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# HAPPENINGS

HAMMOND-HENRY HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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# You Talked, We *Listened*

## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF AND NEW SERVICES



Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our communities through excellence in healthcare. Several months ago, we increased our efforts to listen to you and better understand your healthcare needs.

We truly appreciate you sharing your honest comments and concerns. They will definitely help guide us to best serve you and the community. As we continue to work on this goal, we would like to share some great strides in this important and ongoing effort.

Our Hammond-Henry Hospital Board of Directors and Administration are pleased to announce the hiring of three new primary care physicians, five new advanced practice registered nurses, and a new general surgeon. We are also proud to announce the creation of several new service lines with the addition of a new neurologist, new pain clinic physician, and two new chiropractors.

**Dr. Carlos Avila** – Kewanee Clinic, Primary Care Physician

**Dr. David Cook** – Colona Clinic, Primary Care Physician (coming fall 2025)

**Dr. Chad Martens** – Geneseo Clinic Primary Care Physician (coming fall 2025)

**Emily Bess** – Walk-In Care, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Jill Clong** – Walk-In Care, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Heather Lowry** – Walk-In Care, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Cassandra Olson** – Walk-In Care, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Sandra Peach** – Kewanee Clinic, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

**Dr. James Schrier** – Hammond-Henry Hospital, General Surgeon (coming mid-November 2024)

**Dr. Waseem Ahmad** – Hammond-Henry Hospital, Neurologist and Sleep Medicine Specialist

**Dr. John Dooley** – Hammond-Henry Hospital Pain Clinic, Physician (coming first quarter 2025)

**Dr. Ally David** – Hammond-Henry Hospital, Chiropractic Physician (coming second quarter 2025)

**Dr. Owen McConnell** – Hammond-Henry Hospital, Chiropractic Physician (coming first quarter 2025)

“We continue to seek specialty physicians to add to our current service lines,” said Dave Smith, Hammond-Henry Hospital CEO. “Our recruitment team is also actively seeking orthopedic, ear, nose, and throat (ENT), and Gastrointestinal (GI) specialists. In addition to the new neurology, pain clinic, and chiropractic services, Hammond-Henry Hospital offers acute care, cardiopulmonary, emergency, home health, imaging, laboratory, long term care, skilled care, a sleep disorder center and clinic, social services, a surgery center and clinic, and therapy services.”

“We are pioneering some new territory here, especially with the offering of chiropractic care within a hospital setting,” said Wyatt Brieser, Hammond-Henry Hospital VP of Operations. “There are only two other critical access hospitals we know of that have this same service – Bigfork Valley Hospital in Big Fork, MT, and Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel, IL. With the addition of our new chiropractors, a new neurologist, and new pain management clinic, we are certainly in the midst of some exciting times.”



In the course of recent speaking engagements and several “meet-and-greets,” we are also finding many may not know the full extent of our Swing Bed/Skilled Care Program, in addition to many other outpatient ancillary services or procedures we offer.

Our Swing Bed Program is often utilized when a patient who has been treated for an acute condition still requires ongoing care. Surgery is the most common recovery we see, but other conditions can require ongoing care as well. Patients are not seen by a physician every day and their nursing care is reduced, but through this program, the patient can recover safely in the hospital if they are not yet ready to take care of themselves at home.

**During a Swing Bed stay, patients can expect:**

- An assigned nurse
- Weekly doctor visits
- A fully equipped and staffed therapy department
- Individualized therapy plans
- An activity coordinator
- Room-service dining
- Private rooms
- Hospital care in a friendly atmosphere
- Constant communication with them and their families
- Discharge planning services

Other ancillary procedures or services available at Hammond-Henry Hospital include:

- Blood transfusions for anemia
- Injections for rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, calcium replacement, and high cholesterol
- Antibiotic infusions, iron infusions, and infusions for ulcerative colitis
- Intravenous (IV) hydration
- PICC line placements for longer term IV therapy
- Lab draws
- Neurology medication administration including Arexvy, Vyepti, and Vyvgart
- Port flushes
- Vaccinations
- Wound care



