



You're Gonna *Love* LANE



Message from CEO

The future of healthcare is happening as Lane continues to invest in the region. Our expansion project for an updated facility focused entirely on patient-centered care continues to move forward. With the demolition of the west wing and old nursing home complete, we are now in the construction phase of the four-story patient tower.

Lane was named a Birth Ready Plus facility for perinatal health outcomes, which is very gratifying since we are one of only nine hospitals in the state to receive this designation.

We launched a new bariatric weight loss surgery program at Lane Surgery Group and expanded services at Lane Dermatology and FASTLane. Lane Rx, a free-standing, second retail pharmacy location, will be opening this summer. Behind the scenes, we completed hospital equipment upgrades including the most advanced technology available for our mammography units, telemetry monitors, anesthesia pumps, endo scopes, ortho drills, patient beds, and laundry machines.

As we move upward and onward with our vision for the future of Lane, 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



WELCOME TO LANE



Jassoni Martin, Pharm D
*Pharmacy Director
Lane Regional Medical Center*

Jassoni is responsible for the operation and management of Lane's retail pharmacy and the hospital's pharmacy department to ensure quality pharmaceutical services are provided according to accreditation and professional standards.

A graduate of University of Louisiana at Monroe, Jassoni has more than 12 years of pharmacy experience. She is a member of the Minority Women Pharmacists Association, Louisiana Pharmacist Association, University of Louisiana at Monroe Alumni Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

"I am so happy to be part of the Lane team because of its mission to provide an exceptional healthcare experience with each interaction," says Jassoni. "Through pharmacy services, I hope to improve healthcare outcomes and live out our vision of becoming the best community healthcare system in the nation."



Maranath Graugnard, FNP-BC
*Nurse Practitioner
Lane OB/GYN*

Maranath has more than 20 years of healthcare experience in reproductive health, sexual health, family planning, and prenatal care, as well as medical/surgical, cardiopulmonary, home health, and pediatric care.

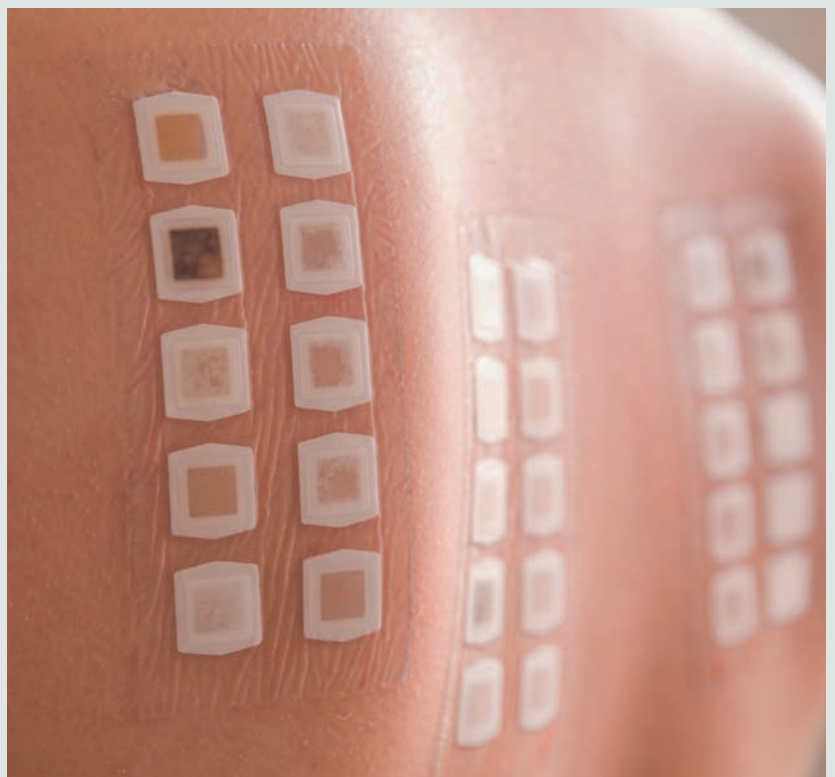
Maranath earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, received her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix, and completed a post-Master's certificate at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University where she was named Outstanding Student of the Year.

