

School Talk: Columbus Community Hospital

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As a community member, I have been impressed with the workshops for Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the radio show based on health issues, and other topics for both adults and school children sponsored by the Columbus Community Hospital. As a school board member, I am equally impressed with after-school clubs, especially Club Scrub. This club is available to middle school boys and girls from all the schools in Columbus.

Chris DeLapp, Education Coordinator, organizes and involves hospital personnel, including doctors, nurses, therapists, and others in his workshops. I asked to observe a couple of activities and stayed for most of them. Students sign confidentiality agreements, wear appropriate hospital clothing for simulations, and are awarded a Club Scrub t-shirt.

Several workshops are hands-on experiences, including incisions and suturing practices, laparoscopic procedures, CT scans, and simulations of Code Blue in the Emergency Department by their staff. CPR training and physical therapy lifts and transfers are done as well. Math applications utilized in nursing are emphasized for medication calculations.

The cooperation among the schools and the Columbus Community Hospital is not only perfect for possible future careers but is also important as viewing practical applications for knowledge of health issues. Patti Walker, Community Relations Coordinator, oversees other groups involving students. It is delightful to see young students proudly wearing surgical headgear and gloves as they prepare to tour the hospital.