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Welcome to these new CentraCare providers



Scott Houghton, M.D., Surgery Dr. Houghton received his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He completed his general surgery residency and a research fellowship at the Mayo Foundation.



Warren Ishida, M.D., Neurosurgery Dr. Ishida received his medical degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. He completed his neurosurgery residency at the University of California in Sacramento. Ishida worked in

Honolulu, Hawaii, for 26 years before working here from 2006-2007. He returns to CentraCare after completing a stereotactic and functional neurosurgery fellowship at the University of California-Los Angeles.



Donald Jurgens, M.D., Medical Oncology

Dr. Jurgens received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed his internal medicine residency and a hematology/oncology

fellowship at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.



Jeffrey Kowitz, M.D., Pulmonary Medicine

Dr. Kowitz received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed his residency training and fellowship in pulmonary medicine at the

University of Wisconsin, Madison. For the past 12 years, he has worked in private practice in Fergus Falls. He is board certified in pulmonary medicine.



Roxanee Pierre, M.D., Long Prairie Dr. Pierre received her medical degree from St. George's University School of Medicine. She completed her family medicine residency at the South Side Hospital Family Practice Program in

association with Stony Brook University Center, Bayshore, N.Y.



Sheri Pikus, N.N.P., Neonatology

Sheri received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Loretto Heights College in Colorado. She completed her master's degree in the neonatal nurse practitioner program at Arizona State University. She

has worked for CentraCare Health System since 1998.



Christine Olson, F.N.P., Hospitalist

Christine received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She completed her master's degree at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D.



Cindy Robertson, C.F.N.P., Medical Oncology

Cindy received her nursing degree from the University of Wisconsin and her master's degree in nursing and family nurse practitioner certification

from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. From 1995-2008, she worked as a family nurse practitioner at Mid-Minnesota Family Medical Center.



James Romanowsky, M.D., Neurology

Dr. Romanowsky is a boardcertified neurologist who has practiced in the St. Cloud area since 1995. He received his medical degree and

completed his neurology residency at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to ...

- Jolene Lindahl, Business Center, on her marriage to Tim Winter.
- **Sarah Knutsen**, Business Center, on her marriage to Brian Toussaint.
- Julie Tiemann, Health Information, and Ann Moilanen, Human Resources, on their completion of Grandma's Marathon June 21.
- Renee Buerman, Business Center, and her husband, Clarence, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

What's new under CentraNet's EMR/EPIC tab?

Upon entering the EMR/EPIC tab on CentraNet, click the Ambulatory tab which contains six sections:

- 1. **Forms**: View new online ambulatory issues and charting tools request forms. Please submit all requests, issues and questions via CentraNet. Requests via Outlook will be returned.
- 2. **Quick Links**: Charting tools guidelines and charting tools folder.
- 3. **Epic Ambulatory Updates**: View the functionality how to's and the latest system updates.
- 4. **Issues Tracker**: Lists system issues that are being addressed by EPIC.
 - 5. **Optimization**: Optimization tips and calendar.
- 6. **Training**: Develop your keyboarding skills with training logins and patients for the EMR playground.

Parade of bikes draws crowd

On June 28, nearly 1,000 bikers crossed the finish line in an attempt to break the world record for the largest bike parade, Although not a record-breaker, the event was successful to BLEND (Better Living: Exercise & Nutrition Daily), a local coalition committed to improving the health of children in Central Minnesota by reducing childhood obesity. Congratulations to Joy Karels, Women & Children, who participated in the bike parade and won the clinic drawing for the Wii Fit. Kudos to all the clinic employees who participated: Sue Brixius, Mary Kay Hoeschen, David Tilstra, M.D., and Jon Dennis, M.D., Women & Children; Cheryl Pachan, Long Prairie; Kate Staska, and Mary Lepinski, Heartland; and Jim Gwost, Cardiology.

CentraCare physician presents at national meeting

"Medication Considerations in Ataxia," a follow-up article from the General Session presentation given by Neurologist Lawrence Schut, M.D., River Campus, at the March 2008 National Ataxia Foundation's annual membership meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., was published in the Summer 2008 newsletter of the National Ataxia Foundation's office.

Condolences to...

- Jurgen Craig-Muller, M.D., Rheumatolgy, on the loss of his father, and Julia Craig-Muller, M.D., St. Joseph, on the loss of her father-in-law.
- Cathy Thielman, Business Center, on the loss of her mother-in-law.
 - Stephen Sahlstrom, M.D., on the loss of his father.
- Alice Schlangen, Melrose, on the loss of both her father and her father-in-law.
 - Mavis Eckes, Long Prairie, on the loss of her sister.
 - Bev Steil, River Campus, on the loss of her mother.

Recognition for years of service

35 Years: Lee Lindquist, M.D., Internal Medicine 30 Years: Beth Blomker, Allergy; Sandra Krippner,

River Campus

25 Years: **Mary Weis**, River Campus 20 Years: **Doreen Frericks**, Melrose

15 Years: **Kathy Darling**, River Campus; **Angela Nathan**, River Campus; **Jeanne Notsch**, C.N.P., Plaza – Family Medicine; **Toni Tebben**, Long Prairie; **Lanette**

Urick, River Campus

10 Years: Anthony Bottini, M.D., Neurosurgery; Rebecca Braucks, Plaza – Internal Medicine; Thanh Dang, M.D., Neurology; Elizabeth Helmin, Women & Children; Mariane Hoehn, Becker; Kellie Hollen, Women & Children; Linda Hooser, Heartland; Connie Jallo, River Campus; Laraine Nguyen, Pulmonology; Timothy Schuchard, M.D., Central Minnesota Heart Center; Denise Schwartz, Women & Children; Sherri Staudinger, Business Center; Mary Zelenak, Women & Children

5 Years: Glenn Czech, Business Center; Karen Czech, Business Center; Laverne Dingmann, River Campus; Mark Erickson, M.D., Plaza – Family Medicine; Kristy Gill, River Campus; Kent Heise, Women & Children; Pamela Lorge, River Campus; Tammy Roden, Women & Children; Jerri West-Mariash, Women & Children

Welcome to these new employees

Angela Barnett, Nursing, Becker Kelly Goebel, Nursing, Women & Children Kali Gordon, Business Center Jodi Hanson, EPIC, River Campus Kristin Henderson, Business Center Carie Johnson, Clinic Services, Big Lake Jennifer Johnson, Nursing, River Campus Susan Knauss, Laboratory, Heartland Daniel Lalli, Business Center Danielle Lopez, Nursing, River Campus Viktoriya Matveyeva, Clinic Serv., Plaza – Family Med. Peggy McClanahan, Transcription, River Campus Christina Meyer, Coding, Business Center Sandra Munson, Clinic Services, Women & Children Patricia Ortloff, Clinic Services, Big Lake Clinic Heidi Panek, Nursing, Women & Children Elizabeth Peterson, Clinic Services, Big Lake Clinic Kelly Stone, Nursing, Plaza – Dermatology Kristi Strack, Clinic Services, Women & Children Mary Torgerson, Medical Records, River Campus

Employee shares talent for Gallup recognition

Congratulations to the CentraCare Clinic Business Center who received high score in the recent Gallup survey. **Cathy Goeger,** Business Center, made and donated a cross stitch picture for a prize drawing won by **Jeanne Viere,** Business Center.