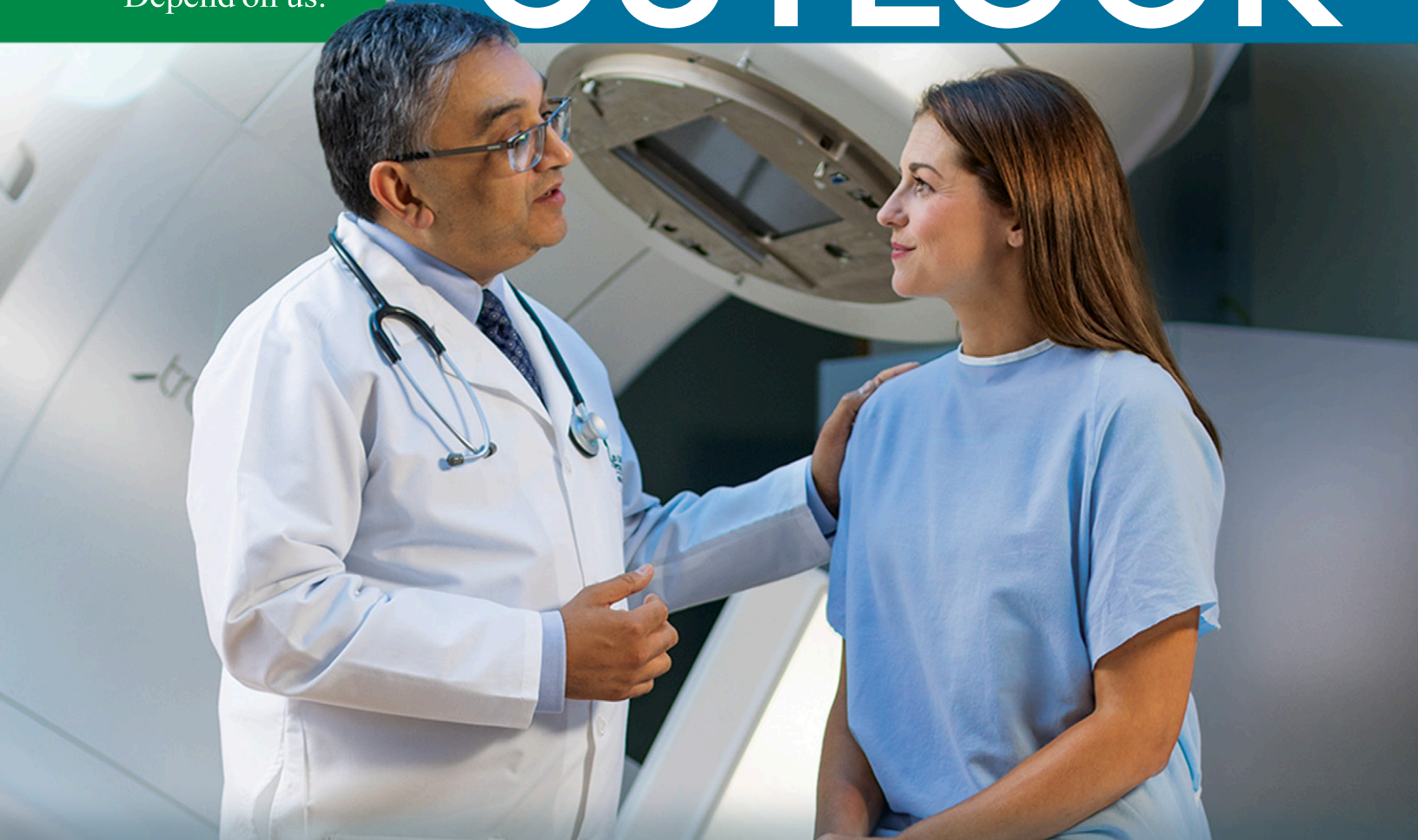




# HEALTHY OUTLOOK

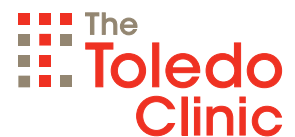


Dr. Hadziahmetovic and Dr. Parikh meet with a patient.

## MAURER FAMILY CANCER CARE CENTER WELCOMES NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

After four years of operation and serving more than 600 patients from across Northwest Ohio, the Maurer Family Cancer Care Center at Wood County Hospital is entering a new era with the appointment of Dr. Dhaval Parikh as the Center's medical director.

Dr. Parikh is a board-certified radiation oncologist who comes to the Cancer Center with more than 20 years of experience, including practices in Bryan, Ohio and Adrian, Michigan. He understands the needs of a smaller community and believes that his primary job is to help cancer patients move past their fears to understand their disease.



"Everyone wants to be cured, and everyone wants to have a good quality of life," said Dr. Parikh. "Balancing these takes a deeper understanding of what the options are, and that's how I can help our patients make the best choice."

