

MMC Infusion Center becoming a reality

Marias Medical Center (MMC) is excited to be working toward the completion of an Infusion Center, which will allow patients in our surrounding area access to quality infusion services close to home.

The first phase of this project will be the renovation of a hospital room to accommodate these patients with a comfortable chair and atmosphere. MMC offers a variety of infusions and injections right now with an order from a provider including:

- ✦ Intravenous (IV) antibiotic therapy
 - ✦ IV fluid therapy
 - ✦ IV iron
 - ✦ IV/injectable medications for chronic conditions such as osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, and multiple sclerosis.
- MMC can also offer certain medications to provide supportive care while on chemotherapy; such as medications to treat anemia, low neutrophils (a type of white blood cell), low platelets, high calcium, or other conditions associated with chemotherapy treatment. Medication orders may be written by a primary care provider, or specialties such as neurology, oncology, nephrology, rheumatology, pulmonology, etc.

After the second phase which involves reconstruction of the MMC pharmacy, chemotherapy infusions will be available. This phase is very costly due to the need for special equipment and infrastructure to safely handle these medications. Marias Medical Center also has full-service laboratory and radiology departments to complete your other testing close to home. Laboratory offers in-house testing and quick turnaround times for monitoring blood counts, kidney and liver function, therapeutic phlebotomy, and much more.

Radiology features a CT scanner, 1.5T MRI scanner, x-ray, mammography, DEXA scanner, ultrasound, and fluoroscopy.

Ask your doctor if your medication can be given at Marias Medical Center, where our helpful staff will take excellent care of you.

Please call 434-3258 for further information. Toole County Health Foundation, MMC Auxiliary and other community organizations are continually working towards the completion of this project with

the Auxiliary Annual Parade of Homes; scheduled for Sept. 24, Foundation golf tournament on Aug. 26, and private donations including funds in memory of Jannell Christiaens, Tree of Lights, and the Christmas Tree Auction. Funds raised to date total over \$29,000. Other 2017 events that raised funds for the Infusion Center included the Shelby Dead Run on Aug 12; and the Hi-Line Half Marathon on Sept. 9.

Chemo Infusion Center

