



# Mason Health

## Mason General Hospital • Mason Clinic

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# What's Happening

### Foundation News

#### CALLING ALL GOLFERS! Early Bird Pricing Deadline for Quality Care Open is June 19!

Mason Health Foundation is pleased to announce the 30th anniversary of the Quality Care Open, one of Mason County's premier golf fundraisers. The tournament will take place on Friday, July 10, at Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club! **Note: Early Bird pricing is \$199 per player or \$796 per team. Register today!**

This year's Fund-An-Item appeal will contribute to the purchase of four Philips Avalon FM series fetal and maternal monitors. With this new technology in the Birth Center, Mason Health can prevent birth complications and improve care outcomes for expectant mothers.



The Foundation thanks our Platinum Level sponsors **Olympia Orthopaedic Associates** and **CDW**, as well as our Gold Level sponsors: **Consertus, Abbott Construction, Capital Business Machines, Hood Canal Communications, Electrocom Sound and Communication Systems**, and **Our Community Credit Union**. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest!

*Note: Sponsors as of April 22, 2026*

### CONSTRUCTION AT THE HOSPITAL

Mason Health has been undergoing a series of construction projects in alignment with the District's Campus Master Plan. These projects will further Mason Health's mission by expanding services for patients, ensuring the District can continue to provide the best patient-centered care.

For more construction updates, visit [www.masonhealth.com](http://www.masonhealth.com).

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### News Briefs

#### Mason Health welcomes new Emergency Department supervisor Kevin Guandiquez as Emergency Department launches patient experience enhancement strategy



Kevin Guandiquez

Mason Health is proud to welcome **Kevin Guandiquez**, BSN, RN, as the new Emergency Department (ED) Supervisor. He joined the organization on Jan. 26. His arrival coincides with the rollout of a department wide strategic initiative focused on enhancing the Emergency Department patient experience through communication, presence, and a renewed culture of compassion.

"At Mason Health, I saw a unique opportunity, not just to lead, but to have a meaningful impact," he said. "In smaller communities, you can see the difference you make. My goal is to be visible, supportive, and present with the team. That's how culture changes, by showing up and working alongside people."

The Emergency Department wants to enhance patient satisfaction, improve flow and length of stay experiences, and rebuild community trust in the emergency care environment through clear communication, active listening, and compassionate service.

As part of the initiative, Chavez and Guandiquez meet regularly with physicians and Mason Health CEO Eric Moll to review patient satisfaction surveys and data from safety reports, finding opportunities for improvement. They will also be conducting routine rounds on the clinical floor and in the ED lobby to model the communication standards they expect from the team.



Christina Chavez

**Christina Chavez**, Emergency Department Manager, has been with Mason Health for 21 years and has witnessed an evolving landscape of emergency nursing.

"Nursing has changed so much, and it's never going back to the way it was," Chavez said. "It's harder now — our patients are sicker, wait times are longer, and the toll on staff is real. We also have a strong,

caring team. We listen to what our patients need and helping our team stay positive and engaged."

### Special Kudos

Congratulations to **William Bernal**, Environmental Services Technician, for being named the April 2026 Employee of the Month!



### Mission

United Community, Empowered People,  
Exceptional Health

### Vision

Provide the best patient-centered care  
in the Pacific Northwest

### Values

Service & Relationships

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### Mason Health recognizes volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week

On Monday, April 20, Mason Health honored volunteers with a breakfast reception attended by dozens of volunteers, Mason Health staff, and community members.

Volunteers can be found in almost every area of Mason General Hospital and Mason Clinic. The gift shop is managed and staffed by volunteers. Members of the local faith community serve as chaplains to meet patients' spiritual needs. Culinary and Nutrition Services, the Birth Center, the Emergency Department, Marketing and Development, No One Dies Alone (NODA) — all these entities have a volunteer presence.



"I love being at the clinic and being there for someone who needs it," said Taunya Allred, Mason Clinic volunteer. "I love the work and the environment. Every day I can make a difference in someone's day or learn something new from one of the many employees I interact with."

Without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, Mason Health would be a very different place and would not be able to provide the same level of care that we do. "In our very busy clinic, our volunteers take the time to greet each patient that walks through the door. Often our volunteers are the first impression our patients receive; they set the tone with genuine care," said Breanna Turner, Patient Access Supervisor.

"Volunteering in Mason County has been two-fold — giving back to my new community and meeting people in my new community," said Penny Nielsen, Foundation/Development volunteer. "I have remained as a volunteer because I am valued as a volunteer at Mason Health. I have been given tasks that are meaningful, so I have a genuine sense I am contributing to Mason Health and Mason County."

### Classes & Workshops

#### Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group

A support group for people living with a traumatic brain injury.

**Time:** 1 to 2 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month

**Location:** Mason Health meeting room in the Shelton Family YMCA  
3101 Olympic Highway North, Shelton

**Cost:** Free

#### Cancer Wellness Workshop

For information, call 360-432-7706 or email [patientnavigator@masongeneral.com](mailto:patientnavigator@masongeneral.com).

**Time:** 4 to 6:30 p.m., second Wed. of the month

**Location:** ZOOM or conference call

**Cost:** Free



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