



**CENTRAL MONTANA
MEDICAL CENTER**



Annual Report
2023

OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF CENTRAL MONTANA MEDICAL CENTER IS
TO BE THE LEADER IN ASSURING COMMUNITY BASED QUALITY HEALTHCARE.

OUR VALUES

COMPASSION - WE WILL BE AWARE AND RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE SITUATION OF OTHERS AND TREAT THEM WITH COMPASSION AND CONSIDERATION.

ACCOUNTABILITY - WITH INTEGRITY, KNOWLEDGE, ACTION AND TRUST.

RESPECT - FOR DIGNITY, CARE AND CONCERN FOR ALL.

EXCELLENCE - AS A TEAM IN ALL WE DO.

OUR VISION

- BE THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER FOR OUR REGION
- DEDICATE OURSELVES TO INNOVATIVE EXCELLENCE IN CARE
- COLLABORATE CARE FOR ECONOMICAL SERVICES WITH OTHER AGENCIES
- BE THE LEADER IN PROVIDING HEALTH EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTHY OUTCOMES
- PROVIDE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR ECONOMIC HEALTH CARE
- CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS FEEL VALUED AND RESPECTED
- EMBRACE CHANGE WHILE EXPLORING TOMORROW'S NEEDS TODAY



A Message from our Board of Directors

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." ~ Coretta Scott King

Central Montana continues to reinforce and to champion for the health of our community today and for the health of our community in the future.

On behalf of the Governing Board of Directors for Central Montana Medical Center, I thank our staff and management, our patients, and our community for the continued support of CMMC.

The immense generosity the community has offered in bringing localized cancer care to CMMC is the latest example of the compassion and support our community provides its members. CMMC is committed to keeping this momentum going.

Providing community-based, quality healthcare is a critical role in the success and longevity of Central Montana. This is a role CMMC is devoted to at all levels, from its employees, physicians, management and its Board of Directors. Central Montana Medical Center is dedicated to belonging for not only today, but for belonging to Central Montana tomorrow and into the future.

Thank you,

Corry Arntzen, Chairman

GOVERNING BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Message from the CEO

This past year has seen CMMC return to some sense of normalcy following the end of the pandemic. Patient volumes returned to more historical levels and our team members welcomed the opportunity to serve a healthier community.



Cody Langbehn
CEO

CMMC was honored to be recognized as a 2023 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. This annual recognition program is acknowledged as the most comprehensive and objective assessment of a rural hospital's performance and looks at various publicly available measures across a rural hospital's operations, including quality, safety, and financial performance.

CMMC was also one of only eight hospitals in Montana to receive the CMS 5-star Overall Hospital Quality rating. The 5-star rating is the highest designation available for hospitals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These types of recognition are only made possible by the tireless efforts of the staff here at CMMC. Their dedication to providing quality health care services to all Central Montana continually amazes me.

This past year also saw CMMC make great strides towards bringing a comprehensive Cancer Center to central Montana. The community support for this project has exceeded all expectations and we look forward to having this life changing service available by late 2024 or early 2025.

On behalf of the entire CMMC family, I want to thank you for entrusting us with your care.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cody Langbehn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Employees giving back



Employees double giving due to donor challenge match

CMMC donors, Buddy & Shay Wilton, issued a challenge to CMMC staff: If they doubled their giving, they would give a \$25,000 unrestricted gift to CMMC.

At the time of the challenge, 24% of CMMC employees were participating in the Employee Giving Campaign, and they not only rose to the challenge to double giving but exceeded it; 52% are now participating! The \$25,000 from Buddy & Shay will be used to update the CMMC cafeteria, which has not had a face-lift since the 1970's and is a space frequented by

staff and the public.

This gift was in honor of Buddy's good friend, CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn. The pair formed a fast friendship when Cody was CEO at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, Idaho.

