MercyOne locations across Iowa were recognized as Best Hospitals by U.S. News and World Report for 2020-21. MercyOne Siouxland ranks sixth in the state and received high performing recognition in heart failure care, COPD, and colon cancer surgery.

The annual Best Hospitals rankings are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or for common elective procedures.

“This recognition is a product of our talented and dedicated physicians, providers and care teams. We are thankful for their continued commitment to providing quality and personalized care to patients and families in our community,” said President Beth Hughes, Western Iowa Region.

MercyOne Siouxland Endocrinology Care opens

MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center is proud to welcome Losty T. Torres Potter, MD to the MercyOne family and excited to introduce MercyOne Siouxland Endocrinology Care to Siouxland.

Dr. Torres Potter’s practice will be based at the medical center at 624 Jones Street, inside the MercyOne specialty care offices of Steven Joyce, MD, Larry Sellers, MD and Daniel Lamptey, MD.

Dr. Torres Potter joins MercyOne Siouxland following her stay as Chief Fellow of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, New York and her Doctor of Medicine from the Instituto Tecnologico de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Referrals can be made to MercyOne Siouxland Endocrinology Care at 712-279-2950. Dr. Torres Potter will be joined by Jackie Kuchta, DNP for the complete care and management of diabetes and other conditions.

Dr. Torres Potter has done extensive research on Graves disease, Recurrent Adrenal Crisis, Hashimoto Encephalopathy and several other endocrine case reports.

New providers

- **Austin Ferguson, DO**
  - Anesthesia

- **Joshua Hockett, DO**
  - Orthopedic Surgeon, CNOS

- **Jennifer Keating, MD**
  - Psychiatry Resident

- **Brandon Vanhessche, DO**
  - Psychiatry
First TAVR completed at MercyOne Siouxland

MercyOne Siouxland Heart and Vascular Center physicians completed the region’s first Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) procedure on July 1. This minimally-invasive heart procedure includes replacing a narrowed aortic valve that fails to open properly, called aortic valve stenosis.

TAVR can be an option for patients at risk for complications from open-heart surgery and is an impressive team approach to personalized heart care. Interventional Cardiologists Dr. Stilianos Efstratiadis and Dr. Glynne Edwards joined with Cardiothoracic Surgeon Dr. Giovanni Ciuffo for the first TAVR at MercyOne Siouxland, assisted by an expert team of cath lab and surgery technicians, anesthesiologists, perfusionists and non-invasive cardiology technicians.

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To perform TAVR, the doctor accesses the patient’s heart through a blood vessel in the leg. A catheter is then inserted while advanced imaging techniques guide it through the patient’s blood vessels, to the heart and into the aortic valve.

Blue Distinction Centers designation

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield has recognized MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center with a Blue Distinction® Centers+ designation, as part of the Blue Distinction Spine Surgery and Knee and Hip Replacement programs.

Facilities designated as Blue Distinction Centers for Knee and Hip Replacement demonstrate expertise in total knee and total hip replacement surgeries, resulting in fewer patient complications and readmissions.

Blue Distinction Centers® are nationally designated providers who show expertise in delivering high-quality patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community and leading accreditation and quality organizations.

In addition to meeting these qualities thresholds, hospitals designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ are, on average, 20 percent more cost-efficient in surgery of care compared to their peers.

Moville Family Medicine now open

After its March opening was delayed due to COVID-19, MercyOne Moville Family Medicine finally opened July 6. This primary care clinic fills a void for the Moville community, which experienced the exit of an independent family practice clinic earlier in the year.

Ashley Pollema, ARNP, will provide care to patients at the Moville clinic, both in-person and through virtual visits.

The clinic opened to strong patient numbers as community members gain confidence in returning to medical clinic and continue to make wellness checks a priority.

SMEF 2020/2021 New Family Medicine Residents

Katherine Evans, DO  Robert Garekis, DO  Austin Granatowicz, MD  Cassady Miller, MD  Shannon Salerno, MD  Ben Schwab, DO