

Comprehensive Services. Compassionate Care.

Gulf Coast Medical Center brings quality healthcare to this community with comprehensive services and an experienced team of physicians and caregivers.

DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Bone Densitometry, CT and Digital Imaging, Electrocardiography, Laboratory Services, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Ultrasound

MEDICAL SERVICES

Allergy Services, Cancer Center, Cardiac/Medical ICU, Cardiac Rehab, Cardiology/Pacemaker, Cardiopulmonary, Dermatology, Emergency Department, Endocrinology, Hematology, Hemodialysis Outpatient, Infectious Disease, Neurology, Oncology Services, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Prostate Cancer Prevention, Pulmonary Medicine, Urology

SPECIALTY SERVICES

Cardiac Rehab, Pastoral Care, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Sleep Disorders, Social Services, Speech Therapy

SURGICAL SERVICES

Cardiac Cath Lab, Colon/Rectal, Endoscopy/Special Procedures, ENT, Enterology/Endoscopy, Foot/Ankle, Inpatient Surgery, Laparoscopic Surgery, Lithotripsy, Major Joint, Maxillofacial Surgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Outpatient Surgery, Urology, Vascular

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

Birthing/LDR, Gynecology, Gynecology/Oncology, Nursery, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Women's Services

Our dedicated volunteers contributed nearly 8,500 hours of their time to the patients, visitors and staff of Gulf Coast Medical Center in 2008.

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with Our Community*



**Gulf Coast
Medical Center**

2008 Community Benefit Report

About Gulf Coast Medical Center

Gulf Coast Medical Center is a 161-bed acute-care hospital, serving a population of approximately 200,000 residents between Houston and Victoria, Texas. In partnership with more than 50 area physicians, the hospital provides a full range of medical services to meet the healthcare needs of the community it serves.

Community Economic Impact

Gulf Coast Medical Center is one of the largest tax-paying entities and employers in the area, with total economic impact exceeding \$27,000,000 this year alone.

PROPERTY TAXES	\$	441,108
SALES TAX		
LOCAL		15,653
STATE		48,915
OTHER TAXES		28,025
TOTAL PAYROLL		14,803,812
CAPITAL INVESTMENT		675,843
UNCOMPENSATED CARE		11,149,901
LOCAL VENDORS		569,499
DONATIONS		17,385
TOTAL	\$	27,750,141

Gulf Coast Medical Center
has invested over **\$27,000,000**
into the communities it serves
through taxes, uncompensated care,
capital investment and salaries.



A Commitment to Quality of Care

At the core of our philosophy is a passionate commitment to improve the quality of care delivered in our hospital. Through a proprietary

software product called *Signature Insights Engine*, we are able to integrate patient data and equip our caregivers with critical information to deliver service excellence, a positive patient experience and enhanced patient safety.



Adding LEAN THINKING to Health Care

In 2008, we expanded our quality initiative by adopting *Lean Thinking* principles to reduce waste and non essential activities from our processes. A Lean Thinking team implemented a significant improvement to our Cancer Center patients' experience when they discovered patients were checking in at both the Cancer Center and the Admitting Department. This required patients to walk or drive to opposite ends of the facility on their visits. Today, our patients conveniently sign in only at the Cancer Center, while the staff provides their information to the admissions office.

2008 Quick Facts

Patients Admitted:	2,630
Annual Births:	590
Annual ER Visits:	12,335
Inpatient Surgeries:	1,179
Outpatient Surgeries:	2,345
Other Outpatient Services:	8,117
Total Employees:	265

Our Leadership Team

Randy Slack
Chief Executive Officer

Gary Williams
Chief Financial Officer

Edwina Miner
Chief Nursing Officer

Our Board of Trustees

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Physician Recruitment

Gulf Coast Medical Center added several new physicians to its medical staff in 2008:

Daisy Ayim, M.D., OB/GYN,
joined Texas Gulf Medical Associates

M. Faisal Khan, M.D.
Neurologist and Medical Director of the GCMC Neurodiagnostic and Sleep Center joined Texas Gulf Medical Associates

Biju M. Lukose, M.D.
General Surgeon joined Texas Gulf Medical Associates

Keith Moore, M.D.
General Surgeon joined South Texas Medical Clinic

Milinda Morris, M.D.
OB/GYN joined South Texas Medical Clinic

Nathan Nguyen, M.D.
Family Practice, established Regent Family Practice

V. Ranganathan, M.D.
Gastroenterologist, joined Texas Gulf Medical Associates

Mark Vann, II, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgeon joined Texas Gulf Medical Associates

Community Memberships

In addition to the hundreds of hours our employees donate to area organizations, Gulf Coast Medical Center is a member of, or is represented on the following organizations:

American Cancer Society	Lion's Club
Chamber of Commerce	Pilot Club
Habitat for Humanity	Rotary Club

How We Get Involved

Through its sponsorships and donations, Gulf Coast Medical Center is proud to have supported the following agencies and organizations over the past year:

American Cancer Society	Justin Hurst Celebrity Waterfowl Hunt	Wharton Cowboy Christmas
American Red Cross	Pilot Club of Wharton	Wharton Freedom Fest
Boling Fire Department	Ricebird Calendar	Wharton Hidden Garden Tour
Boling Project Graduation	Rotary Club Gala Share	Wharton High School Booster Club
Boys & Girls Club of Wharton	Wharton Athletic Booster Club	Wharton High School Project Graduation
Colorado River Band	Wharton Babe Ruth	Wharton Lions Club
East Bernard Project Graduation	Wharton Chamber of Commerce	Wharton Volunteer Fire Department
El Campo Swim Team	Wharton County Library	
Hospice Support	Wharton County Youth Fair	
Garwood Lions Club		

Local Events Hosted/Sponsored by Gulf Coast Medical Center:

January

PILOT CLUB OF WHARTON CHILI SUPPER FUND RAISER



February

CURIOUS GEORGE CHILDREN'S TOURS

Gulf Coast Medical Center knows that it is important for our youngest patients to understand that we are here to help them get well. We offer tours of the hospital following the theme "Curious George Goes to the Hospital." This has become a popular field trip for kindergarten-age children from area schools.

March

HEATING IT UP FOR HOSPICE FUND RAISER

April

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

May

WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR "TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK"

June

WHARTON COUNTY FREEDOM FEST



July

GCMC EMPLOYEES SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Employees shipped 24 boxes of supplies to Captain Adam Hallmark's U. S. Army First Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed in Iraq.

August

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

September

SCREENING DAY AT GCMC



October

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Gulf Coast Medical Center is a proud sponsor of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, an all night walking event that celebrates cancer survivorship and raises funds for cancer research, educational programs, advocacy, and patient services.

November



HEB SHOPPING SPREE

SUPPORTING SHARE

Gulf Coast employees participated in the annual HEB shopping spree that provides Thanksgiving meals to needy families.

December

JUSTIN HURST CELEBRITY WATERFOWL HUNT