The annual Nursing Survey, administered by the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators, began June 3 and runs through June 23. The survey is available via a link on the Hub.

The survey, dubbed “Journey 4th” in recognition of the hospital’s bid for a fourth Magnet nursing designation, is designed to gauge nurses’ perceptions of their practice environment and provide feedback about areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

After nearly four years of effort, it’s time for an official celebration of the gleaming new inpatient tower. Join UCH President and CEO John Harney and UCHealth CEO Bruce Schroffel as they cut the ribbon on AIP 2. The event will also celebrate the sixth anniversary of the hospital’s move to the Anschutz Medical Campus from Ninth Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: June 17
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Garden View Café terrace
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A Gift from the Gift Shop

Also join Schroffel next week to dedicate “Aurora: a Circle of Light,” a sculpture donated by the University of Colorado Hospital Gift Shop.

The inscription on the sculpture by Gino Miles notes that the work honors the hospital’s volunteers for their “many hours of service and continued dedication and contributions to UCH Patients, Staff and Faculty.”

**Date and Time:** June 14, 2 p.m.
**Location:** Courtyard outside the Garden View Café.

Nurses in our Neighborhood

A direct mail advertisement sent to more than 11,000 nurses within a 50-mile radius of UCH drew about 180 RNs to the hospital May 16 and 17. The nurses toured AIP 2, met with hiring managers and recruiters, and got information about careers at UCH, said Kayla Lewis, a senior recruiter for Human Resources.

Within two weeks of the event, HR made offers of employment to more than 10 RNs, a great boon as the hospital continues to look for nurses to staff units opening in AIP 2 June 8 and backfill units in AIP 1, Lewis added.

“At this time we are still receiving applications from nurses who attended or heard about the new tour through friends that attended. The buzz that has been created around employment opportunities at UCH is invaluable,” Lewis said.
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### We Like Bikes

Roll into work under your own power this month, as UCH and the Anschutz Medical Campus take part in this year’s “Bike to Work Day.” Stop by the grassy area south of Building 500 for breakfast and to meet with people you’ll never tire of. Expect plenty of circular conversations with the very well spoken.

**Date:** June 26  
**Time:** 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

To register, visit the [Bike to Work Day](#) Web site.

### Take a Swing for Burn

As the weather heats up, the Burn Center is teeing up its annual golf tournament. All proceeds go to the Burn Fund for prevention, education, and supplies and services for burn patients and families, including food, clothing, hotel expenses, wound care supplies, and pressure garments.

The fund also pays for the thrice-monthly burn support group, peer support through the Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery ([SOAR](#)) program, and scholarships to World Burn Congress, an international meeting of burn survivors.

**Registration** for the tournament is $150, which covers greens fees, golf carts, one golf ball for a ball-drop event, breakfast and lunch.

**Date:** June 17  
**Location:** Arrowhead Golf Club, Littleton  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m. shotgun start for four-person scramble

Questions? Contact [Mary Holden](mailto:mary.holden@uch.edu), RN, 720-848-0944, or [mary.holden@uch.edu](mailto:mary.holden@uch.edu).
Ants not Invited

Salute summer with a picnic at UCH. All hospital employees, credentialed medical staff, housestaff, employees of UCHealth working at UCH and staff of Crothall and Republic are invited, as are family members (limit four total participants).

Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos and other healthy food, as well as crafts, face painting, a dunk tank and other giggle-inducing high jinx played out against a background of rollicking music. It promises to be an unforgettable kick-off to another summer of sun and fun.

Date: June 22  
Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Location: Parade grounds northwest of the Leprino Building

Preregistration is required by June 19. Please wear your ID badge when you arrive and park in your assigned campus space.

A Gym-Dandy Opening

If you’ve been yearning to break crippling cycles of stress by stepping on a treadmill or heaving weights skyward, listen up. The long out-of-commission Employee Gym is set to open soon. The new space on the lower level of AIP 2 will replace the gym on the first floor of the critical care wing in AIP 1, which has been shuttered since April, says TyAmber Whitaker of the Human Resources Employee Health and Wellness team.

