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90-Day Leadership Series Launch

This week's issue of *New Briefs* spotlights the launch of the **90-Day Leadership Series** by Kurt Mosley, Associations Practice Leader, and Neill Marshall, Board Chair—both of **HealthSearch Partners**, an endorsed business partner of **WHA Resources**.

Developed to showcase the bold, strategic decisions healthcare CEOs make in their first 90 days, the series offers real-world insights into how leaders set the tone, build trust, and generate early momentum during this critical window.

The featured article, "*Wake Up Call: How Richard Parks Turned Sleep into a Leadership Superpower in His First 90 Days*," highlights how one CEO used rest and recovery as a surprising but powerful asset for clarity, resilience, and effective leadership.

To learn more about how we help organizations attract transformational leaders, visit healthsearchpartners.com or connect with us on LinkedIn.

Have your own bold 90-day leadership story? We'd love to hear it—it just might inspire the next chapter in the series.

Read the Full Article Here

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New Electrophysiology Lab Opens at Banner Wyoming Medical Center

Banner Wyoming Medical Center started offering state-of-the-art electrophysiology (EP) services in Casper to treat patients with heart rhythm disorders such as A-fib last year. Last month, the hospital opened a new lab completely dedicated to the heart care service.

David Bicknell, DO, a Banner Health cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology, was the first to perform procedures in the new lab on June 16. Dr. Bicknell, along with his colleague **Daniel Wann, MD**, see patients in their clinic and perform electrophysiology procedures at Banner Wyoming Medical Center two weeks per month. The physicians also work at Banner North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colo.

Electrophysiologists offer lead management in patients with chronic implantable devices such as pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs). Additionally, Banner Wyoming Medical Center offers cardiac catheter ablation. "About one in four people will have A-fib in their lifetime," said Dr. Bicknell. "With the latest, advanced training on the newest techniques in electrophysiology, we can achieve better results while keeping people closer to home."

Cardiac ablation requires specialized equipment that maps the heart and allows doctors to use heat to target precise areas in the heart that are causing abnormal rhythms. During the procedure, a catheter is placed through a small incision in a patient's leg where it is weaved through a leg artery to the heart. Aided by real-time 3-D imaging technology, the electrophysiologist uses a catheter to produce a small scar on a specific part of the heart tissue. Catheter ablation is recommended by the American College of Cardiology for patients when medication proves to be unsuccessful. Most patients who receive cardiac ablation experience long-term reductions in their heart rhythm disorders and improvements in their quality of life.

Prior to adding electrophysiology services at Banner Wyoming Medical Center, hundreds of people were referred to facilities out of state for cardiac ablation every year. "This doesn't include the people who just decided that they would live with A-fib," said Bicknell. "This significantly impacts an individual's quality of life – they just aren't able to do things they did before."

Last year, Banner Wyoming Medical Center began offering electrophysiology procedures in the hybrid operating room while construction of the new electrophysiology lab continued in an adjacent space. More than \$7.3 million in construction and infrastructure was committed to the new space. The addition of the new services also represents a significant training commitment by WYMC staff, who have been participating in hands-on training at Banner North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, in addition to on-site training preparation at WYMC.

"We're excited to bring this dedicated space and much-needed, life-changing service to Casper," said Lance Porter, CEO at Banner Wyoming Medical Center. "We're committed to high quality care close to home."

Fraud Defense Operations Center: Permanent Launch and Pilot Fact Sheet

CMS is making the Fraud Defense Operations Center (FDOC) pilot a permanent approach to crush fraud. Following a successful pilot that saved \$105M thus far, the FDOC seeks to integrate cross-

functional expertise through a specialized team of data analysts, investigators, health policy experts, legal advisors, and law enforcement. The pilot ended is now becoming permanent.

CMS is committed to crushing fraud, waste, and abuse to protect Americans enrolled in our programs from being victimized by healthcare fraud. The FDOC will assist the Agency to take swift action to take down bad actors, prevent payments from going to criminal operatives, and change wasteful or abusive policies.

From just March 31 - May 1, 2025, the pilot saved \$105M, and will continue to help quickly identify and end fraud, waste, and abuse. This work will help detect, stop, and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse; safeguard Americans; protect taxpayer dollars; and leverage technology to stay ahead of bad actors. To learn more, view the newly released [fact sheet on the pilot's achievements](#).

Join us and stay up to date on the progress to crush fraud by visiting our website at cms.gov/fraud.



Tee Off for Advocacy at the WHA PAC Golf Tournament September 2, 2025

Join us for a day of golf, networking, and support for health care advocacy at the WHA PAC Golf Tournament, happening Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

This annual event brings together health care professionals and supporters for a fun and meaningful way to back the Wyoming Hospital Association Political Action Committee (WHA PAC).

