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MU surgeon offering robotic surgery at Cabell Huntington

HUNTINGTON -- Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine surgeon and gynecologist Brenda Dawley, MD, is offering patients a minimally invasive, robotic hysterectomy option at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Dawley is a gynecologist with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

A hysterectomy using the daVinci Surgical System provides patients with several benefits over traditional surgeries that include less blood loss, minimal pain, less scarring and shorter hospital stays. It is proven to be effective for patients who are obese or who have a history of previous surgeries such as a Cesarean section.

Dawley said in a press release, she also uses the surgical robot, previously only used at Cabell Huntington Hospital for prostate surgery, for other gynecologic procedures including tubal reversals and myomectomies.

For more information about this minimally invasive surgery option at Cabell Huntington Hospital, visit www.davincihysterectomy.com or call 304-691-1400.

Valley Health offering prenatal dental services

HUNTINGTON -- Valley Health, in partnership with the Foundation for the Tri-State Community, is offering for a limited time free dental cleanings and restorative work for qualifying pregnant woman who reside in Cabell or Wayne counties.

Oral health problems that are left unaddressed during pregnancy can affect the mother and indirectly her unborn baby. Pregnant women should visit their dentists every six months for regular appointments and address any oral or dental issues.

Valley Health's dental services are available to women through referral from their Ob/Gyn

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Connie Poteat, a consultant with The Jackson Group, presents the Laureate Award for Workplace Enhancement to Sister Dianne Bushee, vice-president for mission integration at St. Mary's Medical Center, and Michael Sellards, president and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center.

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provider on a first-come, first-serve basis until grant funds are exhausted, or until June 30, 2010, whichever comes first.

To qualify for free dental care, prenatal patients must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of either Cabell or Wayne counties and have evidence that they are without any type of dental insurance.

Valley Health offers dental care in the counties of Cabell and Wayne at Valley Health -- Westmoreland located at 2908 Auburn Road in Huntington and at Valley Health -- Fort Gay on 3329 Bridge St., in Fort Gay. Valley Health also operates dental clinics in Harts and Cedar Grove for qualifying candidates who find those locations more convenient to their workplace.

For more complete information about Valley Health services and locations, visit www.valleyhealth.org or contact Lanie Masilamani, health care administrator, at 304-525-3334.

Couple opens Interstate All Battery Center

HUNTINGTON -- Ron and Debbie Farmer have opened an Interstate All Battery Center in Huntington.

The center is part of the 57-year-old Interstate Batteries brand.

Ron Farmer started as a route driver for Interstate Batteries in 1984 and then became a distributor in 1996. The IABC retail location at 35 Washington Ave. serves customers with Interstate Batteries standard for dependability and quality products. It provides more than 16,000 batteries and types of portable power solutions, for everything from laptops to cameras to boats to hearing aids.

OLBH cancer program receives accreditation

RUSSELL, Ky. -- Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital's (OLBH) cancer program has been granted a three-year accreditation with commendation by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons.

A facility receives a three-year accreditation with commendation following the on site evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrates a commendation level of compliance with one or more standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program. In addition, a facility receives a compliance rating for all other standards. The objective evaluation takes place on 36 CoC standards.

OLBH's cancer program received five commendations from the CoC in the respective areas of timeframe for abstracts, error free submissions of quality criteria, clinical trial accrual,

prevention and early detection and cancer-related quality improvements.

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 42 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

For more information on the CoC, visit www.facs.org/cancer/index.html. For more information on the cancer program of OLBH, visit the hospital's Web site at www.olbh.com or call the OLBH CareLine at 606-833-CARE (2273).