Facility Facts



CLINIC VISITS | 23,415



DOLLARS SPENT LOCALLY
BY CMMC | \$ 4,607,223

LABORATORY
TESTS DONE
70,883



AMBULANCE
RUNS
1275



MILES OF
SERVICE
AREA
4,350



BABIES BORN
91

ER VISITS
5,382



STAFF | 325



SURGERIES | 926



Perry Howell
Chief Financial Officer

Financials

Central Montana Medical Center completed another fiscal year as of June 30th. During this past fiscal year, CMMC endured numerous challenges including decreases in reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and some Commercial Payers, continued escalation of drug expenses, medical technology, medical supplies, building costs, and shortages of permanent staff. All impacts created new financial and operational challenges and dramatic cost increases.

Despite these challenges, the hospital was able to invest in a new MRI, a phone system upgrade, a redesign of our Sterile Processing Department, including new, state-of-art equipment, and various other equipment upgrades, that will help us support the services we provide to the community. The hospital was able to make many of these investments due to federal Provider Relief Funds (PRF) and due to the generous support of the CMMC Foundation.

Although CMMC had continued obstacles this past fiscal year, financially we ended with a positive bottom line. Success in healthcare is primarily measured in the quality of care provided, however, it is important to maintain a strong financial performance to support future investments back into the care we deliver. We continue to explore new services, and if feasible, bring those services to the community.

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, the total unrestricted net revenue was \$49,278,004. Total operating expenses were \$48,212,152. Unreimbursed and unfunded contractual revenue write-offs from Medicare, Medicaid, and all other Third-Party Payers along with charity care and bad debt write offs, accounted for total Revenue Deductions or reductions of \$41,812,734, or 48.1% of gross Patient Service Revenue. This year's operations produced a positive net operating income for the Fiscal Year of \$1,065,852, which was better than the budget for FY2023. Non-Operating Income was primarily driven by a Helmsley Foundation Grant Funding Pledge of \$3,000,000, Employee Retention Tax Credit of \$1,833,873, and Charitable Donations from the Community for the Cancer Center of \$1,267,101. The remaining amount of Non-Operating income was due to investment income. This all resulted in a positive overall net income of \$7,398,586.

Thank you.

CENTRAL MONTANA MEDICAL CENTER COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

FISCAL YEARS ENDING 06/30/2023 AND 06/30/2022

| | FY 2023* | FY 2022 | \$ CHANGE | % CHANGE |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Current Assets | \$ 28,618,926 | \$ 24,992,258 | \$ 3,626,668 | 14.5% |
| Assets Limited as to Use | \$ 4,812,732 | \$ 4,686,638 | \$ 126,094 | 2.7 |
| Property and Equipment, Net | \$ 13,489,692 | \$ 11,912,212 | \$ 1,577,480 | 13.2% |
| Other Assets | \$ 6,861,047 | \$ 4,854,657 | \$ 2,006,390 | 41.3% |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 53,782,398 | \$ 46,445,765 | \$ 7,336,633 | 15.8% |
| Current Liabilities | \$ 6,600,336 | \$ 8,120,061 | \$ (1,519,725) | -18.7% |
| Long Term Debt | \$ 5,177,049 | \$ 4,270,858 | \$ 906,191 | 21.2% |
| Fund Balance (Equity) | \$ 42,005,012 | \$ 34,054,846 | \$ 7,950,166 | 23.3% |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | \$ 53,782,398 | \$ 46,445,765 | \$ 7,336,633 | 15.8% |

*Financial results reported subject to Audit adjustments.