JAMES SCHRIER



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## NEW PROVIDERS JOIN HAMMOND-HENRY TEAM

Please help us welcome two of our newest providers, General Surgeon James Schrier, MD and Chiropractor Owen McConnell, DC! All interested are encouraged to attend their Open House celebrations in November. Dr. Schrier's open house is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, and Dr. McConnell's is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21. Both events will be held in the hospital dining room and will be open to the public, hospital Board members, and staff. The dining room is located on the first floor of Hammond-Henry Hospital, 600 N. College Ave. in Geneseo. Light refreshments will be served and there will be small giveaways for all attendees. For more information, call (309) 944-9169.



# ‘The *Happiest* Part of My Day’

## HAMMOND-HENRY PROVIDES AT HOME CARE

**T**homas Hughes, 83, a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and Doctor of Aerospace Medicine, may have made a career of traveling the world for multiple decades, but when it came to settling into his senior years, he chose Geneseo – with all its creature comforts – as home.

Recently, part of those comforts included weekly visits from Olivia Grosenheider, a registered nurse with Hammond-Henry Home Health Services. “My wife passed away three years ago and my children live elsewhere,” said Hughes, who has had a hip replacement, a bypass surgery, and is currently in need of wound care and assistance with medication distribution.

**“I wouldn’t have been able to remain in my home if I didn’t have Olivia. She has been a godsend.”**

**— Thomas Hughes**

Olivia is part of a fully licensed, accredited, and certified caregiver team led by Katy Loibl, Department Manager. The team is comprised of registered nurses, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, case managers, a medical social worker, and CNAs who assist patients across Henry, Bureau, Whiteside, and Rock Island counties. This area covers Andover, Annawan, Atkinson, Bishop Hill, Cambridge, Coal Valley, Colona, Erie, Galva, Geneseo, Hillsdale, Hooppole, Kewanee, Lynn Center, Moline, Neponset, Orion, Osco, Port Byron, Prophetstown, Silvis, and Sheffield.

Those in need of these services can call their healthcare provider. Should your provider prescribe homecare to you or someone you care for, call our Home Health Services office at (309) 937-3560 to create a customized healthcare plan.

“When you have mobility issues and other problems, you need help to do things others take for granted,” said Hughes. “Seeing Olivia is the happiest part of my day.”

# Bringing Care to Your *Home*

## HAMMOND-HENRY HOME HEALTH SERVICES

**W**here do you sleep the best? Where do you feel the most comfortable? Where do you prefer to be when you don't feel good? If you're like most people, at home is most likely the answer. For many, consistency is comfort and where there is comfort, there is healing. If you find yourself or someone you care about in a situation where medical care at home is necessary, the Hammond-Henry Home Health team is ready to provide your in-home healthcare needs.

Under the direction of a provider, our Home Health Services Department offers exceptional, quality, and caring professionals, including registered nurses, case managers, a medical social worker, and CNAs. Their services include physical assessments, wound care, medication instruction, diabetic instruction, Foley catheter care, injections, therapy, referrals to community resources as needed, and intravenous infusions.

Our in-home IV therapies offered through Home Health Services are:

- Antibiotics
- Pain management
- Total nutrition
- Peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line management
- Lipids
- Hydration
- Implanted port care
- Central/peripheral line maintenance

Certified home health aides also assist with activities of daily living, simple wound care, light meal preparation, bathing, and vital sign monitoring.

"When leaving the hospital, skilled facility, or nursing homes, many individuals require extra resources at home," said Katy Loibl, Home Health Services Manager. "Home health is a program that assists patients once they are returned home along with physical therapies to provide strengthening and to promote patient independence." Other services include nursing for disease education, wound care, IV care and administration, Foley care, and CNA care. When most individuals return home, they require more assistance and rehab, along with a case management style of nursing to acquire the community resources patients need to be successful.