"As a former nurse at Lane, I'm thrilled to join the OB/GYN team, because I believe it is an exceptional opportunity for me to work with such well-known and talented physicians," says Maranath. "I look forward to providing safe, competent, and compassionate care to the women who rely on us in this region and developing relationships with my new patients and co-workers."

Lane Dermatology NOW OFFERING Skin Patch Testing

Lane Dermatology is now offering patch testing to identify substances that may be causing a skin rash, or contact dermatitis.

The patch testing procedure is simple and painless. The test involves applying patches of various diluted allergens onto the skin, usually on the back. Patches are worn for approximately 2 days and then removed. The area of skin that was tested will be evaluated by the dermatologist 4 days after the patches are removed to see if any skin rashes are present, which confirm an allergy/allergies.



The skin patch test differs from a skin prick test in that it focuses on contact skin allergens as opposed to reactions from food consumption or airborne allergens. It is a safe, effective way to diagnose contact allergies and learn which everyday chemicals, soaps, fabrics, or other materials to avoid.

To make an appointment at Lane Dermatology with Dr. Jessica LeBlanc or Dr. Ashely Record, please call 225-658-4065.



**Lane
Dermatology**

Lane Dermatology is located at 4801 McHugh Road, Suite C in Zachary.

Join the Lane Patient and Family Advisory Council Today!

If you or a loved one have been a patient at Lane, we'd like your feedback and input on our patient care programs, projects, and initiatives.

As an Advisory Council volunteer, you will share your passion, provide valuable insight from a consumer's point of view, and work with administration and staff to create new processes.

Consider joining the Patient and Family Advisory Council - and help us make the overall patient/family experience at Lane even better!

Advisory Council member responsibilities include:

- Attend advisory council meetings on a regular basis
- Serve as a resource for patient/family satisfaction
- Review/develop processes and educational materials
- Collaborate on identified patient-centered topics



Make a Difference

Complete an online application today to become a member of the Lane Patient and Family Advisory Council at: [LaneRMC.org/PFAC](https://lanermc.org/PFAC)

For more information or to receive an application by mail, please email or call Jamie Schmolke at jschmolke@lanermc.org or 225-658-6612.



Reach Your Goals With WEIGHT LOSS Surgery



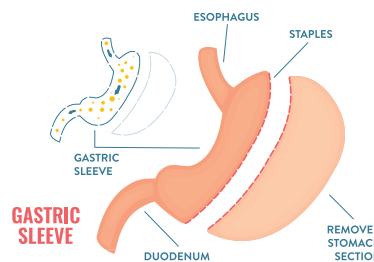
You could be a candidate for surgical weight loss if you:

- Are more than 80 pounds over your ideal body weight.
- Have a Body Mass Index (height to weight ratio) between 40-47.
- Have a Body Mass Index of over 35 and are experiencing severe negative health effects, such as high blood pressure or diabetes.
- Are unable to achieve a healthy body weight for a sustained period of time, even through medically supervised dieting.

At Lane Surgery Group, we are helping many morbidly obese people lose weight through Gastric Sleeve Surgery. Using this laparoscopic procedure, our general surgeons remove 3/4 of the stomach which limits the amount of food that can be eaten and reduces hunger signals to the brain.

The surgery entails a one-night inpatient hospital stay, but most people can return to work in as little as a week after the procedure.

To discuss your weight loss goals, medical history, and gain a better understanding about Gastric Sleeve Surgery and its risks as well as its benefits, please call Lane Surgery Group at 225-570-2489 to schedule a consultation.



Frank Sanfiel, MD,
FACS



Dan Bourgeois, MD



Fredrick J. Bohanon, MD,
FACS, DABS

For your weight loss surgery, Lane Surgery Group accepts Medicaid and has cash pay and payment plan options!

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Zachary, LA 70791

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Great Care For Your Children



Now Offering FREE Meet the Doc Appointments!