CENTRAL MONTANA MEDICAL CENTER SOURCE OF REVENUE ANALYSIS

FISCAL YEARS ENDING 06/30/2023 AND 06/30/2022

| | FY 2023* | % OF TOTAL | FY 2022 | % OF TOTAL | \$ CHANGE | % CHANGE |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| MEDICARE | \$ 44,212,077 | 48.5% | \$ 39,667,321 | 48.0% | \$ 4,544,756 | 11.5% |
| MEDICAID | \$ 11,371,687 | 12.5% | \$ 10,907,558 | 13.2% | \$ 464,129 | 4.3% |
| COMMERCIAL | \$ 25,647,734 | 28.2% | \$ 23,944,820 | 29.0% | \$ 1,702,914 | 7.1% |
| SELF PAY | \$ 5,643,522 | 6.2% | \$ 5,138,063 | 6.2% | \$ 505,459 | 9.8% |
| NON-PATIENT | \$ 4,215,719 | 4.6% | \$ 2,952,352 | 3.6% | \$ 1,263,367 | 42.8% |
| TOTAL | \$ 91,090,738 | 100.0% | \$ 82,610,113 | 100.0% | \$ 8,480,624 | 10.3% |

CENTRAL MONTANA MEDICAL CENTER STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

FISCAL YEARS ENDING

06/30/2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019

| | 2023* | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ACUTE CARE | | | | | |
| PATIENT DAYS | 1310 | 1789 | 1,837 | 1,497 | 1,652 |
| OCCUPANCY RATE | 14.4% | 19.61% | 20.13% | 16.40% | 18.10% |
| # OF ADMISSIONS | 361 | 498 | 575 | 494 | 579 |
| SWING BED | | | | | |
| PATIENT DAYS | 850 | 628 | 1,004 | 1,429 | 1,786 |

*Financial results reported subject to Audit adjustments.

CENTRAL MONTANA MEDICAL CENTER
COMPARATIVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED 06/30/2023 AND 06/30/2022

| | <u>FY</u> <u>2023*</u> | <u>FY</u> <u>2022</u> | <u>\$</u> <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>%</u> <u>CHANGE</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Patient/Resident Service Revenue | \$86,875,019 | \$79,657,762 | \$ 7,217,258 | 9.1% |
| Less: Revenue Deductions | | | | |
| Medicare | \$25,369,203 | \$21,169,795 | \$ 4,199,408 | 20% |
| Medicaid | \$ 4,907,748 | \$ 4,390,768 | \$ 516,979 | 12% |
| Charity Care | \$ 1,508,406 | \$ 844,492 | \$ 663,914 | 79% |
| Provision for Bad Debts | \$ 1,055,018 | \$ 2,483,848 | \$ (1,428,830) | -58% |
| Other Deductions | \$ 8,972,360 | \$ 7,324,135 | \$ 1,648,225 | 23% |
| Total Deductions | \$41,812,734 | \$36,213,038 | \$ 5,599,696 | 15% |
| NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE | \$45,062,258 | \$43,444,723 | \$ 1,617,562 | 4% |
| Other Operating Revenue | \$ 4,215,719 | \$2,952,352 | \$ 1,263,367 | 43% |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | \$49,278,004 | \$46,397,075 | \$2,880,929 | 6% |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Salaries, Benefits, Fees | \$27,844,366 | \$26,937,587 | \$ 906,779 | 3.4% |
| Supplies | \$ 8,372,718 | \$ 8,869,174 | \$ (496,455) | -5.6% |
| Utilities & Telephone | \$ 528,448 | \$ 508,252 | \$ 20,196 | 4.0% |
| Insurance | \$ 724,308 | \$ 317,615 | \$ 406,693 | 128.0% |
| Depreciation & Interest | \$ 2,173,339 | \$ 2,037,198 | \$ 136,141 | 6.7% |
| All Other Expenses | \$ 8,568,973 | \$ 7,416,952 | \$ 1,152,021 | 15.5% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$48,212,152 | \$46,086,777 | \$2,125,375 | 4.6% |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | \$1,065,852 | \$310,299 | \$ 755,553 | 243.5% |
| Non-Operating Income | \$ 6,332,734 | \$ (691,902) | \$ 7,024,636 | 1015.3% |
| NET INCOME OR (LOSS) | \$7,398,586 | \$ (381,603) | \$7,780,189 | 2038.8% |

*Financial results reported subject to Audit adjustments.

MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

Honored, that is the word that came to mind as I started to write this annual report address. I feel truly honored. Every element of what I am exposed to through my work as the Foundation Director of your Central Montana Medical Center makes me feel honored. The CMMC staff I work with, the Advisory Board of the Foundation, the Cancer Center Committee, the donors who I interact with, the volunteers who step forward in various ways – it is a true honor to be part of the amazing work happening at the Central Montana Medical Center!

The other day I sat across the table from a donor who is a cancer survivor who was making a gift to support the cause of making the Cancer Center a reality. She was the lone survivor of her siblings to survive the disease. Truly an honor to hear her story and accept her donation. Thank you everyone for sharing your heart and love with the Central Montana Medical Center Foundation! Together we will do great things, and together we are stronger!



Abby Franks, Foundation Director

YOUR CANCER CENTER GIFT HAS MORE IMPACT THAN ONE MIGHT REALIZE.

While working on the Cancer Center Campaign, Amy d'Autremont, CMMC Oncology Nurse Navigator has been vital in helping understand the "WHY's" of bringing a Cancer Center to Central Montana. While many of these reasons are more evident and measurable, she has given light on one that is a bit more surprising, and emotional.

Amy shares that sadly we have residents of Central Montana who forgo cancer treatment due to the obstacles of traveling out of town for care. "A cancer diagnosis in itself is overwhelming. And then to bring in the logistical conversation of traveling out of town for treatment, time off work, time away from family and friends- this can push individuals to lose their ability to cope. When coping loss occurs, the emotional roller coaster takes hold and people shut down."

Amy explains that part of her position as Oncology Nurse Navigator is to help navigate these overwhelming pieces for patients and their families and is quick to give much credit to community organizations such as Tough Enough to Wear Pink and others who provide important resources of support to cancer patients. However, Amy shares, "even with that support, treatable cancer patients do make the difficult decision to not undergo treatments and it breaks my heart."

Bridgett Johnson, Lewistown resident and past Lewistown Library Director, is a cancer patient who, if Lewistown did not offer infusion services shares, she would be in the group that would consider foregoing treatment. Bridget is a diagnosed treatable terminally ill cancer patient who says, "I give credit to CMMC for having infusion care, but it is not enough, we also need radiation and medical oncology. We must give everyone, no matter their treatment plan, the option to be in town for their care. For me to travel out of town for infusion care would be at minimum \$500 each month. If I had to choose, I would seriously have to consider declining treatments as I feel I could not justify that burden on my family."

Amy d'Autremont expresses, "Having a Cancer Center at Central Montana Medical Center would eliminate patients from having to weigh out this decision, it would give them a familiar space to receive care! To bring this to Central Montana is truly bringing HOPE CLOSE TO HOME."

Amy gives thanks to all of those who have already given and urges others to give a gift that is meaningful to them. "Each of us together will make this a reality. We as a cancer team are here for you today and hope to bring more support and services tomorrow."



Bridgett Johnson and Amy d'Autremont

FUND REPORT

The Medical Center Foundation is under the investment umbrella of Central Montana Foundation and together share the Roundup newsletter.

June 30, 2023, ended the year with a balance of just over \$3.1 million dollars in a combined 16 funds; 4 less funds than the previous year. The lesser of four funds is due to Ambulance and Emergency Room Funds being combined, and three non-active/completed project funds being closed out. These include: 3D Mammography Fund, Intensive Care Unit Fund, and Indirect Costs Fund.

CMMC is proud and grateful that the Cancer Center fund ended FY 2023 with a balance of \$1.2 million and a secured total of \$2 million in funds gifted or pledged. Each gift, no matter the size, is important. Much appreciation to each donor, volunteer, and leader involved.

During FY 2023, \$143,632 was gifted through grants from the Medical Center Foundation to CMMC services and community organizations including a \$41,000 gift to purchase a new Dexa Scanner and a \$40,000 gift toward the purchase of two new Hospice vehicles.

Sincere thank you to the many people who think of the Foundation with your annual giving, memorials, and estate gifts.

Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board

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GIVING BACK.

Grants applied for are approved by the Advisory Board, with full Governing Board approval. Your donations helped in FY 2023 support our community and CMMC in the total monetary amount of \$143,632. Below is a complete list of equipment, community needs, departments in which your monies served.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| HOPE Fund Awards for Employees in Crisis | \$3,000 |
| Vehicles for Hospice | \$40,000 |
| Fergus After Prom Party | \$500 |
| Central Montana Search & Rescue First Aid Kit Supplies | \$2,450 |
| Mental Resilience for Volunteer Emergency Medical Services | \$5,000 |
| Elliptical & Stair Stepper for Cardiac Rehab | \$16,260 |
| EKG for Respiratory Care | \$11,200 |
| High School CPR & Emergency Response Class | \$2,250 |
| iPads for Home Health/Hospice | \$2,971 |
| Rural EMT Class | \$4,650 |
| FHS EMT Class | \$4,240 |
| Dexa Scanner | \$41,110 |
| EMS Scholarship Monies | \$5,000 |

The Foundation is proud to serve CMMC through the gift of your donations.
Never hesitate to connect with questions.

Thank you.

Highlights - Fiscal year 2023



Central Montana Medical Center was recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™. Across the nation, the top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve the delivery of care within their local communities.

CMMC was awarded CMS 5-star Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating. The 5-star rating is the highest designation available for hospitals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The CMS star system is based on weighted quality scores in mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

CMS awarded the 5-star rating to 483 hospitals, 8 of which were in Montana.



MHA PIN- Performance Improvement Network Award (6 years in a row) for CMMC's work on Process Improvement related to Reducing Adverse Drug Events by improving the medication review process.



Central Montana Medical Center was awarded the Montana Rural Healthcare Performance Improvement Network's Quality Program of the Year Award for its efforts in quality patient care.

The Quality Program of the Year Award celebrates Montana's top-performing critical access hospital Quality Program.





NURSING EXCELLENCE: THE SUNFLOWER AWARD

Congratulations to the first recipient of the Central Montana Medical Center Nursing Excellence Award, The Sunflower Award: Michelle Moseng. Michelle Matovich Moseng

This award is peer or patient nominated in respects of a nurse, medical assistant/technician or CNA who exemplifies the kind of clinician that our patients, their families, and our community appreciate. Nominations are taken to a blind voting nurse-based committee to determine the winner.

Michelle Moseng was nominated for her exceptional work in assisting an ER patient who was ill and needing to locate better equipment at home to allow for optimal sleep. Michelle went above and beyond to locate equipment, have it placed, and assure the patient was cared for.

The award was made possible through the recommendation and vision of CMMC nurse Jamie Sweeney in conjunction with Foundation donors and CMMC supporters Rich and Donna Dengel. Rich and Donna have chosen to support this program in memory of their daughter Darcy Dengel, RN, who lost her life in a medflight accident in 2007.

Nomination forms are in various locations throughout the building of CMMC. All persons are eligible to nominate a worthy person and instructions are on the sheet on how to submit.



FRANK NEWMAN AWARD FOR RURAL CLINICIAN LEADERSHIP: DR. AMY LEPAGE, EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Born and raised in Lewistown, Dr. LePage completely understands the advantages and disadvantages of a rural community, including those in healthcare. Dr. LePage returned to Lewistown after several years of practicing Emergency Medicine in other locations. Upon her return, she dove right into education and awareness of healthcare among the youth.

Dr. LePage takes a keen interest in the youth. She was a pivotal person in creating our high school EMT program where high school kids can take CMMC's EMT class for credit and be an EMT right out of high school. Why did she do this? Her dedication to rural...the criticality of needing these positions in rural Montana. Exposing these kids to healthcare & medicine is a great opportunity to grow our own for many healthcare professions, and Dr. LePage knows this all too well.

CMMC CLINIC WINS SIGNIFY HEALTH AWARD

CMMC Clinic was recognized for their hard work and focus on prevention and wellness with our patients in 2022.

