



# Monroe County Hospital Medical Clinic

## What is a Primary Care Practice?

Primary care promotes effective communication with patients and encourages the role of the patient as a partner in health care. Your primary care physician or nurse practitioner is your medical 'home'.

A primary care practice serves as the patient's first point of entry into the health care system. Primary care practices provide patients with ready access to their own personal physician or family nurse practitioner.

Within a primary care practice, the physicians and nurse practitioners work together in meeting you and your family's health care needs.

Primary care includes diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling and patient education.

## What is a Primary Care Provider (PCP)?

A primary care provider (PCP) is the first line of defense for you and your family's health care needs. Family physicians and family nurse practitioners can provide the medical care you need and offer recommendations to protect your health. Over time, your physician or nurse practitioner will get to know you, which leads to better medical care by catching small health problems before they become serious. A PCP will learn your history and your family history and will recommend a specialist when needed.

Selecting a primary care physician or nurse practitioner is an important first step toward managing your healthcare. They are the person you speak to about your health questions and concerns.

When choosing a PCP, consider what is most important to you:

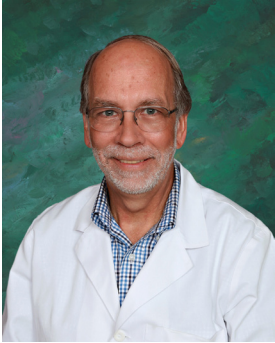
- area of expertise
- personality traits you appreciate
- experience
- philosophy of care
- languages spoken

At Monroe County Hospital Medical Clinic, we have 4 family physicians and 3 family nurse practitioners for you to choose from for your primary care needs.

- Gerald L. Haas, DO
- Alex Curiel, MD
- Kendra Martin, DO
- Tanner Crossley, DO
- Lori Vitko, DNP, FNP-BC
- Jennifer Archer, ARNP
- Lynnette Major, ARNP

# Meet our Primary Care Providers

## Gerald L. Haas, DO



Dr. Haas, a native of Michigan, completed his undergraduate studies at Central College in Pella IA and attended the College of Osteopathic Medicine (now Des Moines University) in Des Moines IA. He completed his residency at Des Moines General Hospital.

Dr. Haas serves as Medical Examiner of Monroe County IA and is the Medical Director of two long term care facilities in Albia IA.

*Areas of Interest:* Geriatrics, Chronic Disease Management, Long Term Care

## Alex Curiel, MD



Dr. Curiel graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison KS and received his Doctor of Medicine from University of Kansas School of Medicine. He completed his family practice residency in Salina KS.

Dr. Curiel serves as Deputy Medical Examiner of Monroe County and in the Medical Director position for a local hospice.

*Areas of Interest:* Endoscopy, Orthopedics, Pediatrics

## Kendra Martin, DO



Dr. Martin completed her undergraduate studies in Biology at Truman State University, Kirksville, MO. She attended medical school at the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pikeville, KY where she received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and was an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of Osteopathic Manipulation and Anatomy. Dr. Martin completed her residency in both family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine at Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville, MO.

*Areas of Interest:* Pediatrics, Women's Health, Chronic Health Conditions, In-Patient Hospital Care, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

## Tanner Crossley, DO



Dr. Crossley completed his undergraduate studies at Brigham Young University in Rexburg, ID earning a Bachelor's degree in Health Science. He attended medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO where he received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Crossley completed his residency in family medicine at Cornerstone Care Teaching Health Center in Mt. Morris, PA.

*Areas of Interest:* Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Sports Medicine, Pediatrics, Geriatrics

## Lori Vitko, DNP, FNP-BC



Receiving her RN diploma in 1986, Lori continued her education at Marycrest in Davenport IA where she earned her BSN. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing at Clarkson College, Omaha NE in 1996. In 2015, Lori received her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Samford University, Birmingham AL.

*Areas of Interest:* Diabetes, Wellness

## Jennifer Archer, ARNP



Jennifer received her BSN from the University of Iowa in Iowa City IA. While working as a Registered Nurse at Monroe County Hospital & Clinics, Jenn attended Graceland University to obtain her Master of Science in Nursing in 2006.

*Areas of Interest:* Newborn Care, Women's Health, Immunizations, Pediatrics

## Lynnette Major, ARNP



Graduating from Mercy College in 1997 with her Diploma in Nursing; Lynnette continued her schooling at Mercy College obtaining her BSN in 2000. In 2015, she received her Master of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University, Washington DC.

*Areas of Interest:* Pediatrics, Gynecology



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