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Bringing World-Class Neuroscience Care Closer to Home

Genesis, University of Iowa
Announce Neuroscience Partnership

Genesis neurological and neuromuscular patients now are able to receive care from internationally recognized University of Iowa physicians and surgeons.

With the Oct. 1 announcement of the new neuroscience partnership, University of Iowa physicians will be available to treat a variety of brain, spine and nervous system problems at Genesis. The institute is located at Genesis Medical Center, West Central Park.

The agreement brings together the state’s largest two hospitals to expand neuroscience care. University of Iowa and Genesis ranked No. 1 and 2 overall in Iowa in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals survey.

“Genesis patients across the region now have access to a nationally ranked level of care close to home,” said Doug Cooper, President and Chief Health System. “By forming this expanded neurology and neurosurgery department at Genesis, we will provide quality of care, additional services and added patient convenience.”

“Patients from around the world are treated by the clinical neurological and neurosurgical staff at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. This year, University of Iowa is ranked 33rd in the nation in neurology and neurosurgery by U.S. News & World Report. The ranking is based upon quality care, especially for those with complex conditions, and the research history of leadership in neuroscience research.

That excellence, united with the neurology and neurosurgery care at Genesis, will be a “huge win” for the Quad Cities region, which, like many communities across the nation, has been sorely in need of expanded neuroscience services.

“We are excited to bring a great tradition like the University of Iowa’s neurological and neurosurgery here to our local communities,” said Jordan Vogt, M.D., president of Genesis Medical Center, Davenport. “This will build upon the excellent relationship we have with the neurologists of Neurology Consultants and Genesis neurosurgeon Dr. Ridenour to improve access, provide certain types of scarce health services and elevate Genesis’ status as having the region’s busiest trauma center.

“Having another neurosurgeon living in the Quad Cities will enhance the timelessness of neurological care,” Vogt said, including at times when fast access to a neurosurgeon is crucial to a patient’s survival. Dr. Ridenour, also a University of Iowa-trained neurosurgeon, has been practicing neurosurgery in the Quad Cities since 1992. “For the last roughly four or five years, I’ve effectively been the only neurosurgeon on the Iowa (Quad Cities) side of the river. At Genesis, we are experiencing problems that most community hospitals in the state have had across the country — trying to get appropriate neurosurgical support. We’ve always been able to rely on the university to help us in times of need, which is why we are so excited about this new collaborative agreement, we will open the community’s new avenue of treatment for patients.”

The Community will greatly reduce the number of patients that need to be transferred to hospitals in Iowa City, Peoria and Chicago, he added.

Genesis patients who receive neurological services from the University of Iowa Neurology Consultants, certified, licensed, and treated at Genesis, will also benefit from convenient, seamless, and coordinated care. “At the very least, it will allow a patient to see the same primary care physician at Genesis, which is critical to the quality of care they will receive across the country,” Vogt said. “We have widely recognized University of Iowa neurologists rotating through the Quad Cities at the Genesis Neuroscience Institute in Davenport.”

Future specialty clinic services may also include treatment for brain tumors, such as Parkinson’s and Huntington’s diseases. Neuroscience specialty clinics will be held on weekdays.

Expansion of Neurosurgeons

“The second component will be the treatment of a full-time neurologist. The community need continues to grow, and this is an opportunity to enhance access of the largest remaining areas of medical specialty,” Vogt added.

And third, is the expansion of neurosurgery. We’re very excited to announce Dr. Brian Walsh, a University of Iowa-employed neurosurgeon who will be living in the Quad Cities and working locally in conjunction with Dr. Ridenour to improve access, provide excellent quality, and enhance our neurosurgical coverage, as well.”

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“Neurology will be expanding. And at Genesis, we already have perhaps the best rehabilitation center in the Midwest, which is so integrally tied to the neurosciences.”

Continued Collaboration

Genesis and University of Iowa Health Care, two of the founding partners in the University of Iowa Health Alliance, have also collaborated in neonatal intensive care (NICU) services and pediatric specialty services.

“University of Iowa Health Care continues to work closely and successfully with Genesis Health System on collaborations to benefit patients,” said Jean Robillard, M.D., Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Iowa Health Care. “Over the years, as partners in the health care of Iowans, we have found ways to collaborate in vital specialties where it might be difficult for Genesis to provide certain types of scarce health professionals on its own.”

The agreement with the University of Iowa Health Care is the culmination of more than a year of planning.

Cooper concluded, “This relationship will save lives and improve the quality of life for patients in our region.”

Genesis is the Quad Cities’ leader in neurological care. Patients benefit from:

- Neurology Specialty Clinic

Located within Genesis Narrow Gauge neighborhood, the new clinic, located on the west side of Davenport, features several specialty clinics. The open house will highlight the clinic and its foundation, the University of Iowa, which is ranked in the top 10 for neurological care.

Dr. Richard Ridenour of University of Iowa Health System.

Upcoming Clinics

- Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.

Genesis Medical Center, West Central Park

Pavilion 2 Conference Rooms, 1401 West Central Park, Davenport

Register online at www.genesishealth.com/Epilepsy

For more information, call (563) 383-2763

Neurologists

EPILEPSY

- Dr. A. Lebron Page

STROKE

- Dr. Matthew Nagarega

DEMENTIA

- Dr. Andrew Shrieve

For appointments, call (563) 421-0430 or visit www.genesishealth.com/SpecialtyClinic

EPILEPSY SEMINAR

Meet University of Iowa neurologist Dr. A. Lebron Page to discuss treatments for epilepsy and how to receive care close to home at our new clinic.

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