

Our Primary Care Providers-taking new patients

Family Practice, 1230 East Main Street, Mankato



Dr. Caroline Baerg began at the Mankato Clinic in 1995. Dr. Baerg attended the School of Laboratory Science at ABU Teaching Hospital, Kaduna, Nigeria, the University of Jos Medical School. She completed her residency at the Waterloo Family Practice Program, Waterloo, IA. Dr. Baerg is board certified in Family Practice.



Erin Bissonette, NP, joined the Mankato clinic in 2009. A Bloomington native, Erin graduated from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN with a degree in nursing and from Minnesota State University, Mankato as a Nurse Practitioner. Erin is a board certified Nurse Practitioner.



Maurita McKay, NP, joined the Mankato Clinic in October 2009. A native of Mahtowa, Minnesota, Maurita received her advanced degree from The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota. Along with beginning her clinical career at the Mankato Clinic, she is excited to explore the bike trails and parks that Mankato has to offer. Maurita loves the outdoors, hiking, biking and swimming.



Dr. Bryan Pucik, re- joined the Mankato Clinic in April 2010. He graduated from Mankato State University and received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed his internship at the University of Minnesota/St. John's Hospital, Maplewood, MN and is board certified in family practice.



Dr. Hanh-Dung Tran Som joined the Mankato Clinic in July 2010. She is a native of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, attended Ross Medical School and Sacred Heart Hospital-Temple University, Allentown, PA. Dr. Som's clinical interests include in-office procedures from joint injections to dermatological procedures. She also enjoys treating a wide variety of ages from babies to geriatric patients. Dr. Som enjoys foods of all types, she loves nature, and is an avid swimmer



Dr. Alyssa Stitt joined the Mankato Clinic in 2005 and provides full-spectrum family practice care, including obstetrical care. She received her medical degree from the University Of Iowa College Of Medicine. Dr. Stitt completed her residency at the University of Wisconsin, Department of Family Medicine, Madison, Wisconsin and is board certified in Family Practice.

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Jennifer Hanson, NP joined the Mankato Clinic in October 2009. A native of Wilmot, South Dakota, she received her advanced degree from Duke University as a Adult Nurse Practitioner and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Jennifer's clinical interests are geriatric medicine, chronic cardiac and pulmonary disease. Jennifer enjoys outdoor activities and animals. She also loves volunteering and serving others in the community.



Dr. Bithika Ray joined the Mankato Clinic in March, 2010. A native of Calcutta, India, she received her medical degree from the Calcutta National Medical College and completed her residency at the Bronx Lebonon Hospital Center. Dr. Ray's clinical interest is all of Internal Medicine. Her hobbies are traveling and music.



Karie Soost, PA-C is a Minnesota native and has been with the Mankato Clinic since 1993. She graduated as a Physician Assistant from Des Moines University. Her background includes Family Practice, Geriatrics and Internal Medicine. Karie is a board certified Physician's Assistant.

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Dr. Amy L. Boles, a South Dakota native, joined the Mankato Clinic in 2006. She received her medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. Dr. Boles completed her family practice residency at the La Crosse-Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Dr. Boles has a special interest in women's health and pediatrics.



A native of Lake View, Iowa, **Dr. Mitch Heun** joined the Mankato Clinic in 2004. He received his medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa and completed a family practice residency program at Quad Cities Genesis, Davenport, Iowa. He enjoys hunting, fishing, water skiing and other outdoor activities. Dr. Heun is board certified in Family Practice.



Heidi Muellenberg, PA-C, joined the Mankato Clinic in March 2010. A South Dakota native, Heidi completed her graduate and undergraduate degree at the University of South Dakota. Heidi enjoys a number of outdoor activities, such as walking, skiing, sports, and hunting, as well as spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to working at the Mankato Clinic meeting new patients. Her

Family Practice, 1575 Lookout Drive, North Mankato



Dr. Andy Miller joined the Mankato Clinic in 1999. He received his medical degree from Loyola Stith School of Medicine. He completed his family practice residency from the University of Minnesota Rural Program and is board certified in family practice. Dr. Miller enjoys working in a smaller clinic atmosphere because he is able to get to know his patients very well. He especially likes being able to swap hunting and fishing stories with his patients!



