

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



Dr. John Beauvais

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Like many people in health care, Dr. John Beauvais was drawn to the field because of an early interest in science.

He then decided it was definitely the career for him after he got some firsthand experience.

“When I was in high school, I volunteered at the hospital near where I was growing up and decided I wanted to pursue a health care career,” Beauvais said.

With his plans for a health care career settled, Beauvais completed his undergraduate degree, medical degree and residency at Creighton University in Omaha. He was on an Air Force scholarship and after being stationed with the Air Force in Maine and southern California, Beauvais decided to return to the Midwest.

“I’m originally from Chicago, and having spent 14 years in school in Omaha, I kind of wanted to come back to the Midwest,” he said. **“My wife is also from up near Okoboji so we were looking to come back to the area.”**

Beauvais had originally started doing his residency and internship in a combined internal medicine/pediatrics residency, but he eventually switched to radiology. This is what first led him to Columbus.

During his residency, Beauvais had moonlighted a couple times at North Central Radiology. The practice – which has been in Columbus for more than 40 years – serves patients at Columbus Community Hospital, CHI Health Schuyler, Butler County Health

Center, Genoa Community Hospital, Columbus Family Practice, Columbus Medical Center, Columbus Urgent Care, East Central Health Department and the Fremont Health Department.

Beauvais joined North Central Radiology in 1995 and he is now the president of the practice which also includes Dr. Anthony Krueger who joined in 2015 and Dr. Matthew Pieper who joined in 2017.

North Central Radiology merged with CCH in October 2018 and Beauvais is also medical director of CCH’s diagnostic imaging department.

Beauvais interprets radiography (X-ray), computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomography (PET), mammography, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, bone density (DEXA) and nuclear medicine exams, among other medical imaging.

He also works with the staff of CCH’s diagnostic imaging department which includes Denise Tomek, the department’s director and Renee Christo, the department’s assistant director; who oversee all of the hospital’s radiology technicians. Additionally, Beauvais is the radiation safety officer at the hospital and serves on several hospital committees such as the environmental safety committee, among others.

As president of North Central Radiology, Beauvais is the first contact between the hospital administration and the practice in terms of equipment acquisition, hiring and other administrative matters. He said he has always had great support from CCH in these areas.

“I think one of the greatest strengths of our hospital is the relationship between the physicians and the administration,” he said. **“They’ve always been supportive. We’ve had three renovations in our department, including the one that’s going on now, since we opened the new hospital. They have always supported us as we look to provide more services and do a better job by the patients.”**

To care for all of the patients in its large service area, North Central Radiology always one radiologist based in Columbus and the other two radiologists cover the remaining hospitals and clinics.

Though North Central Radiology does some work through teleradiology, Beauvais frequently provides services in-person. This can make for long hours as he arrives at work in Columbus around 6 a.m. each day and stays until 6 p.m., before often being on call after hours and on weekends.

Beauvais acknowledged that a career in health care is not easy, with its long hours and the lengthy medical school process, but he said it’s still a great profession.

“You’re always going to be on call somewhere sometime if you’re in medicine so that’s probably the drawback,” he said. **“But the field is always changing, you’re always learning and it’s fulfilling to be able to take care of people.”**

For more information on Beauvais and North Central Radiology, visit columbushosp.org.