

Hospital Readout

Life at the ERH Emergency Dept.

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On Sunday, September 14th, an *Ellenville Regional Hospital* R.N. on her way home stopped to assist the four victims (a mother and three children) of a serious motor vehicle accident on **Route 209**. One child was unconscious, another was bleeding profusely, and the third was only weeks old. It was a foggy, rainy evening, so no helicopters were flying... all four victims were transported to an already packed *E.R.H. Emergency Department* where the nurses and doctor already on duty put a call to local staff for immediate assistance. Four members of the nursing staff responded. Thanks to the expertise and skill of all those involved, all four patients survived.

On Friday, September 26th, a school bus was involved in a (fortunately) minor accident; all fifteen students were evaluated and released within a couple of hours while the staff were also caring for other patients with major hand trauma, an elderly gentleman with acute shortness of breath, and others.

This is just an example of life in the *Emergency Department* at *Ellenville Regional Hospital*. I wanted to share with the community some of the work that we do. We treat 12,000 patients a year – all ages, all shapes, sizes, nationalities – and with complaints ranging from “this pimple on my neck which I’ve had for a couple of weeks, but I want you to get rid of it now” (this, from a perfectly healthy 22-year-old at 2:40 AM as I recall!), to the patient in full-blown cardiac arrest, or major trauma, like the mother and children. Our role is to treat all patients that present themselves; 5% are admitted to *E.R.H.* or discharged home. Patients requiring a level of higher care are transferred to a larger hospital. Our close relationship with the emergency departments at Kingston Hospital and Westchester Medical Center facilitates seamless secondary or tertiary level care.

We are especially proud of our extremely short length of stay (time from admission to discharge) which averages less than two hours.

As Director of Nursing I support the vision of *Ellenville Regional Hospital* as a primary hospital... as a Certified Emergency Nurse myself, I support and applaud my colleagues in the *Emergency Department* as we strive to provide the best possible care to the people of our community. ☆

Hospital Sale Days

by Deborah A. Briggs, Director of Human Resources & Volunteer Services, Ellenville Regional Hospital

The *Ellenville Hospital* will be holding the following sale days. All sales will be conducted on our premises and are open to the public.

Nov. 21st: Perfume Sales, 9 AM to 3 PM.

Designer perfume and gift sets, many items at \$19.95. Versace, Armani, Calvin Klein, Liz Clairborne, and more.

Dec. 1st: JAM Handbags & Accessories, 10 AM to 4 PM. Hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, holiday gifts, and more

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