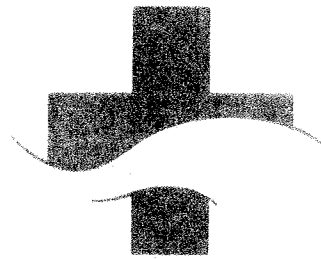


**You are part
of our
Safety Team!**



**NEMAHA COUNTY
H O S P I T A L**

Thank you for selecting Nemaha County Hospital for your medical needs. Hospitals work hard to ensure that every patient has a safe and positive outcome. However, there is some risk involved in almost everything we do in life, including coming into a hospital. For example, unfortunate occurrences such as falls, medication errors, equipment malfunction, allergic reactions, and infections can occur despite our best efforts. No one can promise you that accidents won't happen, but we think that if patients and hospitals work together, they can lower the risk of accidental injuries and improve patient safety. Research shows that patients who are more involved with their care tend to get better results.

While receiving treatment at Nemaha County Hospital, your safety is our primary concern. Many procedures are in place at our facility to protect your well-being and to secure the best medical outcome possible for you.

Our state of the art information system features electronic bedside charting and JCAHO recommended barcoding of medication verification. Our medication delivery system provides many safeguards that ensure your safety.



At Right: A Nemaha County Hospital nurse uses the computerized bar coding and scanning system to deliver patient medication.

THANKS FOR JOINING OUR SAFETY PARTNERSHIP!

Nemaha County Hospital physicians and staff are proud of the high quality care that we deliver to our patients. We acknowledge that while we do provide the best care possible, to err is human. We appreciate your partnering with us to make sure you have the positive experience that patients have come to expect from this facility.

Something seems unsafe? See something we've missed or something we can do better? Please let us know, we want to hear about it. We welcome your concerns and questions and encourage you to express them to your physicians, nurses and other staff. They will contact the appropriate personnel to help us correct the situation.

How to reach us:

Call the Chief Nursing Officer at any time and report your safety concern at (402) 274-6125.

**Nemaha County Hospital
wants you to know the
following ways
that you can help
prevent medical errors:**

- If something doesn't seem right, speak up!
For example, if a medication looks different,
or the routine changes.
- Don't let anyone give you a medication
without first scanning your hospital ID
bracelet, scanning the medication, and
saying your full name or birth date.
- When a nurse gives you medicine (IV or
oral), ask what it is. This can prevent
accidental mix-ups.
- Make sure your caregivers wash their hands
if they perform any "hands on" procedures.