



You're Gonna *Love* LANE



Message from CEO

Lane continues to move forward and invest in the region. The four-story patient tower is progressing nicely and is opening at the end of the year. The majority of the exterior stonework and windows are in place. Drywall and insulation are going up on the third and fourth floors while framing, electrical, plumbing, lighting, and HVAC duct work are beginning on

the lower floors. We are completing the underground utilities, including electricity, water, gas, sewer, and a dedicated fire water line.

Inside the hospital, the front entrance and hallway to Imaging / Lab are temporarily closed due to renovations on the new patient registration and surgery pre-admit areas. These areas and the front entrance will reopen this fall.

Behind the scenes, we invested resources to complete an 18-month implementation project to launch Epic, our more robust electronic health record system, and MyChart, our new patient portal. We also launched new accounting software and materials management systems, and we enhanced our workforce wellness / occupational medicine program with a new audiogram sound booth at FastLane.

Our mission to provide exceptional health care service to every patient, every time is unwavering. As we forge ahead with our vision to be the best community healthcare system in the nation, we thank you for your continued support and trust.

Kindest Regards,

Larry Meese

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Lane Regional
Medical Center

Care You Can Count On



Michelle Shipe
Safety Director
Lane Regional Medical Center

Michelle is responsible for all safety, risk management, and HIPAA privacy programs, including Environment of Care, Emergency Management, and Life Safety compliance. She has more than 15 years of management experience and was the January 2006 Lane Employee of the Month.

"I am proud to be a part of the Lane family, where caring and compassion for our patients is top priority," states Michelle. "It's a place where people connect, care about each other, and work together as a team for the betterment of our patients and our community."



Mike Bua
Director of Environmental Services
Lane Regional Medical Center

Mike is responsible for all housekeeping efforts of the hospital, including personnel, supplies, cleanliness, and customer satisfaction. He has more than 11 years of environmental service experience and more than 35 years of management and operational experience. Mike is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and was named Lane Employee of the Month in January 2024.

"I'm excited to continue the excellent EVS program that we have at Lane," says Mike. "We have a great team who take pride in their work."



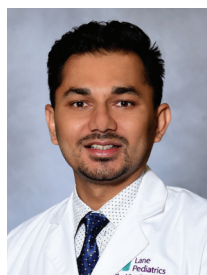
Tony Cruthis
Revenue Cycle Director
Lane Regional Medical Center

Tony is responsible for the daily operations of the revenue cycle team, including patient access, health information management, revenue integrity, patient financial services, the business office, and centralized scheduling. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and has more than 40 years of revenue cycle and operational management experience.

"I am happy to join the Lane team, because I believe in its mission to provide exceptional healthcare service to every patient, every time," says Tony.

Before the bell rings...

Call Lane Pediatrics for your back to school healthcare needs.



Dr. Sapkota



Dr. Heintz



Dr. Tijani

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Lane Rx is Here for YOU!

Lane Rx (formerly Medical Pharmacy) can refill prescriptions from any physician or medical provider – making it easier for you to transfer all your prescriptions to one convenient location.

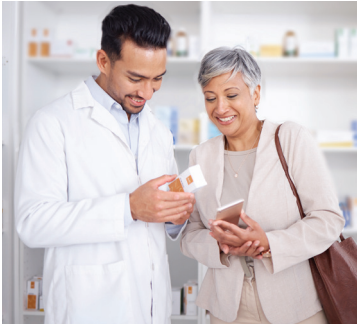


Lane Rx is located in front of Lane Regional Medical Center at 6400 Main Street in Zachary.

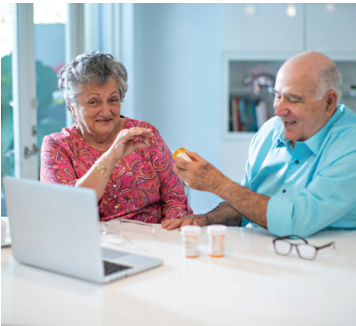
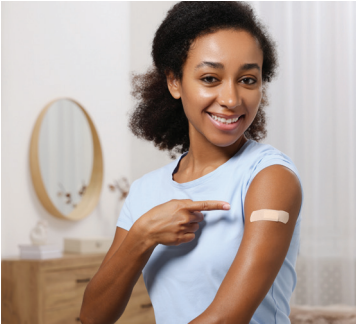
Services Include:

New prescriptions and transfers

Medication synchronization to pick up all of your refills on a single day each month



24/7 refills by calling 225-658-4022 or using the RxLocal mobile app to request and manage refills from your smart phone



Special flavoring available for children's medications

Patient counseling services to help manage your medications



Onsite vaccinations and immunizations – no prescription needed!

