

# OneConnect

## Siouxland Provider Newsletter

### MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center welcomes new electrophysiologists

MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center is excited to welcome Electrophysiologists [Mohammed El Baba, MD](#) and [Kuldeep Shah, MD, FACC](#) to the team at [MercyOne Siouxland Heart and Vascular Center](#).

Dr. El Baba completed his heart failure specialty at the University of Iowa and his electrophysiology fellowships at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

"I wanted to be a doctor ever since I was in high school," he said. "But my love of the heart started when I was in medical school. To have a hand in making patients feel better, to see that suffering ease, is the greatest

reward."

Dr. Shah completed his internal medicine residency at Charleston Area Medical Center in West Virginia. He then completed a cardiology fellowship at West Virginia University and an EP fellowship at Beaumont Hospital in Michigan.

"I get to make a real change every day. Maybe it's a patient who can only walk a few flights of stairs and now after their procedure they can walk four or more. Or it's a patient that has suffered and survived a cardiac arrest and we help to prevent future ones. It's so amazing to get to be a part of that."

MercyOne Siouxland Heart and



Vascular Center has a fully equipped [electrophysiology lab](#) to serve patients in a comprehensive setting with the latest technology and highly-trained, experienced staff.



**Call 712-294-7020 to schedule an appointment.**



### MercyOne Western Iowa welcomes Doug Strong

In August, MercyOne Western Iowa welcomed Doug Strong to the leadership team as interim president.

Doug has more than 40 years of experience in the health care industry serving in not-for-profit health systems and academic medical schools including University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Saint Louise School of Medicine, State of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, University of Chicago and University of Michigan.

Doug will serve as interim president for MercyOne Western Iowa as the search continues to hire a permanent replacement.

You can reach him at [Douglas.Strong@trinity-health.org](mailto:Douglas.Strong@trinity-health.org).

## MercyOne welcomes the Tanzanian Miracle Kids back to Siouxland

MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center along with Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries (STEMM) and Western Iowa Tech Community College welcomed back the three Tanzanian Miracle Kids to Siouxland with a ceremony at MercyOne.

Five years ago, Siouxland opened its arms to three African children from Tanzania. A school bus carrying 13-year-old Sadhia, 13-year-old Doreen and 12-year-old Wilson crashed, killing 35 people. The three children survived due to the heroic efforts of STEMM and were

transported to MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center, then known as Mercy Medical Center, for life-saving care. Sadhia, Doreen and Wilson had over 20 broken bones and Doreen was paralyzed when she arrived. But due to the care she received, she is able to walk again.

Today, their journey in Siouxland continues at Western Iowa Tech Community College. In October 2021 they graduated high school and decided to continue their educational journeys in the city that saved their lives.

“It’s wonderful to see Sadhia, Doreen and Wilson doing so well,” said Lea Greathouse, MercyOne Western Iowa vice president of Mission, marketing and support services. “Five years ago MercyOne was blessed to be part of their survival story, and it is so good to see them thriving today, back in Siouxland.”



## Physician Assistant Supervision

As of January 1, 2018, the Iowa Board of Medicine requires a written supervisory agreement to be in place with each PA you supervise.

The agreement must be established prior to supervision. Essential elements of this agreement should define supervisory relationship and expectations, and must consider PAs demonstrated skills, training and experience and scope of medical practice. Each supervising physician and physician assistant shall communicate about and consult on patient complaints, medical problems, complications, emergencies and patient referrals. The physician must be available for timely consults either in person, by telephone or other electronic means.

A provision in the agreement should also set forth a plan

for completing and documenting chart reviews. The review should encompass the scope of the PA’s practice and the review should be discussed with the PA. Copies of the agreement should be maintained on file and should not be sent to the Iowa Board of Medicine unless requested by it.

The physician delegates medical services to be performed by the PA and you cannot supervise more than five PAs at a time.

