

The Cooper Report

A Newsletter For Our Patients | Summer 2011



In this edition of The Cooper Report, I am pleased to report a few of the many good things happening at our physician-owned clinic. At a time when hospitals and other healthcare groups are cutting staff and services, we have expanded physical therapy and installed 4D Cardiac Echo, the gold standard in cardiac care. Behind the scenes, our physicians are investing a great deal more in two key areas. The first is physician recruitment. I invite you learn more about our strategic recruiting plan on page 3 of this newsletter. The second is technology. In recent years, Cooper Clinic has become this area's radiologic leader, exclusively offering advances such as Lower Radiation CT Scans. But unseen by our patients, we are also substantially upgrading our computer and data network. Essentially, we are laying building blocks for improved and expanded services that patients will see and experience in the near future.

You can be assured, we have a carefully formed plan and a clear vision for recruiting, for improving, and continuing to care for you. Thank you for choosing Cooper Clinic.

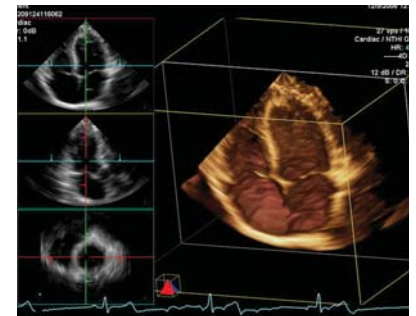
4D Cardiac Echo


Seeing Your Heart More Clearly

In the fight against heart disease, you want a diagnosis based on the latest technology. That's why Cooper Clinic is proud to offer 4D Cardiac Echo.

This new gold standard in Echocardiography allows the flow of blood through the heart to be analyzed in just one complete cardiac cycle.

Timothy Waack, MD, one of Cooper Clinic's seven Board-Certified Cardiologists, explained this new technology. "In traditional ultrasound systems, four to seven heart cycles are 'stitched' together to form a complete volume. In comparison, our new system uses superior 3D images to capture a single heartbeat in real time, and that element of 'real time' is why it's commonly referred to as 4D. With amazing precision, we can assess how well the heart muscle pumps, whether the valves of the heart are functioning properly, and if blood flow through the heart is occurring normally. It represents a new dimension in Cardiology, and in this area, it's available only at Cooper Clinic."



All Echocardiogram testing at Cooper Clinic is performed by Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographers. All exams are read by Board-Certified Cardiologists. Our Echocardiography Department is fully accredited. And now, we see your heart more clearly. That's Strong Medicine. 

Fort Smith's

First & Only 4D Cardiac Echo / First & Only Lower Radiation CT / First & Only Bilateral Breast MRI
First & Only Permanently Installed PET/CT / First Cardiac CT





Announcing Our Newest Providers

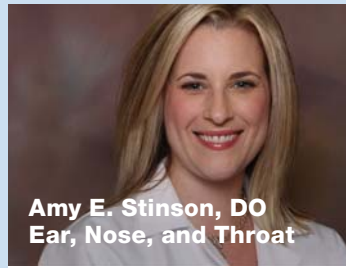
Please join us in welcoming these seven new providers. The three physicians, Dr. Abdel-Karim, Dr. Stinson, and Dr. Bradshaw, will join Cooper Clinic in 2012. The three Nurse Practitioners and Audiologist will have all joined our team by this fall.



Isam Abdel-Karim, MD
Hematology / Oncology

Hembree Regional Cancer Center
7301 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
479.274.6200 / 800.333.1305

Dr. Abdel-Karim is joining Cooper Clinic, well-trained and ready to treat cancer patients in our region. He has completed three fellowships at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas in Hematology/Oncology, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Abdel-Karim is Board Certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Hematology, Medical Oncology, Geriatric Medicine, and Internal Medicine.



Amy E. Stinson, DO
Ear, Nose, and Throat

Cooper Clinic – Main Facility
4th floor
6801 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
479.274.3900 / 800.333.1305

A Fort Smith native, Dr. Stinson is coming home to practice with our Department of Ear, Nose and Throat. After completing her undergraduate work at the University of Arkansas, she graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Stinson is currently completing an Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery Residency at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Jody A. Bradshaw, MD
Orthopedic Surgery

Centers of Excellence
6th floor
7001 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
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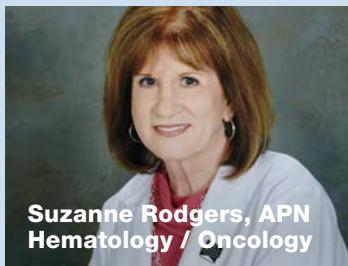
A native of Ozark, Dr. Bradshaw is returning to Arkansas to join our Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He earned his Medical Degree and completed an Orthopedic Surgery Residency through the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock. Following a UHZ Sports Medicine Fellowship in Miami, Florida, Dr. Bradshaw will join our four Orthopedists, Drs. Heim, Bebout, Evans, and Harp.



Jana D. Smith, AuD
Audiology

Cooper Clinic – Main Facility
4th floor
6801 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
479.274.3900 / 800.333.1305

Audiologist, Dr. Jana Smith, is joining our Department of Ear, Nose, and Throat after earning her Doctorate in Audiology from the University of Memphis. In preparation for her Audiologic career, she studied Communication Disorders at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Dr. Smith's practice will include hearing aid fittings and maintenance, and hearing evaluations for patients of ENT specialists, Drs. Gwartney and Erstine.



Suzanne Rodgers, APN
Hematology / Oncology

Hembree Regional Cancer Center
7301 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
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Suzy has joined the practice of Dr. Narendra Gorukanti in our Department of Hematology/Oncology. Suzy is a graduate of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway. With 19 years' experience in the field of nursing, she will work closely with Dr. Gorukanti in the diagnosis and treatment of patients, the management of chemotherapy side effects and disease symptoms, and patient and family counseling.



