North Central Kansas Medical Center
Salina Regional Health Center



Winter 2026 NEWSLETTER



Curtis Hawkinson,
Chief Administrative Officer

NCKMC Welcomes New Administrator

It is a privilege to introduce myself to the people of Cloud County and the surrounding communities as the new Administrator of North Central Kansas Medical Center. I began this new role on May 18, and I am excited about the opportunity to serve this community and be part of the future of healthcare in North Central Kansas.

I have been involved in rural healthcare since 1991 and have served in rural healthcare leadership since 1998. Throughout those years, I have learned something that I believe is especially important in rural communities: great healthcare is about much more than a building or the services we provide. It is about people.

North Central Kansas Medical Center has some remarkable people. We have an amazing staff who come to work each day committed to caring for their friends, neighbors and families.

We have passionate medical providers who understand the importance of providing high-quality care close to home. And we have incredible volunteers who give their time and talents because they genuinely love this medical center and the community it serves.

That is something special—and something we should all be proud of. We also have an incredible new facility. It represents a tremendous investment in the future of healthcare in our region and provides us with an opportunity to build upon the excellent care that has been provided here for many years.

A beautiful new facility is important, but what will ultimately make it successful is what happens inside its walls: compassionate people caring for patients. For our history and setting our standard going forward we will always be indebted to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

My personal mantra throughout my career has been simple: I want to help ensure that people who choose to live in rural America have access to great healthcare. I believe strongly that people should not have to leave rural Kansas or go to the "City" to receive quality healthcare.

Our rural communities are filled with hard-working, caring and resilient people.

We have outstanding schools, businesses, churches, community organizations, families and volunteers. We have much to be proud of. Among those things we should be proud of is our healthcare.

As I begin this journey at North Central Kansas Medical Center, my goal is to listen, learn and work alongside our staff, providers, volunteers and community leaders. We will continue to look for ways to strengthen the services we provide, improve the patient experience and make sure this medical center remains an important part of the future of Concordia, Cloud County and the surrounding area.

I am excited about what lies ahead. There will certainly be challenges, as there are in every rural healthcare organization, but I believe our greatest days can still be ahead of us.

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Growing our Services

New Pain Management Services Coming to NCKMC

North Central Kansas Medical Center is pleased to welcome Holistic Pain Management to our community, providing patients with expanded access to specialized pain care closer to home.

HPM focuses on helping patients manage chronic and acute pain through individualized treatment plans. Their services include evaluation and diagnosis of pain conditions, medication management, injections and other interventional procedures designed to help patients improve function and quality of life.

Holistic Pain Management providers will see patients for clinic visits on the first and third Mondays of each month and will perform procedures at NCK Medical Center on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Patients interested in seeing a Holistic Pain Management provider should ask their primary care provider for a referral or call the Family Care Center at (785) 243-4272 for more information and assistance with scheduling.

Gastroenterology Services Now Available at NCKMC

North Central Kansas Medical Center is expanding access to specialty care with the addition of Dr. Luke Johnson, MD, a gastroenterologist with Salina Regional Gastroenterology.



Dr. Luke Johnson, MD

Dr. Johnson sees patients at NCK Medical Center on the third Thursday of each month, providing both clinic visits and procedures related to digestive health. Gastroenterology services can help diagnose and treat a variety of conditions affecting the digestive system including the esophagus, stomach, intestines, liver and related organs.

Patients interested in seeing Dr. Johnson should talk with their health care provider about a referral or contact the Family Care Center at (785) 243-4272 for more information.

Welcome back, Dr. Rump!

NCKMC is happy to welcome Dr. Travis Rump back following his deployment with the United States Air Force this summer. We are grateful for his dedication and service to our country and appreciate the commitment he demonstrates both in uniform and in caring for patients in our community.



