

Beyond the Bedside

WMMC Physician Making a Difference: Dr. Douglas Anderson, Family Practice

“Between a rock and a hard place...that’s where most of our patients find themselves when they come to the Regional Health Care Clinic of Johnson County,” says Rhonda Breitenbecher, MS, WIC Coordinator/Nutritionist. Too young for Medicare and too old for Medicaid, these patients have nowhere to turn for health care and although most of them are working, either their employers don’t offer health coverage or the coverage available is too expensive. Rhonda reflects on the community health assessment that was completed years ago: “It found that our community didn’t have resources for an uninsured patient.” Doug Anderson, MD, also saw the need and had a passion to care for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Regional Health Care Clinic opened its doors in May of 2004 and thanks to countless hours donated by Dr. Anderson, Rhonda and others including nurses from WMMC, uninsured patients in our community have a place to turn for health care.

One of the most rewarding experiences was when a family came through with a baby that wasn’t thriving. The infant hadn’t been seen by a physician since birth because the family did not have insurance. Upon examination of the infant, Dr. Anderson discovered a heart murmur and referred the baby to Children’s Mercy. The family was able to obtain Medicaid coverage and receive the medical care the baby needed.



Dr. Doug Anderson and Rhonda Breitenbecher

“We have a tremendous opportunity to make a significant impact on people’s health at a very fundamental level of care,” says Dr. Anderson. “We hope in the future we can strengthen our focus on cardiovascular disease, hypertension and diabetes, since we have some of the resources to help these patients.”

But they can’t achieve these goals without our support! “We are very thankful for the help we receive from donors including the medical staff, the WMMC’s lab, JCCH and the many volunteers.” To learn more about volunteering or supporting the clinic, please contact Rhonda or Dr. Anderson at 747-6121. Any amount of time donated is appreciated!

April Birthdays

4/1
KIM HARDING - OR
4/2
REBECCA RAY - MED/SURG
4/5
GWEN GROTZINGER - MED/
SURG
AMY MAHALOVICH - OB
4/7
KAM WEST - CPS
4/9
KELLIE MANN - BUS. OFFICE
4/10
JENNIFER FRANCIS - OR
TERESA COLLINS - MARKETING
GREG BLISS - BONE & JOINT
4/11
CAROLYN WILSON - AMBC
SUSAN HARLEY - ER
PEGGY SIEG - MR
4/12
FRIEDA HILL - MED/SURG
4/13
MELISSA MESSERLI - MED/SURG
4/14
VICKY STOTLER - AMBC
LAURA PINSON - ER
CHRISTINA HIGGINS - CPS
REBECCA LEMOS - MR
BELINDA MILTON - OB/GYN

4/16
EDIE WEST - MED/SURG
MARK MQUITTY - RAD
LYDIA FRANKLIN - CPS
4/17
LYNN BIRCHMIER - OB/GYN
4/18
CAROL MCKINNEY - IS
4/19
KIM MANUEL - ACCT
CAREN MILLER - PHARM
4/21
KARIZMA SMITH - BUS. OFFICE
JAMIE WHITE - PHARM
4/22
APRIL OHRENBERG - MR
4/24
CAROL BAILEY - MED/SURG
JAKE CORSON - RAD
4/25
MICHAEL MISKO - ADMIN
4/26
HEATHER SMITH - MED/SURG
4/27
KANDICE DYER - PHARM
4/29
KATHRYN WERNER - ICU
SHAWNNA DEAN - REHAB
RENDA NELSON - EDUCATION
ROY WHEELER - PHARM
4/30
JOYCE SLOCUM - RAD
MICHELLE WONDERLY - REHAB
JANICE WHELPLEY - MR

April Anniversaries

NATALIE AVERY: 3
CAROL BAILEY: 1
KELLY BAKER: 18
KATHY BALLMAN: 9
BECKY BRON: 4
LINDSAY BRYANT: 1
LINDA CASS: 3
DEBBIE CAVENDER: 11
NANCY CAWVEY: 18
P.K. CHISLER: 6
MISSY COLLINS: 6
TERESA COLLINS: 1
DOUG CONLEY: 4
CINDY CONNELL: 11
DUANE FURAU: 4
CAROLYN GANN: 2
TARA GIESELMAN: 1
CHRISTY GOTT: 4
MARLA HARRIS: 12
JAMMIE HIBNER: 3

ANGELA HORTON: 3
TERI HUDSON: 1
MAGGIE JIMMERSON: 6
MIKE KAKER: 6
TIM KEMPER: 2
CAROL LOVELL: 30
CHRISTINE LICHTER: 7
ERAN MILLER: 1
DANIELLE MONG: 4
JULIA MORRIS: 3
SALLY MOYER: 30
CATHY REYNOLDS: 2
JEAN SMITH: 2
KARIZMA SMITH: 2
JANA SPRINKLE: 4
JESSICA STEVENS: 2
CATHY STEWART: 9
TERESSA TRIBOLET-
STROOT: 1
MARY VON BOHLAND-
RAU: 2

Month: **April** Stone: **Diamond** Flower: **Daisy or Sweet Pea**

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