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## Medical device companies talk policy, workforce at Statehouse visit

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Indiana lawmakers got a look at the medical-device manufacturing industry on Jan. 31, when representatives from several device companies visited the Statehouse to share what they do and the importance of their work.

The annual event, organized by the Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, allowed legislators and medical-device companies to discuss their businesses, products and how potential legislative acts, namely those connected to a proposed medical-device tax, would impact Hoosiers.

“(Jan. 31’s) event is beneficial because it gives policymakers first-hand exposure to this crucial Indiana industry,” Anne Hathaway, executive director of IMDMC, said in an announcement from the council. “Our member companies are at the forefront of innovation in our state and supply life-changing Hoosier-made products to the world. We are excited to continue to share this Indiana success story.”

IMDMC noted in its announcement that the medical-device industry is a large player in the Indiana economy, employing approximately 20,000 people and offering wages above the state average.

“Indiana is a leader in medical-device manufacturing,” Tom Barnett, president of IMDMC, said in the announcement. “So it is key that our industry and our state continue to invest in important innovation and development of new products, which can save and improve the lives of Hoosiers, Americans and people worldwide.”

### **Parkview recognizes American Heart Month**

Throughout the month of February, American Heart Month, Parkview Health will host multiple workshops and information sessions pertaining to heart health.

As part of its month of celebration and education, Parkview will offer free heart screenings on Tuesdays from Feb. 6 until Feb. 27 and multiple information sessions to talk about everything from healthy eating to the basics of heart health.

Parkview will also host its annual Love Your Heart Expo on Feb. 15, providing a whole slew of services and informational booths to help people be as heart healthy as they can be.

During the entire month, the west side of Parkview Health Institute will be aglow with red, heart shaped lights in acknowledgement. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge will also be lit up between Feb. 9 and Feb. 11 for the occasion.

Data from the American Heart Association shows that heart disease is the country’s leading cause of death with approximately 790,000 people having a heart attack each year. Parkview and health-care officials across the country hope that their efforts to educate the nation about heart health can help to lower these statistics.

### **Summit City Nursing earns high marks in inspection**

Summit City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center passed its annual state inspection, receiving a “deficiency-free” rating, per an announcement from American Senior Communities.

The center, which offers rehabilitation, memory care and nursing to local seniors, joins a “low percentage,” of facilities in Indiana who have also received this designation. The ratings, according to ASC, is based on how well a center aligns with state standards of care connected to staffing, cleanliness and quality of services offered.

“We are so proud of and grateful to our team at Summit City for living out these values in an exceptional way,” ASC’s COO David Stordy said. “Without this team’s high level of dedication and commitment, a deficiency-free survey would not be possible.”

## **USF students host PTA fair**

Students in the physical therapist assistant program at University of Saint Francis will share their knowledge with the community on Feb. 12 during the program's PTA Health Fair.

The topics, researched and presented by 18 current PTA students will cover a range of topics connected to health and wellness including sleep, posture and even essential oils. This presentation will serve as part of the students' graduation requirements.

The fair will take place starting at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the University of Saint Francis Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education.

## **Visiting Angels hosts grief workshop**

The local caregivers group invites the public to attend its workshop focusing on Understanding Your Grief. During the presentation, Dar Richardson will talk about how grief manifests itself and how it can impact people's daily lives as well as facilitate discussions about how grief uniquely impacts different people.

The workshop will be at 11 a.m. on Feb. 22 at the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center. Visiting Angels asks that interested people RSVP at (260) 435-3261.