

THE NINETIES

1990

- LMH purchases **Doctors Hospital of Lodi**, now known as its West campus and begins to develop long-term care and therapy programs that residents of the hospital's service area previously had to seek outside of their own community.
- LMH's **Adult-Day-Care-Services** program, operated in cooperation with the City of Lodi at Hutchins Street Square, was inaugurated to provide disabled adults with socialization, recreation and other opportunities to allow them to stay in their homes longer and to provide their caregivers with much needed respite.
- The **Lodi Medical Plaza**, another joint venture with physicians, opens with 42,000 square-feet of medical office space.



1996, Donna Fields, RN, RMT, and LMH parish nurse (center), helps develop a program to improve the health of St. Paul Lutheran Church's congregation.

1991

- LMH celebrates **forty years of service** to the community.
- The hospital constructs a **cardiac-catheterization laboratory** on the lower level of its main campus.
- The hospital opens **West Fitness Center** for patients and community members.

1992

- At its West campus LMH inaugurates a **sub-acute unit** for patients with multiple-medical problems who are mostly on life-support systems and expands its physical-rehabilitation unit to accommodate a growing number of patients and their families.
- The OB/nursery was remodeled and delivered 1,081 newborns.



1996, Liz Gillespie, NP, helps children and parents of the Lodi Unified School District understand the best ways to stay healthy.

1993

- Richard Sandford retires after 25 years as CEO of LMH. **Joseph P. Harrington** takes the helm.
- LMH inaugurates **two new outpatient units**: Outpatient Surgery and Medical-Ambulatory Care. Both units further facilitated comfort and care for those requiring outpatient and other surgeries.
- LMH's Home-Health Agency and Home Med Equip **open satellite offices in Galt** to meet the home-health needs of residents of that city and the surrounding areas.

1994

- LMH builds and leases the **Lodi Dialysis Center** to **Joel Steinberg, MD**, so local residents requiring dialysis treatments no longer have to regularly travel long distances for this life-saving service.

- **Walt Reiss, MD**, donates the assets of the **Ham Lane Urgent Care Clinic** to LMH making it possible for LMH to offer urgent-care services and expand access to primary-care services for those in need.

1995

- A **primary-care clinic**, to mostly serve the area's low-income residents who were having difficulty gaining access to primary health-care services, opens at the hospital's West campus.
- A **free, telephone-advice-nurse service** staffed by LMH nurses, becomes available in the evening, weekends and holidays to anyone needing help. It's especially used by those needing help with children, those needing help with hospital-discharge instructions and those needing help in determining whether they should go directly to the emergency room.
- Board President **Ole Mettler** retired and is elected director emeritus.
- Physicians and hospital staff select **Edmund Freund, Jr. MD**, as their first "Physician of the Year."

1996

- **Galt Medical Services**, LMH's primary-care clinic for residents of Galt and the surrounding areas opens in downtown Galt.
- **Heritage School**, with Lodi's most needy children, welcomes Lodi Memorial Hospital in a collaborative, on-campus, joint-venture, health center designed to keep children and their families healthy, in school and ready to learn.
- LMH begins its **first formal chaplaincy program** after long recognizing the mind, body, spirit, wellness connection. A team of local clergy and hospital staff selected the **Rev. Christine Powell-Millar** as its first chaplain.

- LMH begins sponsoring **parish-nurse programs** in three local churches.

1997

- LMH opens a primary-care clinic in the Amador County City of **Ione** to increase access to primary-care services for residents of the hospital's service area.

1994, Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation members tour the Lodi Dialysis Center.



- LMH helps found **Lodi Regional Health Systems, Inc.**, a medical-management, for-profit organization to help increase the number of contracted health plans and improve hospital-physician relations.
- **Two more parish-nurse programs** are sponsored by LMH in the hospital's service area.

1998

- LMH partners with **Fairsite School** in Galt to offer an on-campus health center to the many needy children at that school to keep the children and their family members healthy.
- Thanks to a grant from the Sierra Health Foundation, and in cooperation with the Salvation Army, **LMH opens a free clinic** for those without medical insurance at the Salvation Army in Lodi. Patients nearly double the number expected.
- LMH assumes the operation of **Camp Hutchins**, a child-care center, from the City of Lodi.
- Formally plans to upgrade the hospital systems for **Y2K, and seismic-safety regulations**.



1996, Galt Medical Services opens to provide primary-care and educational services for residents of Galt and the surrounding areas.

The New Millennium

- What does the new millennium hold for those needing health-care and related services in the hospital's service area?
- Will people be living longer and require more and different types of hospitalization?
- Will aging baby boomers fill hospital beds as they age and require knee and or hip-replacement surgeries?
- Will Lodi's growth continue and there be a need for larger nursery and related birthing services?
- How will the hospital meet the costly, state-imposed seismic requirements?