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# WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL'S VASCULAR PROGRAM...

## HAS GOT THE BEAT

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### LOOKING BACK... LOOKING AHEAD

As 2019 begins, it is helpful to take a look back at what we've accomplished, and then look ahead to exciting opportunities in store for this year. Medicine is always changing, and our health care delivery system is as well. This trend creates tremendous opportunities to serve our Wood County residents better.

This past year was marked by significantly higher use of hospital services by the community. WCH admitted over 5,000 patients to inpatient services across all specialties. The increase accounted for over 11,000 patient days of service in Medical - Surgical, Obstetrics or 23-hour units. Similarly, the hospital's 5,500 surgical cases represent an all-time high. WCH continues to offer a wide range of outpatient services (over 120,000 visits) and a full-service emergency department (23,000 visits).

We were pleased to have opened our "New Vision" medical stabilization service in April. This new program provides stabilization for patients suffering from drug or alcohol abuse and connects them to ongoing therapy as aftercare. The new program is part of our effort to make an impact on the opiate epidemic.

2018 brought with it the introduction of robotic surgery, also known as the "da Vinci," to Wood County Hospital. Robotic surgery is many times used for patients needing gynecologic, urologic or general surgery procedures. It is less invasive and helps our specially trained surgeons perform precise and complex operations through a few small incisions. This is an exciting addition indeed.

Also this year, our Falcon Health Center rolled out the "Whole Health" integrative medicine program. This type of primary care is based on a partnership approach to healing and prevention that focuses on the whole person. Services include nutritional counseling, chiropractic care, pharmaceutical counseling, exercise prescriptions, and physical therapy. These services are now available at the Falcon Health Center.

2019 should be exciting as well. There are many new physicians who have joined the Medical Staff in recent months and are connecting to patients in our community. The new physicians specialize in family medicine, vascular surgery, radiation therapy, and pain management.

We look forward to upgrading our linear accelerator to make our equipment at the Maurer Family Cancer Care Center second to none in Northwest Ohio. WCH is also working with other hospital partners in the area including The Toledo Clinic to create a rural oncology consortium which will optimize the coordination of cancer care services for patients in the region.

Most importantly, the Hospital continues to be blessed by the support of over 800 talented and dedicated staff members, and several hundred volunteers. Their commitment, competence and compassion make Wood County Hospital the best place for our patients. This exceptional service is part of our ongoing mission and our passion.

Thank you for your support of Wood County Hospital. We wish you a happy and healthy 2019!

  
Stanley Korducki | President



Dr. Arthur P. Delos Reyes, M.D.

Wood County Hospital's vascular program is getting to the heart of good health under the leadership of Dr. Arthur P. Delos Reyes, M.D.

Dr. Delos Reyes specializes in comprehensive management of peripheral vascular disease which encompasses the long-term condition of veins and arteries. This management includes vascular screening and prevention, surveillance of vascular disease with radiological and ultrasound studies, and wound care. He is skilled in the full spectrum of open and endovascular surgical procedures.

Dr. Delos Reyes earned his doctorate from Northeast Ohio Medical University. He later focused on cardiovascular health as a member of the Jobst Vascular Institute Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program at the University of Toledo. Dr. Delos Reyes is a registered physician in vascular interpretation and is board certified in vascular and general surgery by The American Board of Surgery.

*"My job is to involve patients in their own care by helping them understand vascular disease and how to make the changes necessary to prevent disease in the future."*  
-Arthur Delos Reyes, M.D.

#### The Wood County Vascular Center offers the following services:

- Carotid Artery Surgery to Prevent Stroke
- Management of Chronic Venous Disease and Varicose Veins
- Dialysis Access
- Peripheral Bypass Surgery for Limb Salvage
- Endovascular Procedures
- Comprehensive Wound Care
- Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
- Medical & Surgical Management of Peripheral Vascular Disease

If you're concerned about vascular disease, talk with your doctor or call the Wood County Vascular Center at (419) 354-3250.

Physician Services Provided By:



Wood County VASCULAR CENTER





# ‘LADIES NIGHT OUT’

## PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION

Thursday, October 18th was a festive night for many of the ladies in our community. While learning about all the preventative services available at Wood County Hospital, they enjoyed wonderful food and wine at the second annual “Ladies Night Out.”

The event was held in the Surgery Waiting Area of the hospital and kicked off with welcoming remarks from Wood County Hospital President Stan Korducki. Primary Care Physician Dr. Nazia Yasmin Sidiq highlighted the importance of preventative medicine for women.

While savoring the refreshments, attendees browsed the information booths representing numerous hospital departments.

