



AVANTA
MEDICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Avanta will be closed Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day. However, our automated phone attendant allows software and hardware team members to be paged in the event of an emergency. Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

A Bright Idea For Summer Blackouts



If a power outage lasts longer than five minutes, your Avanta system will automatically shut down. However, your APC brand UPS (uninterruptible power source) will continue to run and it is your important responsibility to turn off the UPS. If the UPS is not turned off, the UPS battery will drain (similar to headlights draining a car battery), potentially rendering the UPS ineffective the next time a blackout hits.

At Avanta's office, the servers and all workstations are each connected to their own long-run UPS, allowing us to continue normal business for three to four hours during a prolonged power loss. Please note that if your office has the added benefit of a long-run UPS, your Avanta system will continue to operate and it is unnecessary to turn off your UPS.

A long-run UPS is a cost-effective way to keep your Avanta system running and to maintain office productivity during a power loss. Please call Chip at Avanta if you would like more information about how we can provide the same solution for you, or if you have any questions about how to turn off your UPS during an extended blackout.

W E L C O M E !

Avanta is proud to welcome Dr. Abravesh an OB/Gyn, to the Avanta family. Her office is located in Lancaster, and we are happy to have her join the growing ranks of satisfied Avanta clients.

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