Durable medical equipment

Orthopedic, ostomy, and wound care supplies

Over-the-counter products

Gifts and Apparel



Assistance with insurance and billing

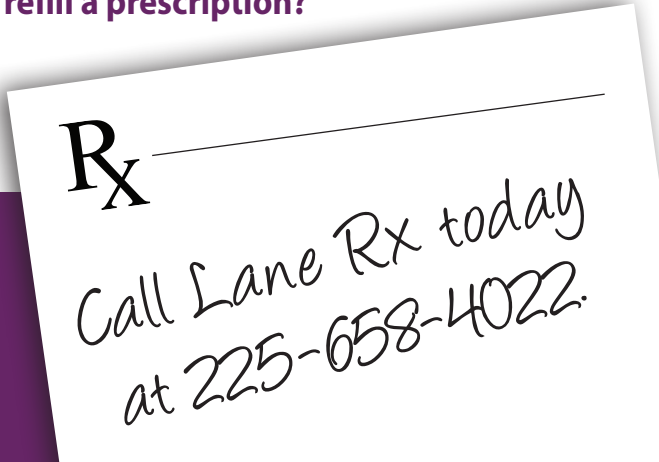
Convenient Drive-thru window



Our experienced pharmacists are here to answer questions about specific medications, dosages, prescriptions, and over-the-counter products.

As an independent pharmacy, Lane Rx is able to offer quality products and services – at prices that are competitive with the big national chains. Plus, we offer a special dose of compassion and care to help you feel at ease.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family. Have questions for the pharmacist or need to refill a prescription?



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EXPANSION

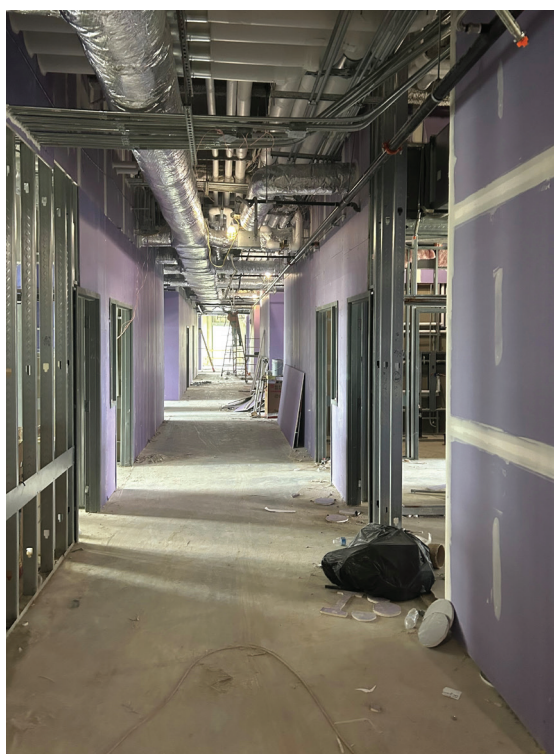
4-Story Patient Tower Work Continues

The front entrance of the hospital is temporarily closed for construction while the exterior canopy and interior lobby, new patient registration, and new surgery pre-admit areas are renovated.

Patients and visitors may enter through the Emergency Room.

Exterior brick has been installed and leak tested, and crews are now installing cap stones. The majority of windows have been installed with the exception of the ground floor. Preparations to install underground utilities are underway.

The new patient tower is scheduled to open in December 2024.