They were recognized as a National Leader in Prevention & Wellness with over 60% of our Medicare patients completing an annual wellness visit last year and won an award from Signify Health.





HOME HEALTH TEAM AWARDED HOME HEALTH HONOR AWARD

Our Home Health team was recognized as being one of the highest performing agencies by analyzing the performance of the Home Health Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) satisfaction by Healthcare First by ResMed for going above and beyond in providing quality care and positive experiences to our patients.



CMMC IS ACCREDITED BY ADCES TO PROVIDE QUALITY DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

CMMC achieved the significant milestone of accreditation by the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES). Accreditation represents a high level of quality and service to the community, and the ability to better meet the needs of Medicare recipients and others affected by diabetes in Central Montana.

Diabetes education services utilize a collaborative process through which people with or at risk for diabetes work with a diabetes educator to receive individualized care to help them reach their health goals.

CMMC PARTNERED WITH MONTANA PEDIATRICS FOR AFTER HOURS CARE

Our families in the Lewistown area now have access to pediatric care when our clinic doors are closed! Montana Pediatrics allows families in need to get ahold of a pediatric provider every evening and weekend.

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montana pediatrics

CANCER CENTER RECEIVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND PROJECT APPROVAL



Bringing a Cancer Center to Central Montana became a possibility when The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust chose CMMC as a strategic partner and pledged \$9 million for the project. Further action over the last two years has resulted in \$3.6 million dollars in funds raised from a community campaign and another \$2 million has been committed by the Central Montana Medical Center through debt financing. The project is estimated to be a \$15.6-18.9 million dollar project – so while we have come so far, work is still to be done.

Statistically speaking it is not hard to understand why a Cancer Center is important to have located in Central Montana. Currently our friends, family, and neighbors of Central Montana are traveling an estimated 165,000 miles annually to receive oncology care. While CMMC has established an infusion center, located in the previous Intensive Care Unit, folks still travel for radiology appointments and medical oncology. When one in 3 of us are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime, it is evident that comprehensive cancer care would be a worthwhile investment in our community.

Learn more and watch the video by scanning with your phone



or visit
www.cmmc.health/foundation/cancer-center/

NEW MRI MACHINE

The hospital's new scanner, a Siemens MAGNETOM Altea 1.5T, arrived last year and has been in use since Dec. 20. According to Geri Rector, Radiology Supervisor at CMMC, the new MRI machine is a noticeable upgrade over the hospital's previous MRI equipment. "It has faster scan times and is quieter," Rector said. "It also gives better image quality, which makes it easier for the radiologist to read." The new scanner is also roomier for patients than the old one, and Rector said patients have noticed the difference.

"Patients who have been in both machines say it's more comfortable," she said. "The music and sound during the scan has improved a lot as well. People can actually hear it over the machine now."

Taken together, these features allow for faster, more precise results from magnetic resonance imaging, which uses magnets to produce detailed 3-D anatomical images to detect and diagnose diseases or injuries and monitor treatment.

The CMMC Foundation contributed \$500,000 toward the new MRI machine to help defray some of the cost.

"The mission of the Medical Center Foundation is to support the health services, programs, and practitioners of Central Montana," said Foundation Director Abby Franks. "With the MRI Machine at CMMC having more than 1,000 uses each year, and those uses providing a direct correlation to helping in the health and treatment of our community members, the Foundation is proud to have utilized donated funds to make this project a reality."

"We're up to date compared to the big hospitals in the state," she said. "We're on the same or better platform."





Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is designed to support CMMC by raising funds that will benefit the different departments through the purchase of needed equipment and supplies. Each year, they receive requests for items that will enhance the services that the hospital provides.

This year 5 different requests were granted for a total of \$7,009.00. These funds were raised through gift shop sales, holiday bazaars and our annual parking lot rummage sale. Volunteers man the gift shop, bake goods for the bazaars and organize the rummage sale.

