



The Advocate



[Home](#) [News](#) [Entertainment](#) [Classifieds](#) [Coupons](#) [Homes](#) [Cars](#) [Jobs](#) [Customer Service](#)

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Home

- [Local News](#)
- [Local Sports](#)
- [Nation/World](#)
- [Ohio News](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
- [Opinion](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Space & Science](#)
- [Weather](#)



Entertainment

Network

Newspapers

- [CentralOhio.com](#)
- [The Advocate,](#)
- [Newark](#)
- [Chillicothe Gazette](#)
- [Coshocton Tribune](#)
- [The Fishwrapper](#)
- [The Granville](#)
- [Sentinel](#)
- [Lancaster](#)
- [Eagle-Gazette](#)
- [The Marion Star](#)
- [News Herald,](#)
- [Port Clinton](#)
- [News Journal,](#)
- [Mansfield](#)
- [News-Messenger,](#)
- [Fremont](#)
- [The Pataskala](#)
- [Standard](#)
- [Telegraph-Forum,](#)
- [Bucyrus](#)
- [Times Recorder,](#)
- [Zanesville](#)

Local News

 [Email this story](#)  [Email this story](#)

Trip to ER just got easier

By KENT MALLET
Advocate Reporter

NEWARK -- Gone are the days when a patient gets home following a visit to the hospital emergency room and does not know how to treat the injury or illness.

The whole traumatic experience can become a blur, with the doctor's instructions lost in the pain and excitement of the moment. Verbal instructions are not always understood and remembered by the patient, or even a frightened family member.

Patients who visit Licking Memorial Hospital now receive a computer-printed summary of their visit, with the diagnosis, instructions for treatment, prescription information, work or school limitations and details of the visit.

For almost a year now, Licking Memorial has used Discharge 1-2-3, a computer software product from Illinois-based Callibra, Inc.

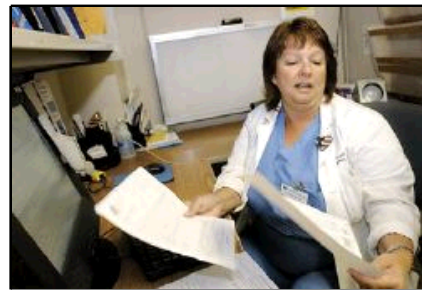
"It has been like a quantum leap for patient care as far as what our patients take away from their emergency room visit," emergency room physician Dr. Jane Scott said.

The new computer technology may be more time consuming, but Scott feels it's time well spent for the 50,000 patients who visit the LMH emergency room annually.

"Before, we probably weren't giving as much information, especially when it comes to specific instructions for things," Scott said. "Now, patients have something concrete and typed."

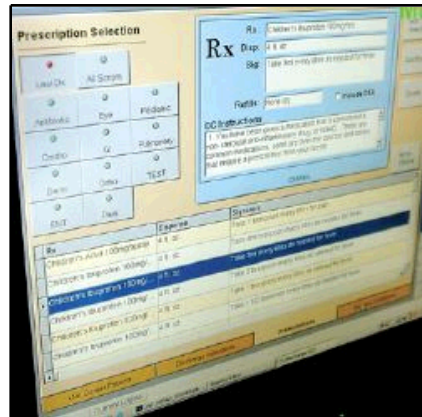
It will explain to patients when they need to return to the hospital for additional treatment, what the side effects are and concerns about interaction with other drugs.

The summary can be printed in Spanish or for a sixth-grade intelligence, if needed.



Kevin Graff

Dr. Jane Scott holds examples of the release information given to emergency patients, which gives them a detailed breakdown of their symptoms, condition and what they should do at home.



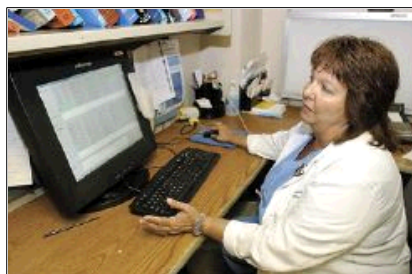
Kevin Graff

This is one of the screens now used by the emergency department at Licking Memorial Hospital. This screen allows prescription information to be added to the forms given to ER patients.

"It is an easy-to-learn and easy-to-use program," Scott said. "The nicest thing about Discharge 1-2-3 is that it is very easy to edit for new medications, therapies and treatments."

Reporter Kent Mallett can be reached at 328-8545 or kmallett@nncogannett.com

Originally published Thursday, July 24, 2003



Kevin Graff

Dr. Scott uses the computer to create printed information for LMH patients who visit the emergency room.



CERTIFIED USED CARS

What's the deal behind certification? Get the facts and compare each manufacturer's program. [GO](#)

CERTIFIED USED CARS

What's the deal behind certification? Get the facts and compare each manufacturer's program. [GO](#)

[Home](#) | [News](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Coupons](#) | [Homes](#) | [Cars](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Customer Service](#)



[Contact Us](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Place an ad](#)
Copyright ©2003 The Advocate. All rights reserved.
Use of this site indicates your agreement to the [Terms of Service](#)
(Terms updated 12/20/02)

