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Pharmacy at Reeves Regional Health Critical to Patient Care

Often overlooked, the in-house pharmacy at local medical center is essential to providing comprehensive in-patient healthcare.

PECOS, Texas (Aug. 14, 2023) – Out of the dozens of departments, programs, and services available at Reeves Regional Health (RRH), one department often least talked about is the in-house pharmacy. That's right! A hospital, too, needs a pharmacy to help control the availability and proper dispensing of medication required by patients.

"At the heart of our hospital's commitment to exceptional patient care lies our in-house pharmacy," says Brenda McKinney, CEO of RRH. "Diligently overseen by a wonderfully skilled team, ensuring the seamless and timely dispensing of medications, our in-house pharmacy is certainly a cornerstone of our unwavering dedication to our patient's patients' well-being."

In rural hospitals, in-house pharmacies are vital to patient care. They provide immediate and timely availability of essential medications, especially during medical emergencies.

As a foundation in patient care, the hospital pharmacy at RRH ensures continuity of care by facilitating communication between healthcare providers and pharmacists, leading to tailored medication management that suits patients' unique health needs. The pharmacy also supports medication adherence, offers patient education, and aids in managing chronic diseases.

RRH began serving patients from a new 140,000-square-foot medical campus in November 2022, replacing a nearly 45-year-old hospital nearing the end of its usage. Planning the new campus allowed local healthcare officials to reimagine local healthcare and design the facility from the ground up with programs and services essential for Reeves County residents today and for generations to come.

Part of designing the new hospital campus was finding and allocating an appropriate space for the in-house pharmacy. According to McKinney, the department has doubled its space from its old facility, seamlessly integrating equipment, storage, and workspace.

"Everything was thought out when designing our new space," McKinney explains. "From the placement of light fixtures for a brighter workspace – to ensuring electrical and data plugs are in the right places. Efficiency and space maximization were our goals."

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As with any department in the hospital, the pharmacy is only as good as the team running it. Thankfully, team members bring decades of pharmacy experience.

The pharmacy director at RRH has been with the hospital for more than 36 years, 20 of which have been in the pharmacy. There are also two full-time pharmacy technicians. One has been with the hospital for 15 years. Another team member, a recent new, hire is now part of the team.

For more information about local healthcare programs and services in the greater Reeves County region, please visit www.reevesregional.com.

About Reeves Regional Health

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit www.reevesregional.com.

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