



## A new home for Rockcastle Family Wellness

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### Rockcastle Regional announces \$3.2 million expansion to campus

Rockcastle Family Wellness will have a new home on the campus of Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center. Drs. David Bullock, Kevin Rowe, Karen Saylor, as well as nurse practitioners Ginger Mink-Cash and Samantha Brooke Shell, and physician assistants Angie Parsons-Woods and Brittany Perkins-Saylor, will provide patient care in the new building when it opens in December 2013. In addition, there will be space available for identified community members already attending professional schools who will return home to practice medicine.

When Dr. Saylor thinks back to when she started as the lone physician in her practice in 1990, she is proud of how far things have advanced, and how the county has continued to grow its own healthcare providers. "It has been exciting to watch the practice grow from one physician to multiple healthcare providers who all are originally from Rockcastle County and who understand the needs of the local people."

For Dr. Saylor, the new building represents the "fulfillment of a dream to be able to provide access to multiple providers in one area with improved patient comfort, safety, and healthcare

availability. This facility will be nicer than can be found anywhere else and one in which our community will be proud of," Dr. Saylor said.

Rockcastle Family Wellness provides healthcare services to a large patient population from Rockcastle County and around the region (37,000 patient visits in the past year). The growing clinic currently employs 47 people with plans for multiple positions to be filled. The new building will provide health career opportunities for nurses, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and clerical staff.

"Rockcastle County has always produced the talent to maintain an exceptional healthcare workforce," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital. "It's been our responsibility as stewards of the local healthcare system to support and recruit that talent back into the community. It's also our job to make sure they have the very best facilities in which to practice. This new facility is a reflection of that ongoing

commitment."

Additionally, the new building is a response to the demand for increasing specialty care for adults and children in the region. The current office for Rockcastle Family Wellness in the Medical Arts Building will be utilized to increase and enhance specialty clinics from UK

HealthCare and other providers. Clinics such as pediatric nephrology, cardiology, gynecology, oncology, pediatric surgery, and more, increase access and decrease travel time for the citizens of Rockcastle County and surrounding communities.

Clinic Director Brandy Bullock said, "Providing safe, efficient care is the main concern at Rockcastle Family Wellness. It is an established rural health clinic and financial barriers

Features of the nearly 17,000 square foot building, which will be located on High Street behind the Medical Arts Building, will include:

- 36 state-of-the art patient exam rooms
- sick and well patient waiting areas
- private patient registration areas
- consultation area for dietitians and pharmacists and a children's play area
- modern, stream-lined design will provide better patient flow and improve patient wait times.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital administration is working with developer D.W. Wilburn and architects Jeff Kolpek and Garlan Van Hook on innovative approaches for the design.

riers should not hinder someone from seeking preventive care or medical treatment. For those patients who meet certain financial eligibility criteria, a discounted/sliding fee scale is available."