

# CCH Board Member

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# Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital



## Dr. Craig Pekny

BOARD MEMBER

As one of the newest members of Columbus Community Hospital's board of directors, Dr. Craig Pekny is eager to give back to a community that means so much to him and his family.

Pekny and his wife, Kasey, were both born and raised in Columbus. Before attending Scotus Central Catholic High School, he completed grade school at St. Bonaventure. Nine years ago, he rejoined the Columbus community with his wife and children after completing medical school and a residency program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Pekny said the community's overall safety and excellent education opportunities influenced his decision to return to Columbus.

He currently works as a family medicine doctor at Columbus Medical Center and Columbus Urgent Care. When asked to join the hospital board, he jumped at the opportunity to provide a positive impact in the community for his neighbors, patients and family.

Before joining the hospital's board of directors, Pekny served on various hospital committees focusing on pharmacy and

therapeutics, infectious disease and diabetes mellitus (DM) care management. He enjoys reading about the latest information in medical treatment because he feels it's essential to stay up to date on current health care treatments and technology. He said these findings could help improve the health care in our community and at the hospital.

**"I feel working as a private practice doctor within our community for the last nine years has prepared me to serve effectively on the hospital's board of directors,"** he said. **"But more importantly, I'm an active community member with a deep passion for the care provided at our hospital and within our community."**

Elected to the board in spring 2022, Pekny will have the opportunity to serve three three-year terms. During his tenure, he has a clear direction of what he envisions for the hospital's future. He wants to continue the hospital's excellent care standard and help facilitate growth in the ever-changing health care environment.

**"The hospital's leadership and employees have already demonstrated a clear commitment to the community,"** Pekny said. **"My goal as a board member**

**is to help our community grow and enhance the overall wellness around the city by providing avenues for individuals and families to improve their health."**

Since joining the board, Pekny's favorite part of serving the hospital is positively impacting the community and helping it grow for the future. He said the hospital's focus on community collaboration sets it apart from other facilities.

**"Being able to provide quality and timely care in our community without the need to travel out of town offers a significant advantage for people living in Columbus and the surrounding areas,"** he said.

**"When we have community members who care for one another, it increases our focus on driving quality care and striving to improve daily."**

Pekny's passion for this community is evident through his daily work. When he's not caring for patients or serving the hospital, he enjoys spending time with his family, attending his children's activities and being outdoors.

**To learn more about the hospital and its board of directors, visit [columbushosp.org](http://columbushosp.org).**