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Richard Barker,
Administrator

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911

Clinic Appointments
276-2400

Hospital Information
276-3347

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276-1542

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276-2042
Hotline - 226-6424

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276-9410

No More Lab Work For This PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Tad Hall, PA-C

Emergency Room Manager – EMS/Fire Brigade Manager

Tad Hall thought he wanted a career as a lab technician, but Marietta physicians Tom O'Connor and Vergil Smith encouraged him to become a physician assistant instead.

"We met in 1978 while I was working weekends in the hospital laboratory, finishing my degree from Midwestern University. I did go on to PA school at OU, interned under their guidance, and was hired full-time for the emergency department after graduating in 1982."

Over the years, the hospital's emergency services expanded to meet the needs of the community, eventually forming a roster of more than 50 physician assistants, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, first aid attendants, and instructors. With each expansion, Hall was asked to take on increasing management responsibility.

1994: Love County EMS comes under hospital management. With additional staffing, training, and improvements, basic ambulance service is raised to Advanced Life Support, or paramedic-level. Between runs, the medics assist in the emergency room, which Hall also manages.

2003: Chickasaw Nation contracts with the hospital for ambulance and first aid services for the new WinStar Casino near Thackerville. EMS Station 2 is established at WinStar.

2006: Chickasaw Nation contracts with the hospital for EMS to provide first aid services at Riverwind Casino near Norman.

2007: An EMS Training Center with full-time coordinator is constructed to educate EMTs, paramedics, and volunteer emergency medical responders, and teach first aid and CPR to the public.

2008: WinStar Casino expands its hospital contract to include fire service. EMS develops a Fire Brigade, adding significantly to the roster of Paramedics and EMTs with firefighter training. Chickasaw Nation acquires fire apparatus and constructs a new Station 2 to house EMS and Lighthouse Police.

2015: New emergency wing of the hospital opens, doubling the number of examination rooms and providing a large new waiting room and triage station. "Besides patient care, I enjoy project management, whether it's building the fire brigade, expanding the educational department, or handling the technical aspects of starting something new. I also enjoy hiring staff, finding their strengths and roles, and helping them in a career," Hall said.

"This is a large and busy department. Each year I spend more and more of my time in management and have had to curtail my patient care hours. I've been here 35 years and all of it has been rewarding. It is a privilege to be part of this hospital team in such a supportive county. Every day I am thankful that Dr. Smith, Dr. O'Connor, and CEO Richard Barker encouraged and nurtured me."



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