

TAKING CENTER STAGE



IOWA SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

Webster City Clinic

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FAMILY IS AT THE CORE OF WHO THEY ARE

Working with family is nothing new to Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics' Kristen Davison, PA-C and Kari Patten, PA-C, as the sisters grew up watching their father, Joel Peterson, work closely with his brother Gerald, in their family construction business, Peterson Construction. This front row seat gave the Webster City native sisters a model of how generational family business works.

The medical field, in general, has always interested Kristen. She originally wanted to be an equine veterinarian but switched majors after learning the profession wasn't as prevalent in Iowa as it was in areas such as Kentucky. She really wanted to stay in Iowa. Kristen married a farmer and was tied back to the land with the succession of the family farm operation.

Kari was inspired by Sheila Bryan, PA at McFarland Clinic, who sparked her interest in becoming a Physician's Assistant.



Kari and Kristen were both attracted to a PA career because they really liked the family aspect, the knowledge they learned was similar to going to medical school at Des Moines University, and it gave them a good work and family balance.

"If we were going to be in Iowa, we wanted to be in Webster City," said Kari. "There are fond memories of childhood."

Kristen was already working for Dr. Woodhouse's practice when Kari moved back to Webster City. "It was a cool opportunity to work with Kristen, who's always been a role model," said Patten. "She's always my go-to person."

Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics acquired the Advanced Family Medicine Practice from Dr. Don Woodhouse in November 2019. The new clinic site located on Superior Street opened in May 2022. They are staff with approximately 30 employees and 13 medical staff to provide Family Practice, Dermatology, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Occupational Medicine, Orthopedics, Laboratory, Ultrasound and Radiology Services.

"We're excited about this growth opportunity, not only in the size of our footprint, but the services we will be able to offer at our new Webster City location. We appreciate the support of the community and look forward to serving this area far into the future," said Steve Simonin, Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics President & CEO.

"When Iowa Specialty Hospital brought us all on, it created a connection," said Kari. "(I) appreciated the bigger network, community, and mentorship."

When it comes to the PA sister team, Peggy Roberts, WC Clinic Leader, says "They are well known in this community. People trust them and appreciate their personalized care."

"It's not typical in the industry to see providers come home or back when recruiting," said Gina Schnathorst, Marketing Leader for Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics.

As for working with family, "We really don't see each other 24/7," said Kari. "We're busy working with patients. It's really fun to work together, have our kids grow up with each other, and have our parents nearby." The two even share the same office exemplifying "how family works together."

"Growing up around here, local business support is important," said Kari. She really appreciates how much the community gives back. "The Chamber is the biggest thing that ties business together for community engagement. It is really cool to see Market Night growing, in addition to main stay events like JunqueFest and Ladies Night Out."

Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics, located in north central Iowa, offers focused, specialized care with a compassionate touch. With campuses in Belmond and Clarion, and outreach clinics in Ames, Boone, Clear Lake, Fort Dodge, Garner, Hampton, Rockwell, Webster City, and West Des Moines, we employ over 700 employees and over 95 providers and specialists.