Jeannie Phillips, PA-C, joined the Mankato Clinic in 2007. A native of Madison, Wisconsin, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987 from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, in music education, physical science and chemistry. Jeannie taught chemistry in Crabrook, England. After returning to the United States, she received her Physicians Assistant degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Jeannie enjoys the variety of ages and wide array of medical conditions in the Family Practice setting.



Deborah Schilling, PA-C, rejoined the Mankato Clinic in 2002. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Morris, as well as a bachelor of medical science degree in physician assistant studies from Midwestern University, Chicago. Specialty interests include family health and pediatrics. She is board certified in Family Medicine



Dr. Sparks joined the Mankato Clinic in December 2009. He attended the United States Air Force Medical Center, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois and School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Sparks earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri. Dr. Sparks and his wife are excited to move closer to their daughter and grandchildren who live in Eden Prairie, MN. His hobbies include snow skiing and tennis.

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A native of Mankato, **Dr. Gazzola** started practicing at the Mankato Clinic in 1991 and returned in 2006 after working at MinnHealth Family Physicians in Woodbury for over a year. He has a special interest in sports medicine and practices a full scope of family practice including obstetrics. Dr. Gazzola received his premedical education from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. He received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Dr. Gazzola completed a family practice internship and residency at the Appleton Family Practice Center, Appleton. He is board certified in Family Practice



Dr. Klenk joined the Mankato Clinic @ Daniels Health Center in St. Peter in 2003. She is a graduate of Central College in Pella Iowa with a B.A. in Biology and the University Of Iowa College Of Medicine. She completed her Residency at the West Suburban Family Practice Residency Program in Oak Park, Illinois. Dr. Klenk is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice. She is Board Certified in Family Practice. Dr. Klenk has a special interest in women's healthcare, pediatrics and preventative medicine.



Jeffrey Weideman, PA-C, joined the Mankato Clinic in 2009. A native of Vinton, Iowa, Jeffrey received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Iowa of Carver College of Medicine. The University of Iowa is ranked as the number one PA program in the country as named by US News and World Report. In his spare time, Jeffrey enjoys golfing, fishing, playing guitar, and spending time with his wife Maggie, a Mankato native and alum of Gustavus Adolphus College.

Family Practice, 221 S. Murphy Street, Lake Crystal



Dar Kietzer joined the Mankato Clinic July 2010. Dar joined the Mankato Clinic as a Registered Nurse in August, 2004. In July 2010, after receiving her Physician Assistant's certification from the University of North Dakota, she joined Lake Crystal Family Practice. Dar is a native of Lewisville, MN



A native of Windom, MN, **Dr. Odden** joined the Mankato Clinic in 1994. He received both his premedical education and medical degree from the University of Minnesota, graduating from medical school and completing a residency at the Sioux Falls Family Practice Center. Dr. Odden is board certified in Family Practice.

Family Practice, 305 Main Street N.E., Mapleton



A native of Mapleton MN, **Dr. Becker** graduated from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She completed a family practice residency from Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Becker likes the variety of ages her practice has offered. Her personal interests include gardening, curling and playing cards. Dr. Becker is an active member in the American Academy of Family Practice



Marti Curtis, NP joined the Mankato Clinic in 2009. She received her Advanced Nurse Practitioner accreditation from the University of Central Missouri. Marti and her husband raise black angus cattle and she is a grandmother to 13 grandkids. Her hobbies include quilting, cooking, and gardening. Marti says, "It is my job to improve life for those around me and to make the world a better place one step at a time. I take my job seriously and make an effort to be a positive influence on my patient's lives."

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