



MEET OUR FAMILY MEDICINE HEALTH CARE TEAM: **Family Physicians, Resident Physicians & Nurse Practitioners**

WHO ARE PROVIDERS?

Providers are medical staff members who provide health care to patients. Providers at our clinics include family medicine physicians, nurse practitioners, and resident physicians.

WHAT IS A FAMILY PHYSICIAN?

A family physician is a personal doctor who provides comprehensive and coordinated care to individuals and families -- pregnant women, children, adults, and the elderly. Family doctors are committed to developing ongoing, meaningful relationships with patients and their families. They listen to patients and help them make the right health care decisions through all stages of life.

Trained in all areas of medicine, family physicians can diagnose and treat the full range of problems people usually bring to their doctors. If a person has a problem that requires specialty care, they will send the patient to a qualified specialist.

WHAT IS A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN?

Residents are physicians who have earned their medical degrees (MD or DO) and are training to become family doctors. Under the supervision of an attending physician, who is a faculty member in our department, residents see patients and build their own practice during their three years of family medicine training.

Resident physicians have a dual role in the health care system in that they are simultaneously students and medical care providers. Only three of our Family Medicine Clinics are training sites for residents: Callaway Physicians, Fayette Medicine Clinic, and Green Meadows Family Medicine. Patients at these three clinics are informed if their provider is a resident or a physician faculty member in our department.

WHAT IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER?

A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who has completed advanced nursing education (generally a master's degree) and training in the diagnosis and management of common medical conditions. Our medical staff includes nurse practitioners who provide a broad range of health care services to patients.

ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY DOCTORS IN THE EXAM ROOM?

Our family physicians train medical students in all of our clinics, and as part of their learning experience, students accompany and observe the doctors in the exam room. We require a patient's permission before we allow a student in the exam room during his/her doctor's visit.

**At MU Family Medicine, our goal is to ensure
quality care, comfort, and satisfaction
for all of our patients!**

From our family to yours, we thank you for
choosing a physician from one of our
MU FAMILY MEDICINE CLINICS!

