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All Legacy hospitals recognized as leaders in LGBTQ care

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The Human Rights Campaign Foundation has designated all of Legacy's hospitals as "leaders" in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) health care equality.

The findings were part of HRC's Healthcare Equality Index 2018, an annual survey that gives health care facilities the information and resources they need to ensure that LGBTQ people have access to truly patient-centered care.

Legacy's hospitals dominated the designations for our service area. Aside from Legacy facilities, only four other Oregon hospitals — and no other hospitals in Southwest Washington — received a score of 100 and achieved the designation as a "Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality."

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of the country's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization. Their index evaluates hospitals on four criteria:

1. Non-discrimination and staff training — including non-discrimination of patients, an equal visitation policy, employment nondiscrimination and staff training in LGBTQ patient-centered care.
2. Patient services and support — including services and support for LGBTQ patients, collecting patient self-identification information, and informing patients of their rights to designate a medical decision maker.
3. Employee benefits and policies — including equal benefit, and benefits and policies impacting transgender employees.
4. Patient and community engagement focusing on outreach and promotion to the LGBTQ community.

This was the first year for all of Legacy's care facilities to achieve the Leader designation. Unity Center had just opened during survey period for the 2017 listing, while Legacy Silverton Medical Center was accredited as a "Top Performer" due only to the timing of executive briefing training.

For continuing education training on LGBTQ patient-centered care, visit the [Diversity](#) section of the Legacy intranet.



Earth Day celebrations at Legacy start this week

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Earth Day takes place worldwide on April 22 each year. The observance arose in 1970 from growing national support for environmental issues. Legacy's Earth Day programs will start early—with a series of 10 events at Legacy sites starting Wednesday, April 4, and continuing through Monday, April 30.

At many of our sites, visiting the events will allow employees to spend time in Legacy's healing gardens to learn about the health benefits of gardens and nature. There will also be opportunities to learn about Legacy's environmental sustainability programs and how you can play a role in ensuring we do no harm to the environment.

At each event there will be a raffle for two garden trees and gardening items. Free lettuce seeds and wildflower seeds will be available to the first 50 visitors at the garden program table.



Participants this year will include site Good Health teams, representatives from renewable power programs, Friends of Trees and commute-related organizations. See details on the [Sustainability intranet site](#).

Event schedule

Legacy's Earth Day events take place from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. except where noted.

- Wednesday, April 4 — Legacy Silverton
- Thursday, April 5 — Legacy Meridian Park (Lewis & Floetta Ide Healing Garden)
- Tuesday, April 10 — Legacy Good Samaritan (Stenzel Healing Garden)
- Thursday, April 12 — Legacy Salmon Creek (Third floor hallway by the healing garden)
- Friday, April 13 — Holladay Park campus (lobby)
- Tuesday April 17 — Davis Building (first floor lobby)
- Wednesday, April 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) — Legacy Emanuel (The Children's Garden hallway)
- Thursday, April 19 — Legacy Mount Hood (healing garden pavilions and covered walkway)
- Friday, April 20 — System Office (cafeteria)
- Monday, April 30 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) — NW 31st Building





CMS ends rule on medical students' notes in EHR

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has ended a 2008 policy requiring teaching physicians to redo any patient medical record notes written by medical school students.

Background

CMS had previously barred providers from using student notes in patient medical records. Teaching physicians had to rewrite every note their students entered into patients' records.

CMS' new policy

The revised guideline, with an implementation date of March 5, 2018, no longer requires teaching physicians to redo notes written by medical students. Instead, physicians need to review and verify that the information entered by medical students is accurate.

Impact to Legacy physicians

This is good news for physicians who precept medical students and those who have been considering the opportunity. The documentation burden may be eased by the medical student's ability to document the visit. Nonetheless, close supervision of the student is still required, including editing and reviewing the notes to ensure that the history, physical, results transcription and medical decision-making are accurate.

Attending physician documentation of involvement in the patient's care is required with a statement in the medical record, such as, "I was present with the medical student during the history and exam. I discussed the case with the student and agree with the findings and plan as documented in the student's note." The attending is responsible for the accuracy of the record should a chart or case review occur.

Any questions regarding this policy or issues with respect to medical student or resident supervision may be referred to Jennifer LeTourneau, M.D., (jletour@lhs.org) clinical vice president of medical education.