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Members in the News – February 2017

BCCH nurse leader takes office in state association



[Banner Churchill Community Hospital's](#) Chief Nursing Officer, Rob Carnahan, RN, MSN, has been elected to the top leadership role in Nevada's statewide nursing organization.

Carnahan began his duties as president-elect of the Nevada Organization of Nurse Leaders in January 2017. The group is a chapter affiliated with the American Organization of Nurse Executives and provides leadership, professional development and advocacy of issues important to nursing to residents, businesses and political leaders of Nevada. The Nevada organization incorporated in 2010 with more than 280 members.

"Being from a rural community and winning the election to this position is unique," Carnahan said. "Most leaders in the organization often come from urban hospitals that are much larger and have many more employees than Banner Churchill."

Carnahan said he plans to use the opportunity to bring attention to issues that impact nursing with an emphasis on how those impacts affect rural areas.

Carnahan joined Banner Health in 2011 and came to Fallon in 2013. He oversees all of the hospital's clinical areas as well as the ambulance service, cardiopulmonary services, diagnostic imaging and laboratory services. He leads a staff of more than 75 nurses and more than 200 employees total. For the past year, Carnahan has served as the treasurer of the Nevada nursing organization.

Spring Valley Hospital Opens Hybrid Operating Suite

[Spring Valley Hospital](#) unveiled its \$1.8 million hybrid cardiac operating suite. The 930-square foot suite is used for advanced procedures like thoracic aneurysm repairs, minimally invasive heart surgeries and cardiac catheterizations.

The hybrid suite is equipped with the GE Discovery IGS 740 equipment, the first laser-guided fluoroscopy (imaging) machine in southern Nevada.

"A hybrid suite allows us to do all the operating and imaging in the same room with little or no disruption to the patient," explained Nauman Jahangir, MD, cardiovascular thoracic surgeon for The Valley Health System hospitals. "With this particular environment, we are also able to perform more advanced cardiac procedures in a minimally invasive manner."

Patients may initially need one procedure (i.e., balloon angioplasty for heart attack) but a hybrid operating suite can be quickly converted to accommodate a more advanced procedure (i.e., open heart surgery) if needed. This means the medical procedure can be completed at one time rather than ending one procedure and rescheduling the patient for a surgery at another time.



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The advanced imaging unit helps physicians better visualize their patients' organs, tissues and vessels to see what is happening internally, which can lead to optimal surgical outcomes.

Because of the laser-guiding, the imaging equipment can be moved to a precise location around the OR table, and capture 3-D images of vessels and blockages from head to toe. To keep the laser-guided machine in perfect position, the floor is completely level; any differences can only be the thickness of a dime. The flooring is also made of special material to help support the heavy equipment and provide a seamless floor system that prevents bacterial growth.

Imaging Technology Provides Safe Distraction for MRI Patients

[Renown Health](#) now offers technology that can make a huge difference for patients who need an MRI. CinemaVision goggles, purchased with funds raised locally by the Lazer Radiothon, help patients tune out the sights and sounds of an MRI machine and make them feel like they are watching their favorite TV show or movie on a 42-inch screen.

The original plan was to install the goggles in the children's imaging area, however the goggles can also reduce anxiety in adults so they were installed at an MRI machine accessible to both adults and children. There has already been a 20 percent decrease in adult anesthesia cases and a 61 percent decrease in pediatric anesthesia cases. Reduced sedation and anxiety is safer and allows for more scans to be completed because fewer retests or cancelled appointments occur. Reduced sedation rates also result in lower costs to patients, less recovery time and when a child doesn't need sedation, both parents and children can return to their daily activities immediately.

"During the few months we've been using the goggles, we've had very positive feedback from patients and employees," said, Christy Orosco, imaging manager, Renown Health. "We are pleased to be able to offer this technology to our community and provide a more comfortable and safer experience to our patients."

CinemaVision goggles are just one of the imaging technologies Renown offers patients to ensure they have the most comfortable experience possible. Other services include open MRI, SonoCiné automated whole breast ultrasound and northern Nevada's only pediatric radiologist and Children's Imaging Center.



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Banner Health Adds Two Physicians in Fallon and Fernley Nevada



[Banner Health](#) is pleased to announce the addition of two new providers to its facilities in western Nevada. Poonam Pamini Jani, MD, will provide internal medicine care at Banner Health Center in Fernley and Victor Lee Kim, DO, will join the family medicine team at Banner Health Clinic in Fallon.

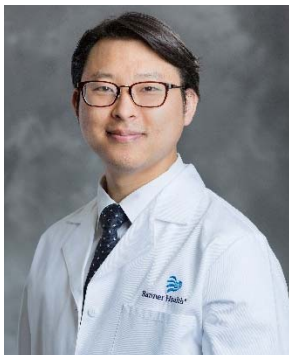
About Dr. Poonam Pamini Jani

As the only internist in Fernley, she practices primary care and specializes in internal medicine and geriatrics.

“I hope to bring a new approach to primary and geriatric care by spending time focusing on patient education and encouraging patients to participate in medical decision making,” said Dr. Jani. “I often treat patients of the older population and they usually have a complicated medical history. I like to provide in-depth education so that my patients understand their overall health issues and are able to participate in managing their health. My goal is to provide them the best quality of life.”

Dr. Jani received her medical degree from St. George’s University School of Medicine in the West Indies. She recently completed her fellowship in geriatrics at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. She completed her residency in internal medicine at St. Michael’s Medical Center in Newark, N.J. She is board certified in internal medicine.

About Dr. Victor Lee Kim



Dr. Kim specializes in family medicine at Banner Health Clinic in Fallon. In addition to providing primary care, Dr. Kim focuses on understanding how the body’s systems are interconnected. Through special training in the neuromusculoskeletal system, Dr. Kim has the ability to use his hands to diagnose illness and injury and encourage the body’s natural tendency toward self-healing and health. Part of his practice will also include medical acupuncture.

“Offering quality primary care is my No. 1 priority,” said Dr. Kim. “I hope to expand people’s perspective on modern medicine by bringing osteopathic manipulative treatment and acupuncture to the Fallon community to show patients that there are other modalities of care and treatment available.”

Dr. Kim earned his doctorate degree in osteopathic medicine from Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., and completed his residency at UHS Wilson Hospital in Johnson City, N.Y. He trained further in neuromusculoskeletal medicine in a one-year fellowship at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla.