

# THE EIGHTIES

## 1981

- The **Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation** is formed as a separate organization to raise funds for the hospital.

## 1982

- LMH's **third and largest expansion** was completed in February. 47,000 square feet were added to the existing 97,000 for \$8.5 million.
- Plans begin to expand the hospital's emergency room and ambulatory-care services.



1981, Phlebotomist Deborah Whiffeln tries out equipment in LMH's new lab services department.

## 1986

- **Pharmacy computerizes** its patient-medication records and inventory-control system.
- Charity allowances grew 100 percent.

## 1987

- LMH provided about 4,800 days of patient care in its New Beginnings **chemical-dependency treatment program** at its West campus.
- The state did not negotiate increased Medi-Cal rates. Contractual allowances with commercial insurance carriers, professional provider organizations and third-party contracting agencies contributed to LMH **writing off more than \$5 million in charges** from gross revenue.

## 1988

- A new 2,500-square-foot, Physical-Therapy Department makes its home on the hospital's lower level.
- LMH **develops joint venture with local physicians** to enhance cardiac services and provide additional diagnostic equipment for nuclear-medicine procedures.

## 1989

- Throughout the nation competition among hospitals and the underfunding of Medicare and Medi-Cal creates major challenges in the health-care industry. Hundreds of hospitals close; **LMH remains viable.**
- Robert Rinn is honored for 43 years of service to LMH and elected Director Emeritus.

## 1983

- LMH's new **short-stay surgery** is completed.

## 1984

- LMH moves into patients' homes with the advent of its **Home-Health Agency** and **Memorial Home Care.**
- The first full year of **Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs)** and the new **Medicare** program.

## 1985

- Outpatient **drawing lab opens in Galt.**
- LMH boasts **27 agreements** with HMOs, PPOs, IPAs and insurance companies.

*Newborns receive expert and personal care from perinatal nurses like Laura Akahori, Maralee Marriott and Denise Schamber.*



*By the 1980's Lodi Memorial Hospital had revamped its facility five times over; 99 beds were available to ICU patients, maternity patients, med-surg patients, pediatric patients and emergency patients. Surgical suites and patient rooms offered modern conveniences.*