If you are expecting a new baby, plan 30 minutes to come by our office and meet our pediatricians before your baby arrives. That's all it will take to ensure your child has great care from Day 1 – care you can count on at Lane Pediatrics!

From diagnosing and treating common childhood illnesses, to the sudden onset of viral or bacterial infections, flu, strep throat, ear infections, stomach aches and more, we have the expertise your child needs.

- Newborn wellness checks
- Well-baby exams
- Developmental screenings
- Preventative check-ups
- Immunizations
- School and Sports physicals
- Primary care services
- Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccinations
- On-site Lab testing

Same Day Appointments Available! Call 225-658-4070

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 4:30pm • Friday 7:30am - 2:00pm



Shola
Tijani, MD
Pediatrician

Board Certification: American Board of Pediatrics

Medical Education: St. George's University School of Medicine

Residency: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



Chana
Heintz, MD
Pediatrician

Board Eligible: American Board of Pediatrics

Medical Education: St. George's University School of Medicine

Residency: University at Buffalo Jacob's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



**Lane
Pediatrics**

6110 Main Street, Suite B
LaneRMC.org



Lane Honors Staff Members for Service Milestones

30 Years of Service

Cindy Conerly, Respiratory Therapy
Megan Prejean, Wound Care
Dawn Logston, Human Resources

25 Years of Service

Tarsha Armstead, Food & Nutritional Services

20 Years of Service

Kathy Pate, Case Management

10 Years of Service

Bernadette Ellis, Emergency Department
Jennifer Beene, Endoscopy Center
Jeneya Johnson, Labor & Delivery
Tiffany Perkins, Home Health
Teresa Whetstone, Quality Resources

5 Years of Service

Krista Gautreaux, Cath Lab
Sandy St. Romain, Staff Development
Tyra Gross, Environmental Services
Jessica Hunt, Home Health
Megan Rispone, Home Health
Kasey Cador, Rehabilitation Center
Dusty Guidry, Therapy Services
Dawn McBeth, Telemetry
Chris Savoy, Imaging

These team members embody exceptional dedication to Lane – and our community. Collectively they represent 230 years of service. Congratulations!!!



30 Years: Cindy Conerly, Megan Prejean, and Dawn Logston



25 Years: Tarsha Armstead



20 Years: Kathy Pate



10 Years: Bernadette Ellis



5 Years: Krista Gautreaux, Sandy St. Romain, Tyra Gross, Jessica Hunt, and Megan Rispone

Birth Ready+ Designation

Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) has designated Lane Regional Medical Center as a Birth Ready + facility. This 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. Lane has been working with LaPQC for years to implement evidence-based best practices and is committed to providing compassionate, family friendly, and specialized healthcare to every patient, every time.



Pictured L-R: Members of Lane's Labor & Delivery team include Brandi Haynes-Metoyer, Annie Wells, Dawn Fuller, Keith Elbourne, Nikki Gautreaux, Jamie Schmolke, Chassidy Hoyt, and Jessica Miller.



The \$90M hospital expansion project for Lane is moving forward.

Construction Work Completed:

- Demolition of the hospital's west wing and former nursing home
- Removal of exterior brick for new steel beams of the 4-story tower to tie into existing building
- Removal of the old concrete foundation and debris from demolition work
- Installation of new building drains tied into existing hospital roof drains
- Leveling of dirt and depth testing of first concrete pylon
- Pouring of the 141 concrete pylons to support the steel columns of the 4-story tower
- Digging of trench foundations around the exterior pylons and filling with concrete to support the exterior walls
- Preparation of soil with lime stabilization as foundation for concrete slab framing
- Digging of elevator and stairwell shafts
- Installing new sewer line and tying into city's infrastructure



LANE BREAKS GROUND ON 4-STORY PATIENT TOWER

Construction Work In-Progress:

- Pouring of the new 35,000 sq. ft. slab for the 4-story patient tower
- Installing storm-water drainage system
- Mobilizing structural steel