Construction Work In-Progress:

- HVAC ducts, temporary lighting, and plumbing supports
- Plumbing rough-ins
- Wall framing
- Drywall
- Sprinkler system
- Electrical tie-in of new A/C chillers
- Underground tie-ins for water, gas, electrical, sewer, fire water, and roof drains
- Installation of exterior cap stone
- Front entrance renovations

UPDATE

EXPANDING Laneability



Once the entire expansion project is complete in 2026, major changes to the hospital will include:

- 4-story patient tower and 37,000 square feet of interior renovations
- 48 new patient rooms with large windows and walk-in showers
- 6 additional ICU rooms
- Entire 2nd floor dedicated to a contemporary surgery department
- 4 operating suites equipped with advanced technology
- 15 private pre- & post-surgery patient rooms
- Patient registration and pre-admit areas relocated to front entrance
- New dining room and serving line
- Expanded lab and imaging areas
- UV light technology for purified air throughout the facility
- Modernized front entrance



Lane Honors Staff Members for Service Milestones

Congratulations to the 25 Lane Regional Medical Center staff members celebrating a Service Award milestone. Honorees were recognized to thank them for their service at Lane. Collectively they represent 305 years of service.

35 Years of Service

Melinda Shelton, Endoscopy

25 Years of Service

David Beck, Human Resources

Kelly Fowler, Labor & Delivery

Jeanesa Jackson, Respiratory Therapy

20 Years of Service

Steven Blanchard, Imaging

15 Years of Service

Valerie Cathey, Wound Care & Hyperbarics

Kelsi Melancon, Emergency Room

Tiffany Miller, Med Surg/Tele

Kristy Riles, Emergency Room

Andrea Sanders, First South

10 Years of Service

Lindsey Bentley, Imaging

Tara Mercer, Wound Care & Hyperbarics

Betty Musselman, Family Practice

Jefferson Rogers, Environmental Services

True Love Rogers, Environmental Services

5 Years of Service

Mandi Foretich, Executive Offices

Dawn Fuller, Labor & Delivery

Michaela George, Social Services

Robin Hemba, Imaging

Eliza Johnson, Food & Nutritional Services

Tammy Magee, Respiratory Therapy

Kimberly Meiners, Family Practice

Jacklyn Olinde, Pharmacy

Jaminequa Sambo, Emergency Room

Valencia Selders, Rehabilitation Center



35 Years: Melinda Shelton



25 Years: Kelly Fowler, David Beck, and Jeanesa Jackson



20 Years: Steven Blanchard



15 Years: Andrea Sanders, Kristy Riles, and Valerie Cathey



10 Years: Tara Mercer, True Love Rogers, and Jefferson Rogers



5 Years: Robin Hemba, Jacklyn Olinde, and Mandi Foretich

Join the Lane Team!

APPLY AT [LANERM.C.ORG/CAREERS](https://lanermc.org/careers)



Patient Testimonials

Occupational Therapy Edith Mims Patient Story

When Edith Mims experienced two strokes over a year ago, she recognized the symptoms when she fell at her sister’s birthday gala. “I had fallen, and I tried to get up and fell again,” remembers Edith. However, with the gala’s festivities, she opted to remain at the party. “The next day, I had another stroke. We were having dinner, and I dropped the same fork three times; after that, I said it was time to go to the emergency room.”

Edith’s road to recovery has been long, but the progress she’s made with her Occupational Therapists and the staff at Lane Outpatient Therapy has been incredible. After her stroke, she couldn’t walk or use her right arm. She had to relearn how to feed herself, bathe and dress herself, and physically take care of the daily parts of her life. “At the beginning, they did everything they could to make me happy, and I needed that because I couldn’t do anything for myself. I was encouraged and told what I needed to do and how I needed to do it,” Edith recalls.

Today, Edith can participate in the things that she loves, such as church, the Council on Aging, and Southern’s Jaguar football games. Edith has progressed from needing a wheelchair to using a cane. Now, she is ready to put that cane down.

Describing herself as a “Young 76” Edith has big plans as she continues to progress and improve with the help of Lane Outpatient Therapy. “More trips, more games, and more parties. I want to stay independent. I’m so grateful and thankful for the Occupational Therapists at Lane.”



Edith does wish she’d have done things differently.
“When I had the first stroke, I should have gone to the hospital right then and there. The ER was great. When I moved to the Rehab Center, it got better. At Lane Outpatient Therapy, it was the best!”

Lane Endoscopy Center and Colon Cancer Awareness Dr. Joshua Best’s Patient Story

Dr. Josh Best, an OB/GYN physician at Lane, recently turned 45 - the age where a colonoscopy was recommended for his own health. “The idea of having a colonoscopy is not very appealing. The bowel prep is the toughest part, but it’s not terrible,” remarks Dr. Best. “Now having gone through that myself, I can provide insight to my patients. The procedure itself is quick and painless, more like a power nap, as you’re sedated the entire time.”