A highlight was the surgery tour with a demonstration of the hospital’s latest da Vinci robotic technology by Dr. Megan Porter. Over 250 health screening tests were performed, along with massages. If you missed the event and would like more information about preventative services, email [meyers@woodcountyhospital.org](mailto:meyers@woodcountyhospital.org) to receive updates on all the areas that were represented at the event.

If you have a group that would like to tour the hospital and learn about the latest technologies offered to our patients, please contact Cristy Walton at (419) 373-7627.

## ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS AT WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL TREAT BGSU ATHLETES & WEEKEND WARRIORS

College can be tough enough without being sidelined by a strained muscle, torn ligament, or other sports-related injury. That’s where Orthopaedic Surgeons Drs. Scott Deering and Carlos Gomez can help.

The two physicians work directly with the Bowling Green State University Athletics Department to provide medical care for various teams. You’ll often find both doctors on the sidelines of the BGSU football games and available to all their other athletes.

“The opportunity to work with the student athletes at BGSU was a major factor in my decision to come to Bowling Green after completing my advanced training in orthopaedic sports medicine,” said Dr. Deering. “I enjoy working with these patients to develop a plan to allow them to return to performing the activities that they enjoy while receiving their education.”

“Wood County Hospital has a really great relationship with BGSU,” said Dr. Gomez, who has been with the hospital for 12 years. “We

attend all sporting events wherever we’re needed and it’s great to be able to watch the athletes do what they love.”

The Wood County Hospital provided free sports clinics for area high schools throughout the fall, and provided sideline therapists during games for many high school football teams. Both physicians and the WCH therapists dedicate a considerable amount of time to area athletes. “I like caring for athletes from the local high schools to allow them to remain active.” said Dr. Deering.

Weekend warriors who still enjoy participating in sports now and then may need medical attention if they’ve strained a muscle or have sustained a more serious injury. Our orthopaedic physicians work tirelessly to help those athletes and others recover so they can get back to playing the sports they enjoy.

“If someone has been injured playing a sport or is suffering from aches and pains, we can determine the extent of the injury and develop a treatment plan that will get them feeling better.” said Dr. Gomez.

For more information on Orthopaedics at Wood County Hospital, visit our website at [WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Orthopedics/](http://WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Orthopedics/)



Dr. Carlos Gomez, M.D.



# WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL'S AWARD-WINNING BARIATRICS DEPARTMENT CHANGES LIVES



2018  
**WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD**  
AMERICA'S BEST HOSPITALS  
FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY

women's healthcare preferences and survey results from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems.

Wood County Hospital's Center for Weight Loss Surgery utilizes a comprehensive approach to weight loss surgery, choosing which procedure to use based on the patient's age, current state of health, current weight and desired outcome. The unique program helps patients through all steps of the process and prepares them for life after surgery. The pre- and post-surgery support groups have been shown to contribute to better outcomes, as well as with helping to keep the weight off.

The Women's Choice Award is the only nationwide honor recognizing excellence in bariatric surgery, and Wood County Hospital is one of 422 healthcare centers nationally to receive it. The award committee considers patient satisfaction and clinical excellence when awarding recognition.

Bariatric procedures - also known as weight loss surgeries - are complicated and delicate processes. But the men and women of Wood County Hospital's Center for Weight Loss Surgery have proven that they're up to the challenge. They've received the 2018 Women's Choice Award as one of America's Best Hospitals for Bariatric Surgery.

Led by Dr. Pete Lalor, the experts behind Wood County Hospital's accredited bariatrics program have performed more than 4,000 surgeries during the last 40 years, with half that number taking place in the past decade.

The Women's Choice Award places Wood County Hospital in the top one percent of nearly 5,000 reviewed U.S. hospitals. WCH earned the recognition based on national accreditations, hospital outcome scores from primary research about

"We were the first nationally accredited program in the area. We have a comprehensive program using minimally invasive surgical techniques with a patient-centered atmosphere that most programs can't offer," said Dr. Lalor. "I am extremely proud for our office and hospital staff that we have received this award. I have always felt we had one of the best programs in the state and it is gratifying to have that confirmed by receiving the Women's Choice Award."

For more information on Wood County Hospital's Center for Weight Loss, visit [WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Weight-Loss/](http://WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Weight-Loss/)





## MAURER FAMILY CANCER CARE CENTER WELCOMES NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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After growing up on Long Island in New York, attending medical school in the Philadelphia area, and serving his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, Dr. Parikh says he can appreciate working in a place like Bowling Green.

“There are many things that smaller towns have to offer that larger cities can’t. Coming to the Midwest was the best decision my wife and I ever made.”

Dr. Parikh says the level of services being provided at the Maurer Family Cancer Care Center is excellent. His goal is to continue to improve those services and meet stringent guidelines to earn national accreditation as a radiation center, so that patients are assured they’re receiving the highest level of care.

Also joining the staff at the Maurer Family Cancer Care Center is Radiation Oncologist Dr. Mersiha Hadziahmetovic. She says working directly with patients is her favorite part of the job.