**"Our goal is to keep patients from returning to a facility-style rehab or nursing facility, and to set our patients up so they do not fail at home," she added. "With our program, they can stay at home and be happy and healthy."**

Hammond-Henry's Home Health Services also provides medical alert systems, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and pediatric care. For more information, call (309) 937-3560.





# Meet the Hammond-Henry Hospital Providers



**Treena Adams**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Waseem Ahmad**  
MD • NEUROLOGIST  
Sleep Medicine  
Geneseo Clinic



**Carlos Avila**  
MD  
Family Medicine –  
Kewanee Clinic



**Emily Bess**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Dawn Bopes**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Jennifer Brokaw**  
APRN  
Family Medicine –  
Kewanee Clinic



**Stephanie Burrows**  
MD • FACEP  
Emergency Medicine



**Staci Circello**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Jill Clong**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**David Cook**  
MD  
Family Medicine, Colona  
Coming Fall 2025



**Ally David**  
DC • CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE  
Chiropractor  
Geneseo Clinic  
Coming 2nd Quarter 2025



**John Dooley**  
MD  
Pain Management  
Coming 1st Quarter 2025



**Kati Grimes**  
APRN  
Family Medicine –  
Geneseo Clinic



**Matthew Heberer**  
MD • GENERAL SURGERY  
Surgeon



**Michelle Jackson**  
APRN  
Family Medicine –  
Kewanee Clinic



**Kevin Jeffries**  
MD • EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
Family Medicine – Kewanee Clinic



**Heather Lowry**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Dr. Akshay Mahadevia\***  
MD • SLEEP MEDICINE  
Geneseo Clinic



**Nicole Mancha**  
MD  
Emergency Medicine



**Owen McConnell**  
DC • CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE  
Chiropractor  
Geneseo Clinic  
Coming 1st Quarter 2025



**Matthew McKay**  
MD  
Emergency Medicine



**Chad Martens**  
MD  
Family Medicine – Geneseo Clinic  
Coming Fall 2025



**Cassandra Olson**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Sandra Peach**  
APRN  
Family Medicine –  
Kewanee Clinic



**Janelle Pillard**  
PA-C  
Walk-In Care



**Remigijus Satkauskas**  
MD • HOSPITALIST  
Family Medicine – Kewanee Clinic



**Angela Schmieder**  
PA-C  
Walk-In Care



**James Schrier**  
MD • GENERAL SURGERY  
Surgeon  
Coming Mid-November 2024



**Crystal Snider**  
MD • HOSPITALIST  
Coming 1st Quarter 2025



**Loren Soria**  
MD • INTERNAL MEDICINE  
EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
PEDIATRICS  
Family Medicine –  
Geneseo Clinic



**Katie Sowder**  
APRN • WALK-IN CARE  
Family Medicine – Port Byron Clinic  
Sleep Medicine – Geneseo Clinic



**Kathleen Versluis**  
APRN  
Walk-In Care



**Heidi Vorac**  
APRN  
Family Medicine –  
Geneseo Clinic



**Elyse Wolf**  
APRN  
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## *Breast Cancer* Awareness

Whether it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month or any other month, the Hammond-Henry Imaging Department knows early detection can make all the difference. As one of the first hospitals in the area to utilize 3D mammography, we are dedicated to diagnosing and preventing this complex disease that affects approximately two million women worldwide.

**“Our 3D mammogram unit takes better pictures, especially in people with dense breast tissue, and makes it easier for doctors to see inside the breast. Having regular mammograms at and after the age of 40 tremendously helps catching and diagnosing this disease at a much earlier stage.”**

**— Jessica Anderson, RT (R)(CT)(M), Mammography Technologist**

Breast cancer symptoms may include:

- Breast lump or mass, hard or soft, that may or may not be painful
- Lump or swelling under arm or around collarbone
- Skin irritation, dimpling, itching, or swelling of all or part of breast or nipple
- Breast or nipple pain, or nipple turning inward
- Redness, scaliness, or thickening of nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk

Those interested in scheduling their mammograms should call the Hammond-Henry Hospital Imaging Department at (309) 944-9135. Wait times for appointments are minimal, sometimes within just a couple days.

