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New Partnership with Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Heart Institute

St. Luke's Health System – newly renamed CHI St. Luke's Health – has significantly expanded and enhanced its long-standing educational, clinical and research partnerships with two of the Houston region's leading health providers, Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Heart® Institute (THI). The new affiliations will be announced during a news conference in Houston today.

The affiliations include a joint venture agreement with Baylor College of Medicine to build a new, 250-bed acute-care hospital on the site of the current Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center in the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

In addition, CHI established a new partnership agreement with THI that calls for a 10-year investment to expand education and research into cardiovascular diseases. Together, CHI St. Luke's Health, Baylor and THI will develop a state-of-the-art cardiovascular program on the campus of the new hospital that will be capable of transforming cardiovascular medicine through leadership in areas such as regenerative medicine and development of next-generation medical devices.

Read the entire [news release](#).

Primary Care Provider Designation Now Due March 31

CHI's program for the voluntary designation of a primary care physician has expanded to include mid-level providers (nurse practitioners, physician assistants). CHI has changed the start of the designation period from Jan. 2 to Feb. 1, and the deadline for designating an in-network primary care provider to March 31.

All employees are encouraged to designate an in-network primary care provider for themselves and their enrolled dependents. Employees located where a CHI clinically integrated network (CIN) is available should consider selecting a primary care provider within the CIN in order to establish a primary care medical home.

Employees who make a designation by March 31 will earn a taxable gift card worth \$15; those who also designate a primary care provider for covered dependents will earn an additional \$5 taxable gift card. Gift cards can be received electronically or in the mail and will arrive in April, along with a list of merchants to choose from.

Note: Mercy Medical Center employees located in Des Moines, IA, will have their current primary care provider designations prefilled

on the My Healthy Spirit website. If the current designation is a family practitioner, pediatrician, internal medicine physician or a corresponding mid-level provider (nurse practitioner or physician assistant), the employee will automatically receive the gift card reward in April. Employees at Saint Clare's Health System, Denville, NJ, do not need to designate a primary care provider and are not eligible for the gift card reward.

New Disclosure Process for Research Activities

This month, CHI's Corporate Responsibility Program will implement a new enterprise wide, web-based process for disclosure and review of possible conflicts of interest in research activities. All research personnel will receive an email with a link and instructions on how to complete a brief Financial Conflicts of Interest questionnaire. The new process will help ensure research integrity and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Google Chrome to be Uninstalled from CHI Computers

Starting Jan. 13, the Google Chrome web browser will be automatically uninstalled from all CHI computers. Google Chrome is not secure and is not an approved CHI web browser (the website Google.com may still be accessed from CHI computers). CHI employees should use only the Internet Explorer web browser on CHI computers. Employees who do not have Internet Explorer installed on their CHI computers should contact the [ITS Service Desk](#).

Diverse Student Summer Internship Program Returns

CHI's Diverse Student Summer Internship Program is a "learn while you earn" program designed to enhance the educational experiences of minority* undergraduate college students and to help increase the diversity of CHI's workforce.

The program employs the interns in the technical, applications and operations areas of Information Technology Services (ITS) for 10 weeks beginning in early June. A [fact sheet](#) that can be forwarded to candidates is available on Inside CHI. Qualified candidates should email their resumes to diversityinternprogram@catholichealth.net. Questions about the program can also be sent to that address.

*Must have racial and/or ethnic origins as defined by the EEOC (American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or two or more races).

CRP Annual Education Now Available

Workforce education is an important component of CHI's Corporate Responsibility Program (CRP). Annually, employees are required to complete one hour of compliance education, which is offered as web-based training courses. CHI's CRP annual education for 2014 has been assigned in LEARN to all employees hired before July 1, 2013. The training takes a proactive approach to addressing areas in which CHI has identified educational needs. Each employee has been assigned two courses; the deadline for completion of all courses is March 31.

Managers and Above, Physicians

Information Privacy and Security Awareness
Fraud and Abuse Level 2: Management

Non-management Employees

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Everyone is encouraged to complete training early and not wait until the deadline. Like all systems, LEARN has occasional downtime for maintenance and users will not be able to access the system during those times.

Report any technical concerns or issues with the training to the [LEARN team](#).