

THE EIGHTIES

1981

- The **Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation** is formed as a separate organization to raise funds for the hospital.

1982

- LMH's **third and largest expansion** was completed in February. 47,000 square feet were added to the existing 97,000 for \$8.5 million.
- Plans begin to expand the hospital's emergency room and ambulatory-care services.



1981, Phlebotomist Deborah Whiffeln tries out equipment in LMH's new lab services department.

1986

- **Pharmacy computerizes** its patient-medication records and inventory-control system.
- Charity allowances grew 100 percent.

1987

- LMH provided about 4,800 days of patient care in its New Beginnings **chemical-dependency treatment program** at its West campus.
- The state did not negotiate increased Medi-Cal rates. Contractual allowances with commercial insurance carriers, professional provider organizations and third-party contracting agencies contributed to LMH **writing off more than \$5 million in charges** from gross revenue.

1988

- A new 2,500-square-foot, Physical-Therapy Department makes its home on the hospital's lower level.
- LMH **develops joint venture with local physicians** to enhance cardiac services and provide additional diagnostic equipment for nuclear-medicine procedures.

1989

- Throughout the nation competition among hospitals and the underfunding of Medicare and Medi-Cal creates major challenges in the health-care industry. Hundreds of hospitals close; **LMH remains viable.**
- Robert Rinn is honored for 43 years of service to LMH and elected Director Emeritus.

1983

- LMH's new **short-stay surgery** is completed.

1984

- LMH moves into patients' homes with the advent of its **Home-Health Agency** and **Memorial Home Care.**
- The first full year of **Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs)** and the new **Medicare** program.

1985

- Outpatient **drawing lab** opens in Galt.
- LMH boasts **27 agreements** with HMOs, PPOs, IPAs and insurance companies.

Newborns receive expert and personal care from perinatal nurses like Laura Akahori, Maralee Marriott and Denise Schamber.



By the 1980's Lodi Memorial Hospital had revamped its facility five times over; 99 beds were available to ICU patients, maternity patients, med-surg patients, pediatric patients and emergency patients. Surgical suites and patient rooms offered modern conveniences.

