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**Richard Barker,
Administrator**

**Ambulance Emergency
911**

**Clinic Appointments
276-2400**

**Hospital Information
276-3347**

**Adult Day Center
276-1542**

**Community Resources
211**

**Domestic Violence Help
276-2042
Hotline - 226-6424**

**Growers Market
276-9410**

HOSPITAL'S COMPUTER DOCTOR STAYS CONNECTED

Information Technology for Mercy Health/Love County is set up and maintained by Erik Whiteman, Senior Service Center Technician/Information Technology.

The IT system provides data links among the hospital, clinic, and emergency room, speeding up the exchange of medical information and subsequent service to patients. IT support also applies to:

- Health Information, the system that houses your electronic medical records.
- Telephony, the system that puts a telephone at your hospital bedside and on the desk of each coworker.
- Network, the system that connects the hospital with the "outside world." This system is variously transmitting lab and x-ray results in a matter of seconds, or linking remote-site doctors or language interpreters to patients of our hospital onto computer screens.

Erik Whiteman

Senior Service Center Technician/Information Technology

When desktop computers were introduced to the world in the 1980s, California high school student Erik Whiteman found his life's direction. "My first exposure was dabbling in programming on a Tandy computer. My interest grew from there," Whiteman said. Equipped with an A.S. in computer science and electronics, in 2000 Whiteman went to work for Medtronic, a medical device manufacturer.

He performed IT support for the division that manufactured stents used to improve arterial blood flow in patients.

He has since become Cisco certified, validating his ability to install, configure, operate, and troubleshoot network systems and devices. At Mercy Health/Love County since 2015, Whiteman personally resolves data and equipment issues here. He is assisted by Mercy coworkers who also serve in Ardmore, Healdton, and Tishomingo. The three-person IT team meets weekly and shares 24 hour on-call duties.

"In health care at Medtronic and here, the attraction is the sense of satisfaction knowing that people heal and they heal as a result of the medical technology we use at this hospital. Technology impacts lives. In the end we are impacting people and their families for the better," Whiteman said.



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