Held at one of the region's premier golf courses, the tournament offers participants a relaxed setting to connect with colleagues, enjoy friendly competition, and help ensure that the voice of Wyoming hospitals continues to be heard at the Capitol.

Event Highlights:

- 18 holes of golf with a shotgun start
- Team and individual prizes
- Lunch and refreshments on the course
- Post-tournament awards reception

Your participation supports the WHA PAC's mission to engage in the legislative process and promote pro-hospital policies. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a great time with fellow advocates, this tournament is a great way to get involved.

[Click Here for Information on the Golf Tournament or to Register](#)



**Wyoming Hospital
Association/LeadingAge Wyoming
Annual Meeting
(Agenda will be posted soon)**



**September 2, 2025
WHA Golf Tournament - Jacoby Golf
Course, Laramie**

September 3-4, 2025

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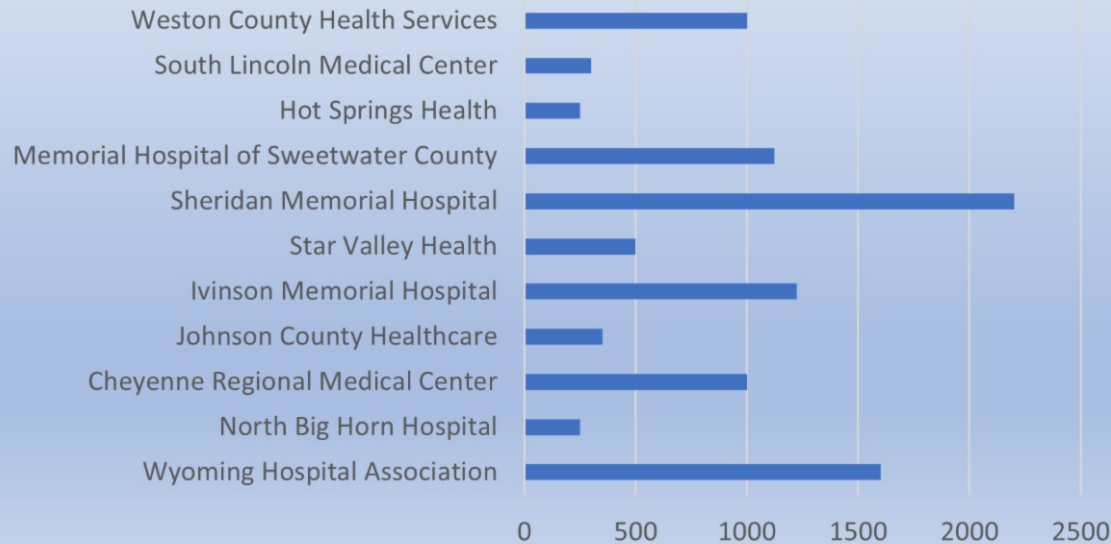
WHA/LAW Annual Meeting -
Laramie, Wyoming

[Register Here for Annual Meeting](#)

WHA PAC Goal for 2025

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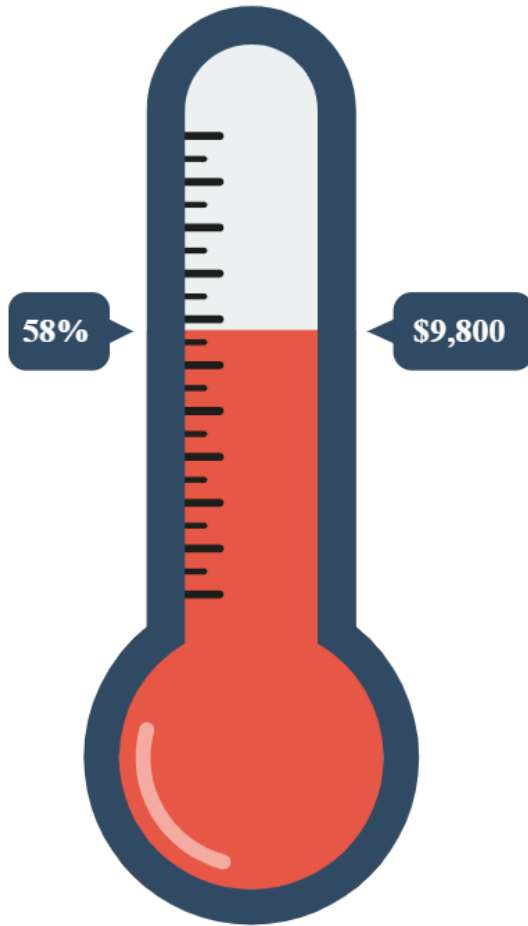


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