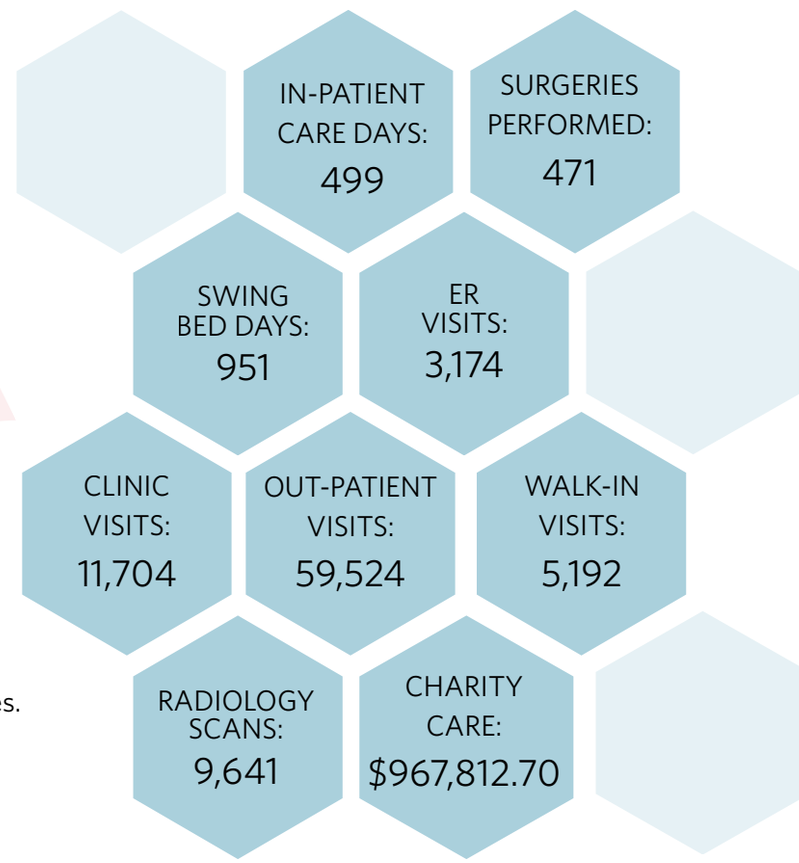
Dr. Travis Rump, DO

Dr. Rump is a fellowship-trained, board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in orthopedic trauma and general orthopedics. He provides a wide range of services, including fracture care, joint replacement, sports medicine, arthroscopic procedures, hand and foot and ankle surgery, and treatment for acute orthopedic injuries. He also offers joint injections and platelet-rich plasma (PRP) therapy.

We are proud to have Dr. Rump back at NCK Medical Center and look forward to continuing to provide our community with access to specialized orthopedic care close to home.

To make an appointment with Dr. Rump, call Salina Regional Orthopedic at (785) 452-7366.

NCKMC By the Numbers



**These numbers represent services provided by North Central Kansas Medical Center from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026*

Happy Highlights



Congratulations to Wyatt Brichali on becoming a certified Medical Laboratory Technician! We are always proud when our employees choose to further their education to better serve the patients of north central Kansas.



A HUGE thank you to U.S. Stone Industries, LLC for its generous donation of stones for the front of our Emergency Department. Patient safety is our top priority and we are grateful for their gift!



North Central Kansas Medical Center received the Get with the Guidelines Gold award through the American Heart Association for it's efforts to improve the health of stroke patients in north central Kansas.



NCKMC welcomes the 2026-2027 Project Search interns who will spend the next nine months learning valuable workforce skills. L-R: Amy (instructor), Izzy, Katana and Noah! Welcome!

NCKMC In The Community



July 4th Color Run



Chuck Wagon Supper @ Watermelon Fest



Pickleball Tournament winners



Scooter and e-bike safety event.



Check presented to Down Syndrome Society



Asthma Testing @ CMS



NCKMC Health Fair



Provided 397 Free Sports Physicals

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Thank you for welcoming me to Concordia and Cloud County. I look forward to getting to know many of you, hearing your ideas and concerns, and working together to make North Central Kansas Medical Center a healthcare organization that our entire region can be proud of.

The future of rural healthcare is worth fighting for—and I am excited to be part of that future here in North Central Kansas.

With gratitude,
Curtis Hawkinson, FACHE, Administrator

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Upcoming Events:

Nov. 16, 2026- NCKMC's 4th Birthday
Nov. 19, 2026- Great American Smokeout
Nov. 20, 2026- Scrubs On Site Uniform Sale
Jan. 4, 2027- Blood Drive @ NCK Medical Center
Feb. 5, 2027- Go Red for Women's Heart Health
Mar. 6, 2027- Cloud County Foundation for Health Care Casino Night Fundraiser
Mar. 30, 2027- Stepping On course begins
May 6, 2027- Project Search Graduation
May 9-15, 2027- National Hospital Week
May 25 & 26, 2027- Safe Sitter Course

