

Bourbon General Hospital

Bourbon General Hospital is a 56 bed acute care facility located in the heart of the Bluegrass, Paris, Kentucky. The hospital was established at its current location, #9 Linville Drive, when the Hospital Corporation of America purchased the Bourbon County Hospital. In September of 1987, the facility became part of HealthTrust, Inc., The Hospital Company. Bourbon General Hospital has made many changes over the past few years to improve quality and delivery of healthcare. This report outlines the changes and growth of your community hospital. There are currently over 50 physicians on our Medical Staff. We are proud of the wide range of specialties these professionals represent. The medical staff specializes in the following areas:

- Emergency Medicine
- Family Practice
- General Practice
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Psychiatry (Adult)
- Radiology
- Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
- Dermatology
- Dentistry General
- MRI Technology
- Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry (Adolescent)
- Podiatry
- Neurology



The key component of quality health care, the heart of any hospital, is its staff. Our health care team is comprised of experienced professionals who care — pediatricians, physicians, nurses, technicians and personnel from the Bourbon County Community. We hope that if you have a medical problem, you and your physician will make use of the services we offer.

BOURBON GENERAL "A Great Neighbor"

As one of the top employers in Bourbon County, Bourbon General Hospital employs 150+ staff members in positions that range from professionals to skilled services and support people. Over the past five years, the number of employees has increased 28%.

Bourbon General Hospital pays more than \$75,000 annually in state and local taxes.

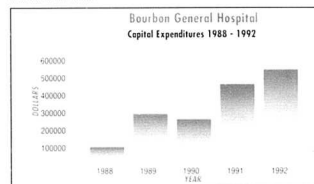
The annual Bourbon General Hospital payroll is over \$10 million dollars.

Bourbon General Hospital has been keeping pace with changing technology in health care areas. Over the past year, we have added services that provide improved quality of care. Such services include laparoscopic cholecystectomies, mobile cardiac catheterization, and new cardiac intensive monitoring equipment just to name a few.

Cholecystectomies (removal of the gallbladder) has undergone many changes in techniques over the last several years. Traditional procedures involve a large abdominal incision, which often requires a lengthy hospital stay and can cause the patient to miss several weeks of work. The laparoscopic procedure involves video monitors and a tiny camera inserted into the abdomen during surgery. With the use of the laparoscope, only four small incisions, about the width of a fingernail, are necessary. The advantages of the laparoscopic cholecystectomies over traditional surgery include a much shorter hospital stay, very little scarring, and less expense for the patient and the insurance company. It also allows a rapid return to work and normal activities for the patient. Previously, the gallbladder operation required a week of hospitalization and six weeks of recovery. Now patients frequently require no more than 24 overnight stays and may return to normal activities within a week.

Cardiac catheterization to heart study has been performed for many years to diagnose heart problems in patients. This is a special x-ray study of the heart that helps diagnose blockages of the heart valves and blockage of the coronary arteries. In the past, cardiac catheterization was only available in larger hospitals. Now, due to recent advances in technology and a close association with Cardiology Associates of Lexington, this procedure is now being performed at Bourbon General Hospital.

We have installed a new patient monitoring system in our Intensive Care Unit. The equipment is used to collect physiological information from patients, such as heart rate, temperature, blood pressure, oxygen levels, and respiration rate. Medical technology is advancing at a fast rate, and this new monitoring system will help us give patients the most advanced monitoring capabilities now and in the future.



More than \$1.5 million has been committed at Bourbon General Hospital to improve and upgrade services to the Bourbon County.