



## Oct. 1, 2021

### Healer Referral Bonuses

Did you know if you refer someone to work at NRHS, you could earn some extra money!

There are some great referral opportunities for: EVS Techs, Bedside RN's, PT/OT/Speech Therapists, Radiological Techs, Surgical Scrub Techs, Respiratory Therapists and Laboratory Med Techs.

Some of the referral bonuses are as much as \$5,000! The healer referral listings can be found on MyLink.

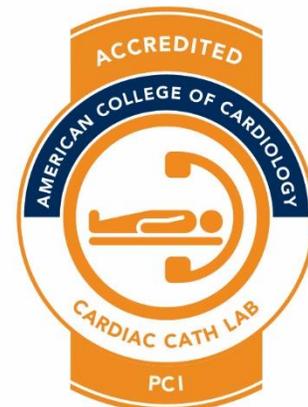
Process: The current healer must complete an electronic referral form prior to the candidate being interviewed for a position at NRHS. The healer referral form can be found here: [http://mylink/Forms/employee\\_referral.aspx?rfh=892](http://mylink/Forms/employee_referral.aspx?rfh=892). Prior to being offered a position, the candidate must have identified the current healer by name on their electronic application as the person referring the candidate to NRHS. Both the candidate and the current healer must be currently employed at NRHS on each scheduled payment date.

### Paint Out Cancer Shirts

Order your Paint Out Cancer t-

## HealthPlex Recognized for Excellence with ACC Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI

I'm proud to announce that the American College of Cardiology has recognized the Norman Regional HealthPlex for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients who come to a cardiac cath lab for care, including diagnostic catheterizations and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures. The HealthPlex was awarded Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI in September based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who come to the cardiac cath lab.



Percutaneous coronary intervention is also known as coronary angioplasty. It is a non-surgical procedure that opens narrowed or blocked coronary arteries with a balloon to relieve symptoms of heart disease or reduce heart damage during or after a heart attack.

Hospitals that have proven exceptional competency in treating patients who require cardiac catheterization have standardized their assessment process for patients before undergoing catheterization to ensure quality and patient safety. They ensure that care in the procedure room for sedation, infection control, radiation safety, universal protocol, and time out procedures is fully coordinated; and have mastered the appropriate transfer to a cath recovery unit to better monitor and track complications, enhance physician-to-patient communication, patient family communication, discharge instructions and follow-up information.

Hospitals receiving Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care; developing an

shirt to wear in support of the Foundation's cancer campaign.

NRHS Logo Wear is approved to be worn at work on Friday's.

Orders will be taken through October 8 by Massive Graphics. All orders will be mailed directly to you after October 20.

Paint Out Cancer campaign supports the cancer care areas at Norman Regional. [Click here to see and order shirts!](#)

### COVID Vaccine Booster Clinics

Norman Regional Health System is partnering with IMMY to offer the Pfizer/Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine booster (also known as the third dose) to healers, healer family, friends and NRHS-affiliated practice staff members.

You MUST make an appointment. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4 at Norman Regional Moore Conference Time

To make an appointment click this link and enter the Norman Regional Moore location code.

Link:  
<https://portal.immylabs.com/privatevaccine>  
Please use Google Chrome to open link!

Appointment Code (Moore):  
NRHMoore

### Name That Robot: Moore Robot Contest

Norman Regional has purchased an additional XENEX robot for our Moore campus! The XENEX Lightstrike™ Germ-Zapping Robot is a UV disinfection robot. The robot uses a pulsed xenon

action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of cath lab patients. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to improved patient outcomes.

Please join me in offering a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the cardiac cath team for this outstanding honor!

## New Internal Medicine Physician Joins Norman Regional Team

Please join me in welcoming Krishna Vedala, MD, MPH, internal medicine physician, to the team at Primary Care – South OKC.

Dr. Vedala received his doctorate of medicine from the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine in Tulsa, Oklahoma and completed his residency at White River Health System in Batesville, Arkansas.