A physician who supervises a PA shall notify the Iowa Board of Medicine of the supervisory relationship within 60 days of the provision of initial supervision and at the time of your license renewal.

Should you need a sample agreement to work with, please contact the Medical Staff Office at 712-279-2311.

## Welcome new providers



**Vanessa Ogundipe, MD**  
Internal Medicine  
and Geriatrics



**Olusola (Shola) Ogundipe, MD, MBA**  
Infectious Disease



**Kelly Pomeranke, MD**  
Director  
MercyOne Primghar  
Medical Center



**Nicole Viogt, ARNP**  
MercyOne Primghar  
Family Medicine



**Bridget Doeden, ARNP**  
MercyOne Primghar  
Family Medicine

## MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center offers child care for colleagues

In August, [MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center](#) launched MercyOne Kids Kampus. It's a child care option for our full and part-time colleagues through a not-for-profit partnership with the [Crittenton Center](#).



The center has certified teachers and teachers' aides who are required to take a minimum of six hours of training per year. They are also all trained in mandatory reporter, CPR, first aid, AED and early childhood essentials.

"Knowing the organization you work for and are proud to work for, is taking care of your child is a sigh of relief and assurance," said Jessica Harlow, MercyOne Colleague and mom.



## Educating the community: Know where to go

MercyOne has instituted many steps to address the issue of emergency department overcrowding. Our marketing and communications team has partnered with our physician and medical group leaders to launch a communication campaign to help educate the community about where to go for care – i.e. what is an emergency care need and what could be better treated through primary or urgent care centers. [Click here to view an educational flyer](#) outlining common treatment options.



**Sick or injured: where should I go?**



### Primary Care

Intended for non-urgent issues, routine and preventive care, and treatment of ongoing health needs



### Urgent Care

Designed to evaluate and treat minor illnesses or minor injuries



### Emergency Care

Should be sought anytime a condition is life-threatening

## Colleague Care Resources

### Trinity Health: Carebridge

- 800-437-0911
- [www.myliferesource.com](http://www.myliferesource.com) access code: BKKR5 to create a personal account on your first visit
- Download the Carebridge EAP app



## MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center named a High Performing hospital

[MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center](#) is named as a 2022-2023 High Performing hospital for COPD, heart failure and kidney failure by U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings and consumer advice. This is the highest award a hospital can earn for U.S. News' Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings.

MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center earned High Performing ratings for COPD, heart failure and kidney failure in recognition of care that was significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors such as patient outcomes.

## Nominees for medical staff leadership

It's time for the nominating committee to come together and submit qualified nominees for medical staff leadership.

The nominating committee consists of the president-elect, medical staff president, secretary-treasurer, and chairs of family medicine, internal medicine and surgery. In addition, the CMO and CEO complete the composition as ex officio members.

The names of the new nominees will be reported to the medical staff by election ballot before October 31, 2022. The positions up for a vote are president, president-elect and secretary-treasurer. Department chairpersons will be directly appointed by the new president.

On behalf of MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center, we would like to extend our gratitude for the current officers and chairpersons for serving the last two years. Your time and expertise are so valuable in the processes of the medical staff. We appreciate you and all you do to support MercyOne!

- Surgery Chair – Jamie Olsen, DO
- Internal Medicine Chair – Qasim Mahboob, MD
- Psychiatry Chair – Brandon VanHessche, DO
- Family Medicine Chair – Christopher Wolf, DO
- Credentials Chair – Dale Holdiman, MD
- Peer Review Chair – Paul Johnson, MD
- Emergency Dept Chair – Steven Warrington, MD
- President – Joseph Liewer, MD
- Secretary-Treasurer – Steven Joyce, MD



### Our Mission

We, MercyOne, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel, as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.



### Our Core Values

- Reverence
- Commitment to Those Who are Poor
- Safety
- Justice
- Stewardship
- Integrity



### Our Vision

We will be the most trusted health partner for life.