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

- New 4-story patient tower and 37,000 square feet of interior renovations
- 48 new, private, expansive patient rooms with large windows and walk-in showers
- 6 new ICU rooms, double the current size, creating a total of 14 ICU rooms
- Entire 2nd floor dedicated to a contemporary Surgery Department
- 4 new operating suites, double the current size, equipped with advanced technology
- 15 private pre- & post-surgery patient rooms
- Endoscopy Center and Infusion Center relocated to inside the Surgery Department
- Patient Registration and Surgery Pre-admit areas relocated to the front entrance
- New dining room with more seating and upgraded serving line
- Expanded Lab and Imaging areas
- 2nd CT machine dedicated to ER and Pre-admit testing
- UV light technology for purified air throughout the facility
- Modernized front entrance

We celebrated our
**HEALTHCARE
HEROES**
during Hospital Week
with lots of food
and fun!





Thank You
HEALTHCARE
HEROES



Celebrate Nursing Award

Congratulations to Brittany Casey, RN and Eric Rome, RN who received the “Celebrate Nursing Award” from the Baton Rouge District Nurses Association!

This award recognizes nurses for their dedication to the advancement of nursing practice and who excel in nursing, encourage professional development, and promote a positive image of nursing.

Brittany Casey, RN

Brittany is a registered nurse with more than 20 years of experience. Brittany is a role model for nursing and improving patient processes and outcomes for care. She is certified in critical care nursing and is an advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) instructor. During the COVID-19 pandemic, not only did she jump in to care for patients and support the nursing team, she also played a vital role in a facility-wide response plan, including daily staff updates via Zoom.

As the staff development coordinator, Brittany is an advocate and mentor throughout the hospital. Brittany promotes a positive image of nursing in all she does and sets high expectations for best practices in nursing. She works closely with both staff nurses and student nurses, overseeing student nurse orientation, pairing with preceptors, and evaluating their clinical effectiveness. In addition to providing quarterly and annual education opportunities for staff, she is also a nurse recruiter, nurse tech program supervisor, and AHEC program liaison. Brittany is a past Lane employee of the month, a multiple Nightingale award nominee, and DAISY award recipient.



Pictured L-R: Brittany Casey and Eric Rome

Eric Rome, RN

Eric is the heart catheterization lab director and takes great pride in his role. With more than 19 years of nursing experience, he is certified as a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist and an ACLS instructor. Eric is proficient in all cath lab procedures as well as monitoring and interpreting data from diagnostic procedures. He exudes a calm and confident presence during procedures and makes patients, physicians, and staff feel at ease.

To help staff build confidence in the care they provide, Eric uses case reviews for learning opportunities. The more he learns, the more he shares. He helps his nurses and technicians to understand why they are performing diagnostic testing, what they are looking for based on a patient’s history and findings, and how the physician’s data is affecting the diagnosis. Eric is a former Nightingale registered nurse of the year award winner, as well as a Lane employee of the month.

Heart Recovery Story



Keith Robillard, 65, is an active husband and father from False River. For years, Keith experienced intermittent chest pain, but he ignored his symptoms and continued working full time at his air conditioning & heating business as well as walking three miles per day.

Once Keith began to experience increased chest pain and fatigue, and could no longer walk without needing to stop to rest, he went to his primary care doctor, who then sent him to the emergency room. Further tests revealed he had suffered a heart attack and was in cardiogenic shock, a condition in which the heart cannot pump enough blood and oxygen to the brain and other vital organs.

At Lane Cardiovascular Center, Dr. Charles Thompson implanted the Impella CP with SmartAssist devise to allow Keith’s heart to rest before placing stents to clear his blockage. Two days later, Keith went home to his family and a short time later he returned to work.

Scrapbook

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day

As the nation's food and nutrition experts, registered dietitian nutritionists are committed to improving the health of their patients, clients, and communities.



Pictured L – R: Melissa Landry, Katelyn Lamy, Melissa Acosta, and Terri Nelson.

National Social Worker Day

These professionals assist patients in understanding their condition and provide the resources to fulfill emotional, financial and social needs. Social Workers assist patients to set goals, form plans to reach those goals, and ensure that the patient has the resources necessary to reach their goals.