Date: June 12  
Location: Lower level of AIP 2, Rm. B511. Look for balloons leading to the new location.  
Time: The gym will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Employee badge is required for entry.
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Getting the System in Order

Still have questions about what it means to be part of a system – and why we’re now a part of one? Join University of Colorado Health CEO Bruce Schroffel for two employee open forums. The events, dubbed “Striking a Vision,” promise to offer insights about changes in health care and how UCHealth is positioned to respond to them.

Dates: June 18 and June 19
Times and Locations: June 18, noon to 1 p.m., AIP Rm. 2007/2133; June 19, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., AOP Rm. 2005/2006

Sounding off for Marion Downs

With the centennial year of hearing loss research and educator Marion Downs approaching, the center named after her at UCH kicked off a year-long celebration May 30. Downs played a pivotal role in establishing newborn hearing tests in Colorado. It’s now the standard of care in the U.S.

University of Colorado Health President Rulon Stacey and Director of Audiology Sandra Gabbard, PhD, were on hand to welcome guests and raise awareness about hearing loss. The gathering also solicited donations for a new community center and announced plans for a “Celebrating the Legacy” gala Jan. 26, 2014 that will honor Marion Downs.

Justin Osmond, who suffers from hearing loss, spoke, May 30, along with his father, Merrill Osmond, lead singer of the Osmonds, announcing the gala, which will be headlined by Donnie Osmond.

Also present were five-year-old Nyla Switzer and her parents, Eric and Kristi. Shortly after her birth at UCH, Nyla was diagnosed with a hearing loss. She wears hearing aids and continues to receive services at MDHC.
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Rely on Relay

Hospital staff and patients are encouraged to sign up for and participate in the American Cancer Society of Aurora’s Relay for Life. The event will celebrate cancer survivors, honor those lost to cancer, and feature a survivors’ lap, a luminaria ceremony and various other activities throughout the night.

The world’s largest grassroots fundraising movement, Relay for Life also mobilizes communities throughout the country to provide participants with an opportunity to fight back against cancer.

Date and Time: Aug. 2
Location: Overland High School, 12400 E. Jewell Ave. in Aurora.

More information or to sign up as a member of the UCH team. Also contact Ruth Ellen Tubbs at 720-848-0316 or ruthellen.tubbs@uchealth.org with questions or if you are interested in being a team co-captain.

Hand Sanitizer Cleanup

The hospital this month will begin converting hand sanitizer gel in dispensing stations to a 62% ethyl alcohol product with added skin moisturizers. The alcohol concentration is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) standard, but the moisturizers should provide protection for sensitive skin, stated Ken Ferretti, outgoing co-chair of the Clinical Products Committee.

“This change should go a long way towards minimizing skin irritation issues, which only a very small number of employees had difficulty with,” Ferretti said.

Skin irritation problems won’t be eliminated with the new product, Ferretti conceded. “The simple reality is that given the requirement that we provide a 62% ethyl alcohol product for caregivers numbering in the thousands, there will always be a few folks with very sensitive skin or who use the product frequently who will encounter problems -- and winter does not help,” he said.

Ferretti said employees who suffer persistent skin irritation after the product change should contact Employee Health to be evaluated and to seek alternative solutions. He thanked Environmental Services and the hospital’s Infection Control practitioners for their help with the product change.
The University of Colorado Cancer Center presents the “Survivor 101” lecture series, open to all cancer patients, caregivers, family, and friends. The series provides information, research, and coping strategies and will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Free refreshments and/or dinner will be provided. There is no fee to attend, but space is limited.

Topic:

* Chemistry and the Brain, June 18, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sometimes people experience a mental cloudiness during or after cancer treatment. They may notice they have trouble remembering things, that it takes longer to do certain tasks, or they have more difficulty multitasking. Researchers are making progress towards understanding this phenomenon that is commonly referred to as “chemobrain.” Join us as we explore what the current research can tell us about chemobrain and what can be done to help if you or someone you know is experiencing it.

Lectures will be held in Room 2005/2006 of the Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion. For more information or to register, call 720-848-0316.