Dr. Best includes colon cancer screenings as part of his regular regimen of female healthcare routines and evaluations. “I’ve been recommending colon cancer screenings to my patients for as long as I’ve been practicing medicine,” says Dr. Best. “Typically, patients see me for a wellness or annual exam and are expecting a pap smear, a mammogram, etc. But once they turn 45, I like to cover why they need to schedule a colonoscopy.”

A colonoscopy is a medical procedure used to examine the inside of the colon and rectum for abnormalities or signs of disease, such as colorectal cancer, polyps, inflammation, or bleeding. Colonoscopies are crucial for early detection and prevention of colorectal cancer, as they can detect precancerous growths, which can also be removed during the procedure before they develop into cancer.



Dr. Best’s advice:
“I truly believe it’s easier to have one unpleasant night of prep than to have colon cancer. Please talk to your doctor about getting a colonoscopy when you turn 45. I recommend the staff at Lane Gastroenterology and Lane Endoscopy Center; they are the best.”

Scrapbook

Lactation Consultation for New & Expecting Moms

If you are an expecting or breastfeeding mom, an appointment with a certified lactation consultant will help both you and your baby. Services include setting a breastfeeding routine, finding the best breastfeeding positions for you and baby, help with latching, milk supply, and other challenges, and recognizing breastfeeding conditions like mastitis and plugged ducts.

Lactation consultations are covered by most insurance plans and Medicaid. To schedule an appointment, please call 225-658-6612.



Kiara Carnes, RN, IBCLC, is a board-certified lactation consultant at Lane.

Lab Week

Our Lab staff is made up of clerical staff, Associate and Baccalaureate degreed laboratorians, phlebotomists, specimen procurement specialists, and clinic laboratory assistants. The Lab at Lane performs over a million individual lab procedures every year!



Pictured L-R: Dianne Peabody, Jodi Boudreaux, Bree Evans, Ori Roussel, Kellye Glover, LaToya King, Dawn Carter, Tawanna Robertson, Hannah Jones, Tara Pitcher, and David Broussard.

United Hero Award

Lane Family Practice congratulates Dr. Tommy Gould and Dr. Kimberly Meiners for receiving the United Healthcare Hero Award! Each year, the United Hero program recognizes physicians and advanced practice providers for delivering highly-rated patient experiences.



Pictured L-R: Ashton Faulk, Tommy Gould, and Ashlee Miller

Pictured L-R: Catina Robillard, Kimberly Meiners, and Katie Leger



Foundation Donation

The Zachary Lions Club recently donated \$15,000 to the Lane RMC Foundation to purchase a Panda Warmer for the Labor & Delivery unit to allow moms to spend more time with their new arrivals.



Pictured L-R, back row: John Cobb, Lambert Ratard; front row: Mary Bellcase, Theresa Payment, and Francoise Ratard

Nursing Excellence

Ronniecia Rutledge, RN, was recognized at the Baton Rouge



District Nurses Association as a recipient of the "Celebrate Nursing Award". As an ER nurse, Ro is recognized for her dedication to the advancement of nursing practice and for excelling in nursing, encouraging professional development, and promoting a positive image of nursing. Congratulations Ro!

New Audiogram Sound Booth at FastLane

FastLane has upgraded its Workforce Wellness/ Occupational Medicine Program by adding new a sound-proof booth for audiogram testing. "The Silencer" is built with 3-inch-thick panel walls and provides a higher degree of noise reduction for testing.



Pictured L-R: Liz Sagely, Michelle Brummel, and Josh Martin

Birth Ready Plus Re-Designation

Lane Family Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) has re-designated Lane Regional Medical Center as a Birth Ready + facility. This re-designation celebrates the hospital's consistent healthcare improvement for perinatal health outcomes, the result of implementing clinical practices to promote safe, equitable, and dignified birth for all.



Pictured L-R: Members of Lane's Labor & Delivery team include Jessica Belue, Jamie Schmolke, Keith Elborne, Dawn Fuller, Joshua Best, Samantha Bland, Nikki Gautreaux, Kate Pinkston, Savannah Lewis, and Layni Reynerson.

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