The Auxiliary is also making and filling the chemo bags to give to infusion patients, afghans to veterans who end up in the hospital, and giving scholarships, among many other projects.

The auxiliary has 75 members and meets monthly on the second Monday of every month. Many hands make light work so if you know anyone who has a heart of service, check out the CMMC auxiliary! It's only \$5.00 a year to become part of an amazing group that is striving to help in any way that they can.



Cherie Neudick
Auxiliary President

In Loving Memory



JIM WIER SR.
1949-2022

Passionate Central Montana Medical Center supporter as well as a fanatic of family, Griz athletics, Golf, and Redbirds Baseball. Jim served as St Josephs (now CMMC) Administrator (1971-1973), and was a long time dedicated volunteer Governing Board member and Advisory Board member.

We thank you for your many years of service to CMMC.

DR. BRIAN CHURCH
1974-2023

Beloved Podiatrist at Central Montana Medical Center as well as a loving husband, father, member of his church and avid outdoorsman. Dr. Church served the community at CMMC since 2014.

We thank you for your dedication to your patients and CMMC.



Augusto Amaral, MD
Since 2020
Internal Medicine



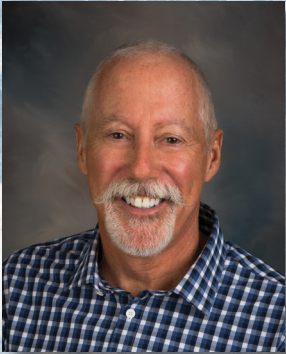
Ashley Chapman, CRNA
Since 2023
Anesthesiology



Annette Comes, MD
Since 2004
Family Medicine



Ireneo deGuzman, CRNA
Since 2007
Anesthesiology



Raymond Lee, MD
Since 2021
Radiology



Amy LePage, MD
Since 2009
Emergency Medicine



Heidi Linhart, DNP
Since 2017
Family Medicine



Christina Marchion, MD
Since 2014
Family Medicine/OB



Paul Sensiba, MD
Since 2020
Orthopedic Surgery



Ben Simpson, MD
Since 2017
Family Medicine/OB



G. Scott Smith, MD
Since 2016
General Surgery



Shanda Speed, CRNA
Since 2018
Anesthesiology



Donna Vantassel, AGNP
Since 2016
Adult/Geriatric Medicine



Tamara Welsh, MD
Since 2007
Emergency Medicine



Katie Williams, MD
Since 2020
Family Medicine/OB



Jacob Forke, MD
Since 2013
Family Medicine



Melanie Hardy, DO
Since 2020
Emergency Medicine



Daniel Hebert, MD
Since 2020
Orthopedic Surgery



Karen Kaufman, DNP
Since 2020
Orthopedics



Gregory McDowell, MD
Since 2005
Orthopedic Surgery



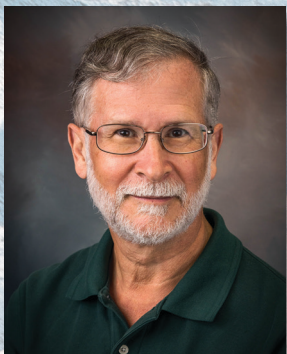
Becky Nachtigal, PMHNP
Since 2021
Mental Health



Shelley Poss, APRN-BC
Since 2006
Family Medicine



Kimberly Schaaf, DO
Since 2019
Emergency Medicine



Paul Suarez, MD
Since 2020
Orthopedic Surgery



Michael Sura, MD
Since 2008
Family Medicine



Garrett Taylor, MD
Since 2023
General Surgery



Felipe Villa Martignoni, MD
Since 2019
Internal Medicine

*Consulting/Visiting
Physician Specialists:*

Allergy/Immunology; Cardiology; Dermatology;
Internal Medicine; Maternal Fetal Medicine;
Nephrology; Oncology; Ophthalmology;
Orthopedics; Otolaryngology (ear, nose, throat);
Pathology; Rheumatology; Sleep; Urology

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