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### **Columbus Community Hospital's Visiting Physicians Clinic Offers Specialty Services, Close to Home**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) is committed to providing area patients with the health care they need, close to home. That's why CCH brings specialty medical providers and clinics to the Columbus community through the Visiting Physicians Clinic.

The clinic is in the Healthpark Medical Office Building at 4508 38th Street, Suite 210 and it provides the services of 26 clinics that come to Columbus to offer 18 different medical specialties. These services are provided by 53 specialty medical providers, including 39 physicians and 14 mid-level providers.

"Our visiting physicians are specialty physicians who provide services on an intermittent basis in Columbus and have a primary base of practice in another community," said Michael Hansen, CCH president and CEO. "We're happy to bring them to Columbus so that we can expand our health care offerings for local residents."

CCH's visiting physicians provide services in the following areas: allergy, asthma and immunology, behavioral health/substance abuse services, cardiology, diabetes and health education, dermatology, endocrinology, genetic testing, geriatric psychiatry, hematology and oncology, nephrology, neurology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pain management, psychiatry/mental health, pulmonology disease, rheumatology, spine surgery, urology, vascular surgery, and wound, ostomy and continence care.

"The clinic eliminates the need for patients to have to take the time to drive to Lincoln or Omaha to see specialists, saving them time off work or school," said Misty Liss, office manager of CCH's Visiting Physician Services. "There is a convenience factor in being able to do labs, x-rays and specialty exams here."

Some of the visiting physicians come to Columbus weekly, while others come once or twice a month.



The physicians use pod spaces in the Healthpark Medical Office Building so that up to six clinics can operate out of the Visiting Physicians Clinic each day. Each pod is made up of a nurse station and three exam rooms where visiting physicians come in and operate just as they do in their home offices.

In addition to the pods, the Visiting Physicians Clinic also offers telemedicine services for other specialty services. Through telemedicine technology, patients are able to connect with specialty medical providers in other communities. The patient is in a private room and they are able to connect with the provider through a televised conference call where the patient and physician can see and talk to each other.

Through its office visits and telemedicine services, the Visiting Physicians Clinic sees as many as 1,300 patients each month and an average of 15,000 per year.

Patients typically are seen from within a 90-mile radius of Columbus, but the clinic has seen patients from as far away as western Nebraska.

For more information on the Visiting Physicians Clinic and its services, call the clinic at 402-562-4456 or visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org). The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To find a physician in a specific specialty area, people can also use the "Find a Physician" feature on the CCH website. This feature allows people to search for a medical provider and learn more about the provider's medical specialties, board certifications and clinical interests so that they can make an informed decision.

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