da Vinci surgery program with Genesis launched at Norton Suburban

When it opens, Norton Women’s Hospital will be home to Norton Healthcare’s fourth da Vinci robotic-assisted surgical system, which was recently installed at Norton Suburban Hospital. In addition, Norton Healthcare has implemented the Genesis program for operating the da Vinci system.

The investment in da Vinci is significant, so surgeries must be managed to fully maximize clinical and strategic returns. Success in performing da Vinci surgery depends on operational excellence, correct integration of the new technology and quality care provided to patients. The Genesis program deploys a dedicated team of trainers to teach best practices throughout the preparation, implementation and program development stages. The Genesis program is crucial to achieving the core objectives of successful da Vinci surgeries.

As Norton Suburban transforms into the region’s premier women’s and children’s hospital with a vision of becoming a pelvic floor health center of excellence, it is important that the facility achieves early productivity using the latest version of da Vinci. Completion of all three Genesis phases will allow the hospital to improve quality of care and differentiate itself as proficient in minimally invasive surgeries that treat gynecologic cancers as well as many other diseases.

“By placing the newest version of the da Vinci system at Norton Suburban Hospital, we are letting the community know that the transformation of this campus to a women’s and children’s facility is more than just a facelift,” said Jon Cooper, system vice president of Surgical and Orthopaedic Services for Norton Healthcare and newly named vice president of Operations for the new women’s and children’s facility. “To become the region’s premier women’s and children’s hospital, we must provide the latest technology and surgical care to our patients. The da Vinci system and Genesis program are two of the many steps we are taking to ensure the highest quality of care to our patients, now and in the future.”

Additional leadership positions named

Chief nursing officer

Steven J. Brockman-Weber, R.N., MSN, M.S., FACHE, NEA-BC, has been named vice president, Patient Care Services, and chief nursing officer for Norton Women’s Hospital and Kosair Children’s Hospital – St. Matthews.

Brockman-Weber will help establish and uphold our standards of care for the rapidly evolving new facility. He comes to Norton Healthcare from Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas, where he served as chief nursing officer and chief operating officer for the past 4½ years. He has a strong history of identifying trends and growth opportunities in women’s and children’s services, a natural synergy with our unique new facility. He has authored articles in several professional publications and is an active participant as a board member for several community service organizations.

A Kentucky native, Brockman-Weber received a practical nursing diploma from the Appalachian School of Practical Nursing; an associate degree in nursing from Kentucky State University; a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Averett University, where he graduated magna cum laude; a Master of Science degree in health services administration from the University of St. Francis; and a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

We want to thank Laura Gipe, R.N., who has been serving as interim chief nursing officer, for her dedication to the dual callings of maintaining patient care standards and helping to shape the vision of our new facility.
An update on Norton Women’s Hospital and Kosair Children’s Hospital - St. Matthews

Local photography to be used in patient rooms

Louisville photographer Don Vish will be taking pictures at 10 local parks and making 75 unique photos for patient rooms in Norton Women’s Hospital.

The photo collection will showcase Cherokee Park, which entertains nearly 500,000 visitors a year, making it one of the 50 most visited parks in the United States. Other parks to be included are Iroquois Park, which was planned as a “scenic reservation” by Frederick Law Olmsted; Waterfront Park; Shawnee Park; Seneca Park; Central Park; Willow Park; Algonquin Park, a beautiful Frederick Law Olmsted park located in Louisville’s west end; E.P. “Tom” Sawyer State Park, which is popular for many unique features; and the new Parklands. The Parklands have been split into four major parks, all named for tributaries that run into Floyds Fork. They are Beckley Creek, Pope Lick, Turkey Run and Broad Run parks. The beauty of these photos will create a sense of community and bring all of our city’s neighborhoods together at our new hospital.

Groundbreaking ceremony scheduled

You’re invited to a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the first stage of Norton Suburban Hospital’s transformation into Norton Women’s Hospital and Kosair Children’s Hospital – St. Matthews. If you would like to attend, RSVP to Judy Warfield at 629-8070 or judy.warfield@nortonhealthcare.org.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012
10 to 11 a.m.

Partnership with Eating Disorders Coalition

Norton Women’s Hospital and Kosair Children’s Hospital – St. Matthews is now the convening authority for the Eating Disorders Coalition of Kentuckiana. The organization is a consortium of providers dedicated to the prevention and treatment of eating disorders through the establishment of education programs, resources and support for clinicians and residents of Greater Louisville.

Initial services will include a provider directory, resource center, clinical education, speaker’s bureau and community events. A website is being developed to support this initiative. Stay tuned for more information.
Integrative medicine = good medicine

Known for centuries in non-Western cultures to optimize health and reduce suffering, integrative therapies are increasingly being used in the United States. Integrative medicine looks at health in the context of nutrition, environment, and spiritual and emotional well-being. Most integrative therapies require the patient to be an active participant in the medical team or rely on activating healing mechanisms already present in the body.

Integrative therapies include touch therapies such as reiki or Jin Shin Jyutsu, nutritional therapies such as an anti-inflammatory diet, exercise therapies such as yoga or tai chi, and psychological therapies such as mindfulness training and guided imagery. There is a growing body of scientific evidence documenting the effectiveness and safety of various integrative therapies.

Some integrative therapies are available at Kosair Children’s Hospital and Norton Women’s Hospital – St. Matthews has an integrative medicine team made up of physicians and nurses dedicated to offering evidence-based integrative therapies to our patients. Our goal is not to practice alternative or complementary medicine but to practice good medicine in the most humane and compassionate environment possible.

Upcoming Marshall classes

The following Marshall Women’s Health & Education Center classes are scheduled for June and July. Those interested in attending can register by calling (502) 629-1234.

Get Back to Life: Treatment Options for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Do you have pain and tingling in your hand and think you may have carpal tunnel syndrome? Check out the latest treatment options.

July 26 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Headache School: Healing Your Headache

Learn about biofeedback and relaxation techniques for headache treatment.

Aug. 9 • 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Survive & Strive: Stress and Sexuality

Part of a series of classes focused on the effects of stress on women and their families. Learn to identify the types of stress in your life, how stress affects sexuality and relationships, and get techniques to manage/reduce stress to improve overall health, communication and well-being.

Aug. 14 • 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Cancer 101

What is cancer? Presentation covers cancer risk factors and treatment options.

Aug. 15 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Circle of Hearts: Hearts and Hormones

Part of a series on women’s heart health. This session will be an update on hormone replacement therapy and your heart.

Aug. 16 • 6 to 8 p.m.