Dr. Vedala said his purpose in life is to help provide a better future for the world using the knowledge he has gained from his extensive training and various experiences.

“I believe that internal medicine, along with my public health background, provide me with the ability to address a wide variety of illnesses and critical issues currently faced by the healthcare field,” Dr. Vedala said.

He added that leading a healthy lifestyle is about balancing overall well-being, but that it is not an easy task and he knows that from his personal experiences.

“I believe that any goal is achievable, but success is possible with slow, small steps,” he said. “I want to help my patients achieve their healthcare goals and want them to know that they can expect the best from me.”



lamp to create intense germicidal ultraviolet light that quickly kills the germs that cause serious infections such as influenza, C. difficile, MRSA, and even the virus that causes COVID-19.

Norman Regional currently has robots at the HealthPlex and Porter. They are named: Lando, Rafael, Violet, Sherman, CLAUDE and ROGER. Now's your chance to name the Moore robot! The person who submits the winning name will receive a \$25 VISA gift card courtesy of EVS.

[Click here](#) to submit your name and contact information.

Paper forms will also be available to submit a name. They are located on the first floor breakroom at Norman Regional Moore.

#### Flu Vaccine Clinics

Norman Regional has begun administering the flu vaccine to healers at our annual Flu Vaccine clinics. Please remember the flu vaccine is required for all healers unless they have a medical or religious declination. The deadline to receive your vaccine or turn in your declination form is Oct. 31. [Please click](#) here for times, dates and locations.

#### Pregnant Volunteers Needed for Skills Verification

Norman Regional is looking for a few volunteers for the yearly skill verification for Labor/Delivery RN's on performing limited ultrasound on anyone greater than 24 weeks pregnant. Volunteers will get a free look at their baby! The time is Thursday, October 7 starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Each volunteer will be

Aside from medicine, Dr. Vedala enjoys spending time with his wife and their cat named Loki, watching movies, traveling and checking out new places.

Dr. Vedala is also a huge sports fan. He enjoys watching football and basketball, and he loves the OU Sooners, the Oklahoma City Thunder and the New York Yankees.

One unique talent of Dr. Vedala's is that he loves to write and has been working on a science fiction novel over the past few years.

Call 405-912-3400 to schedule an appointment. We're happy to have you, Dr. Vedala!

## United Way Campaign Extended

We have extended this year's 2021 United Way Pacesetter campaign to October 15 so that we can help our neighbors by reaching our campaign goal! Each year, Norman Regional sets a goal to pledge to the United Way of Norman. This year that goal is \$135,000.

Currently, 500 healers have donated to the campaign, which is a 16% participation rate. Through your generous donations, we have raised \$92,233 for the United Way, which is about 68% of our goal met.

Please help us reach our goal in these coming weeks. I hope you join me in making a donation to the United Way. Your donation WILL make a difference.

Each Monday morning you should an email from the United Way of Norman. The link will be a personalized E-Pledge email, just like the Q12 survey. That means it cannot be forwarded to anyone else. The email will look like this:

[unitedway@unitedway-norman.org](mailto:unitedway@unitedway-norman.org)  
[EXT] We Are Better Together!

The email is from [unitedway@unitedway-norman.org](mailto:unitedway@unitedway-norman.org) and the subject line reads: [EXT] We Are Better Together! If you did not receive this email, please contact Sara Raney at [sraney@nrh-ok.com](mailto:sraney@nrh-ok.com).

#### Raffle Ticket Available Online

You can now purchase raffle tickets for the United Way Raffle Drawings online! Simply click this link to easily purchase and enter your tickets



scheduled for 30 minute time period only. Strict social distancing and infection control principles will be in place. For more information, call Amy Hawley at 405-515-3165.

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online. <https://entwebext/RafflePurchase.aspx?r=9> Winning tickets will be drawn at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15.

This year's prizes are:

- House cleaning and organizing services from 2 Green Chicks
- A getaway package to Sulphur's Artesian Hotel
- A shoe shopping spree at DSW

Be Well,



*President & Chief Executive Officer  
Norman Regional Health System*