

The Nurse Practitioners of Winfield Family Medicine

Winfield Family Medicine, owned by Brent A. Jacobus, DO, FACOFP and Brett A. Brechner, DO, has proudly served the Winfield community for over a decade by providing high quality primary healthcare. Over the years, Winfield Family Medicine has continued to grow, and in order to ensure patients continue to receive quality care, welcomed three Nurse Practitioners to the provider staff.

Many patients are already familiar with Deborah L. Wickenden, NP-C, Michelle E. Hoover, NP-C, and Brittney E. Owen, NP-C, however, if you are currently looking for a primary care provider, we encourage you to consider setting your next appointment with one of these Nurse Practitioners.

Deborah L. Wickenden, NP-C began her career in the medical field as a nurse at St. Margaret's Hospital, working for a cardiologist. As this doctor prepared to retire, she encouraged her to continue her education, and she did just that. She enrolled with the intent of getting her bach-

elor's degree, but continued on to earn her degree as a Nurse Practitioner by 2007. Then, in 2009, she joined Winfield Family Medicine, and in addition to providing primary care, also sees patients who need annual CDL physicals in order to maintain their credentials. Deborah has a wealth of knowledge and stays calm under pressure. She says what she likes most about being part of the Winfield Family Medicine team is that it is a Christian faith based practice, that the physicians are down to earth, and she is able to treat a wide variety of patient needs.

Michelle E. Hoover, NP-C graduated from Purdue University in 2003 and began her medical career at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago in the pediatric intensive care unit. During that time, she met and married her husband, David who is a fireman, and together they have three children, currently under the age of five. After working at Lurie's for 9 years, Michelle desired a transition, and joined the Winfield Family Medicine team in

2012. She is personable, enthusiastic, and bubbly. No matter what might be happening in the office, Michelle maintains her efficiency and cheerful demeanor.

Brittney E. Owen, NP-C attended Indiana Wesleyan University, graduating as a registered nurse in 2010. She began working at St. Mary's Hospital in the emergency room for 3 ½ years and then in the cardiac unit for 18 months. During this time, she returned to Indiana Wesleyan University and graduated as a Nurse Practitioner in 2015. Since that time, she has joined the Winfield Family Medicine team, where she is able to work side by side with her dad, Dr. Brent Jacobus. Brittney enjoys performing minor procedures, as well as the family practice atmosphere, which allows her to build relationships with her patients and their families, establish trust, and educate patients on prevention of health conditions.

Each of these Nurse Practitioners bring unique skills, qualities, and personalities to the practice. They are well



Pictured from left to right are Deb Wickenden, Brittney Owen, and Michelle Hoover.

liked and respected, not just by their peers, but more importantly, by their patients. Each regularly receives feedback from patients about the high level of care they offer, that they are good listeners, and that they truly care about their patient's health concerns.

Dr. Brent A. Jacobus and Dr. Brett A. Brechner agree, "It is the mission of Winfield Family Medicine to offer quality healthcare for every stage of life. As we journey with our patients, we will utilize our gifts and talents

from God to help heal the body, mind, and spirit. We will strive to provide wellness to our community and also restore health to the nations." This mission statement is made possible by all the staff at Winfield Family Medicine, but especially by the Nurse Practitioners, who play an integral role within the practice. We encourage you to get to know them by scheduling an appointment with them soon!