Pictured L-R: Arianna Lord, Breanna Foster, Florence Scarle, Keri Walters, and Heidi Fendlason.

Infant CPR Kit Donation



Pictured L-R: Stephanie Hughson, Shavon Knighten, Dawn Fuller, Patty Williams, Jamie Schmolke, and Nicole Jackson.

The Capital Area chapter of the American Heart Association along with Junior League of Baton Rouge presented 80 Infant CPR Anytime kits to Lane.

Infant CPR Anytime kits contain everything needed to learn the lifesaving skills of infant CPR and infant choking relief in the comfort of one's home. The kits are also used in hospital labor and delivery programs to teach skills to new parents, allowing nursing staff to focus on patient care.



Scholarship Award

Jenna Theriot, RN, a Lane Emergency Room nurse, received the Edith Lobue Scholarship from the Baton Rouge District Nurses Association. Jenna plans to use the \$1,000 award toward her Doctorate in Nursing Practice. The scholarship is given annually to a candidate pursuing an advanced nursing degree.

National Doctors' Day

In celebration of National Doctors' Day, we recognize our Physician Appreciation Award winners who were nominated by staff and their peers.



Champagne Award

Physician with the most bubbly personality:
Dr. Shola Tijani
Lane Pediatrics



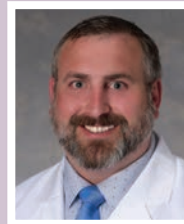
Funny Bone Award

Physician with the best sense of humor:
Dr. Joshua Best
Lane OB/GYN



Cool as a Cucumber Award

Physician who is the most calm under pressure:
Dr. Deepak Thekkoot,
Cardiovascular
Institute of the South



Duct Tape Award

Physician who can repair anything:
Dr. Jamie Bohanon
Lane Surgery Group



Sunflower Award

Physician whose presence brings comfort to patients and their caregivers:
Dr. Samantha Bland
Lane OB/GYN



Eagle Award

Physician with the finest integrity and leadership qualities:
Dr. Tommy Gould
Lane Family Practice

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

Our licensed laboratorians, phlebotomists, clinical lab assistants, and lab clerical staff perform and deliver over a million individual lab tests per year at the hospital and in our clinics. They are a very dedicated group of team members, and we thank them for their many contributions to patient care here at Lane!





Competition Results

The 8th Annual Lane Foundation Code Red Chili Cook-off & Salsa Competition was held recently in downtown Zachary. In addition to tasting some world-class chili and salsa, patrons also enjoyed other activities such as a free kid's zone, arts & crafts market, face painting, games, and live music.



1st Place Judges Red Chili: A Taste of Home

Cameron Lambert, Kendall Davis, and Head Cook Jeff Davis



1st Place Judges Salsa: Sassy Hen 'N More

Head Cook Sharon Gouedy



1st Place People's Choice Chili: Blue Chili's

Alex Bonds, Head Cook Mike White, Walker Stephens, and Ty Stephens



1st Place People's Choice Salsa: Team Ring Sting

Head Cook Jana Ragsdale and George Ragsdale



1st Place Best Tent/Team Spirit: GP Loan Stars

Santana Vicellio, Rachel Hann, Rebecca Young, and Head Cook Chandler Young

Thanks to our Sponsors:

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- **In Kind Sponsors:** Cypress Title of Zachary; Tabasco; The Lodge at Lane; The Advocate; and Zachary Feed & Seed

"We are so appreciative of all of the teams who entered the competition and made it the most successful cook-off we've had yet," said Lane Foundation Director Theresa Payment. "This year we had 19 teams, with six of them being first time contenders. We had more than 400 patrons sample the chili and salsa entries, and many teams gave out over five gallons of chili and salsa. We want to thank all of our teams, judges, volunteers, sponsors, board members, and others who contributed to the event."

HERO Club Donation

Members of Lane's HERO Club (Hospital Employees Reaching Out) recently presented a check for **\$2,500** to the American Heart Association.



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