasurer and Event Committee Chairperson. Diane would like to extend great thanks to her coworkers, Tammy and Georgia, who provide a supportive and encouraging work environment.

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February 2016 Employees of the Month

**Theresa Harris, CNA**
Theresa Harris is a certified nursing assistant on 5 East, and she has worked at Anderson for ten years. Her coworkers said, “Theresa always handles what needs to be done. • She is a hard worker and a team player. Theresa is consistent, dependable and self-motivated. • Theresa is a great selection for employee of the month. She is an outstanding employee.” In her spare time, Theresa enjoys watching movies and spending time with her family. Theresa has two daughters and two sons, and they attend Jubilee Mennonite Church.

**Melissa Wright, RN**
Melissa Wright is a charge nurse in the cardiac care unit and has worked at Anderson for ten years. Melissa’s coworkers said, “Melissa is an excellent nurse, and I could not think of a more deserving person to be named employee of the month. • Melissa is a ray of sunshine on a gloomy day and she is always polite and helpful. • Melissa is very knowledgeable and we learn a lot from her. • Every day she comes in with a smile and does her best to provide the best care for our patients.” In her spare time, Melissa enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies and relaxing. She is a long-time member of Siloam Baptist Church and is engaged to Philip Moore.

**Dawn Neal, LT**
Dawn Neal has been a lab tech at Anderson - North for eight years. Before joining the Anderson team, she worked at Meridian Medical Associates for 13 years, where she served as the lab supervisor. Dawn’s coworkers said, “Dawn is a team player. She is always willing to help out whenever needed. • She is always available at a moment’s notice to work any shift that is needed. • She is always professional, even in the face of adversity. Dawn volunteered to work the night shift for three months while another employee was on maternity leave which helped the department cut down on overtime expenses and kept the schedule intact so as not to disrupt work flow. • Dawn consistently puts the patient first in everything she does and she represents everything a model employee should be.” In her spare time, Dawn enjoys watching sports, reading and spending as much time as she can with her children. Dawn and her husband, Dave, have been married for 21 years and have a daughter named Alli and son named AJ. They attend St. Patrick Catholic Church.

**Michael Jones, RPh**
Michael Jones is a pharmacist at Anderson - South, and he has been a dedicated employee for 34 years. His coworkers said, “Michael is an exceptional pharmacist and is very dedicated to his job. • His work ethic is outstanding, and he puts his all into making sure that all aspects of patient care through the pharmacy are met. • After the transition to electronic medical records, Michael was very willing to assist anyone who needed help to make sure the flow of patient care continued to go smoothly.” In his spare time, Michael enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf. He also enjoys woodworking projects for his wife and daughters. Michael and his wife Paulette have two daughters and they are members of First Baptist Church.

**Terri Eubanks, CNA**
Terri Eubanks is an insurance billing and credentialing specialist and has worked at Anderson for nine years. Terri’s coworkers said, “Terri has a wealth of knowledge and is always friendly when you call. • She goes above and beyond to help solve a problem and takes time to help others out. • I am very thankful she works here because she helps me with something weekly and sometimes daily. Terri is trustworthy, dependable and responsible.” In her spare time, Terri enjoys spending time with her family and walking. She has been married to her husband Ryan for 14 years and they have two children, Catelyn and Cody.

**Donald Rushing**
Donald Rushing has worked in the environmental services department at Anderson for 20 years. Donald’s coworkers said, “Donald is the most pleasant, kind, respectful person to be around. • He works hard to make our hospital shine through his never-ending persistence at waxing our floors. • Donald has so much pride in his work and enjoys what he does. • I see him working all over the hospital and he always has a big smile on his face and speaks to everyone he sees. • Donald is very deserving of this honor.” In his spare time, Donald enjoys running and participating in 5K and 10K races. He has been married for 30 years and has two sons. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, you can find Donald visiting nursing homes around town, where he and his wife sing and pray with the residents. Donald and his wife attend the Fitkins Memorial Church of the Nazarene.