“After more than a decade of practicing medicine, there is still nothing better than connecting with another human being and helping take care of them following a cancer diagnosis,” said Dr. Hadziahmetovic.

Looking ahead, Dr. Parikh is pleased to announce a new procedure has come to the Cancer Center. Prostate brachytherapy is a cancer treatment in which tiny radioactive seeds are implanted in the prostate during an outpatient procedure.

“It’s a very successful option for early-stage prostate cancer. We’re also planning to add radiosurgery to treat brain lesions in a non-invasive manner.”

Dr. Parikh says the future of cancer treatment is promising, with innovations that combine immunotherapy and radiation to shrink tumors more rapidly with fewer side effects including special heart sparing technology. Along with new treatments, he’s looking forward to bringing more specialty care to the area by working with other physicians at the Toledo Clinic.

“I’d like to thank the Cancer Center staff and the Bowling Green community for welcoming me. *I’m excited to grow together with all of you.*”

*—Dr. Dhaval Parikh*



*Dr. Dhaval Parikh*  
Radiation Oncologist  
The Toledo Clinic



*Dr. Mersiha Hadziahmetovic*  
Radiation Oncologist  
The Toledo Clinic



# 'HOPS & VINES' RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

There was plenty of good 'Cheer' at the third annual Hops & Vines event, held October 5th in the north parking lot of Wood County Hospital.

About 275 attendees gathered under the large tent to enjoy great food, beverages and music, all with the goal of raising funds for a new playground for the Hospital's READY Program, which prepares children with autism for kindergarten.

While attendees enjoyed the music of Cindy Slee and the Rhythm Method, they sampled a fine selection of domestic and international wines provided by Diana Kerr-Brown of Vintner Select. Five local craft beer brewers also brought their creations to the party. And on the culinary side, guests enjoyed roast beef sliders, salmon mousse, chicken satay, cannoli, and chocolate covered strawberries, all prepared by the chefs of the Wood County Hospital Dietary Department.

*"The event brought in more than \$50,000 for the READY Program's new playground..."*

Hops & Vines was organized by the Wood County Hospital Guild, a fundraising arm of WCH. The event brought in more than \$50,000 for the READY Program's new playground which aids in speech, occupational and physical therapies for the students. The playground encourages taking turns, interaction and outdoor fun, which are all important for the students' development. Since its founding in 1954, the Wood County Hospital Guild has raised more than \$1.2 million dollars for various hospital projects, including the Maurer Family Cancer Care Center and the Women's Center.

"The Wood County Hospital Guild helps fund those projects we don't have room to support in the general fund," said Laurie Newlove, director of volunteers. "Due to the generosity of everyone who attended this event, our great kids at the READY Program can enjoy a beautiful new playground."

## MEDICAL STAFF UPDATE

**JOSEPH N. ATALLAH, M.D.**  
The Center for Pain Management at Wood County Hospital



Dr. Atallah brings more than 30 years of diverse pain management and anesthesiology experience to Wood County Hospital's Center for Pain Management. He has earned two board certifications from the American Board of Anesthesiology, one specifically for pain

medicine. For information on making an appointment with Dr. Atallah or the Center for Pain Management, call 419-373-7696 or visit [WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Pain-Management](http://WoodCountyHospital.org/Medical-Services/Pain-Management).

**KERRY PEARSON, D.O.**  
The Falcon Health Center



Dr. Kerry Pearson has joined the patient care team at Falcon Health Center. She is a graduate of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at Firelands Regional Medical Center. Dr. Pearson has a background in osteopathic

medicine and has a special interest in women's health and the impact of nutrition on a patient's overall health. Dr. Pearson provides urgent care and primary care services and is accepting appointments. For information or to make an appointment with Dr. Pearson, visit [FalconHealth.org](http://FalconHealth.org) or call (419) 728-0601.

**ERICA PERSON, M.D., M.S., F.A.A.O.**  
Associated Eye Care, Inc.



Dr. Person, a comprehensive board-certified ophthalmologist, has joined Associated Eye Care, Inc. and the Wood County Hospital medical staff. She earned her medical doctorate at St. Louis University of Medicine and conducted her internship

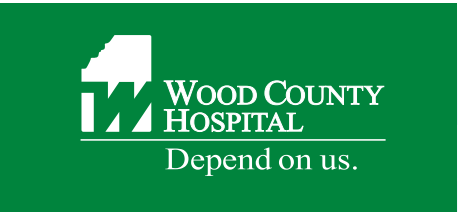
at Forest Park Hospital. She specializes in cataract surgery and yag capsulotomy, diabetic and glaucoma management and lid surgery. To make an appointment with Dr. Person at Associated Eye Care, Inc., call (419) 352-5500.

# *From the Foundation*

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