Peggy A. Kelly, APN
Internal Medicine

Centers of Excellence
5th floor
7001 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith
479.274.4900 / 800.333.1305

Peggy is joining the Internal Medicine practice of Dr. Robert Nowlin. She is a graduate of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway. Her nursing education began at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Peggy brings 17 years' nursing experience to this practice and will collaborate with Dr. Nowlin in the management of adult health and wellness.



Katy Trotter, APN
Allergy / Asthma

Northwest AR Allergy Clinic
3416 Old Greenwood Road
Fort Smith
479.274.5600 / 800.346.9222

Katy has joined the practice of Dr. Aubrey Ziegler at the Northwest Arkansas Allergy Clinic. She is a graduate of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway. Her nursing education began at UAFS and continued at Arkansas Tech University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Katy will work with allergy and asthma patients, providing education and monitoring of their treatment plan.

Selective, Successful Recruiting

We are pleased to report that Cooper Clinic is successfully executing a carefully crafted strategic recruiting plan. Our newest providers are listed on the previous page; others have contracts pending and will be announced soon. They are eager to join our physician-owned clinic where healthcare and management decisions are made locally – putting patients, not a hospital corporation, at the core of all we do.

Based on our analysis of the market and projected retirements of our physicians, our recruiting efforts will be staged and targeted for specific specialties. We will further narrow our search by seeking physicians who are highly trained, have excellent communication skills, and will be committed to our community as well as our patients. Our goal is to remain “right-sized” for our market with approximately 100 quality providers in 25 specialties. You can be assured that our plan is aggressive; but simply increasing the number of physicians is not our goal. We’re selective in choosing doctors, so you can remain confident in choosing Cooper Clinic.

To make a great comeback, choose the Physical Therapy team that offers you more.

Strains, sprains, and post-surgical recovery can really slow you down. But the right Physical Therapy team can help you get back to activities you enjoy.

At Cooper Clinic, we have recently expanded our PT staff, adding experienced personnel who have been caring for patients in this area for many years. Using state-of-the-art equipment in our new gym and treatment area, we now offer a wider range of services to meet your rehabilitation needs.

More staff. More space. More equipment. More caring. Great comebacks start here.

Learn about your body. Live in better health.

Learning about your body can help you live in better health. That’s why we are pleased to announce the continuation of our **Anatomy 101 Seminar Series**.

Each seminar will be led by Cooper Clinic physicians who will help you understand a part of your body and how it relates to an interesting, timely subject.

All seminars will be held at the main Cooper Clinic location at 6801 Rogers Avenue. Space is limited, so please register online at cooperclinic.com or call 479.274.3333.

Your Lungs: Understanding & Controlling Asthma

Presented by: Aubrey Ziegler, M.D.

Cooper Clinic – Main Facility, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Your Brain: Matters of the Mind

Presented by: John Kareus, D.O., William Knubley, M.D.,

Tonya Phillips, M.D., Janice Keating, M.D.

Cooper Clinic – Main Facility, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Check cooperclinic.com for a list of additional seminar topics and dates.

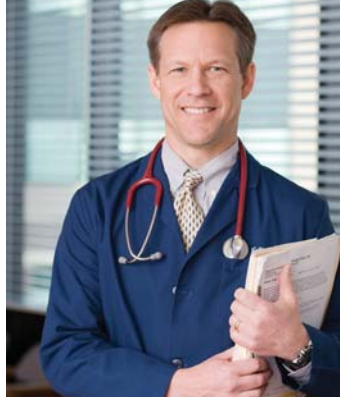
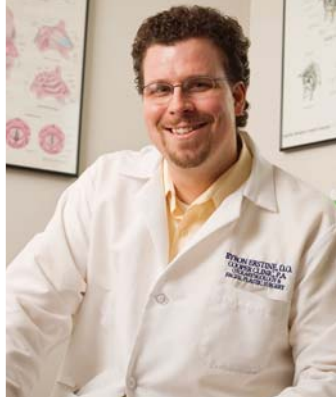
Two Physical Therapy locations:

Cooper Clinic – Main Facility: 6801 Rogers Ave., 4th Floor
479.274.5300 | 800.333.1305

Occupational Medicine Clinic: 4300 Regions Park Dr.
479.274.6300 | 800.333.1305



from left, standing: Lane Carter, PT; Kevin Doolittle, PT; Libby McGill, PTA; Juanita Humphries, PTA. seated: Amy Rice, PTA; Tamra Hill, PT Aide; Lesli France, PT; Shakona Krenn, PT Aide; Cheryl Maxwell, PT



Provider Directory

ALLERGY / ASTHMA

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ALLERGY CLINIC
Aubrey W. Ziegler MD / Katy Trotter APN
3416 Old Greenwood Rd, Ft Smith 479-274-5600

AUDIOLOGY

Jana Smith AuD
6801 Rogers Ave, 4th Flr, Ft Smith 479-274-3900

CARDIOLOGY

R. Peter Fleck MD / Riley D. Foreman DO /
Stephen C. Manus MD / J. Kurt Mehl MD /
Donald E. Shows MD / Kirk D. Stites MD /
Timothy C. Waack MD
7001 Rogers Ave, 4th Flr, Ft Smith 479-274-4700

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Rowland P. Vernon, Jr. MD
7001 Rogers Ave, 4th Flr, Ft Smith 479-274-4800

DERMATOLOGY

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FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

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Paul T. Harrington MD
Hospital-Based Practice

INTERNAL MEDICINE

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Sanjay Khemka, MD / Macon Landers MD /
Sumer A. Phillips MD / Becky D. Yarborough MD
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MEDI-SPA (AESTHETIC SERVICES)

LUMINESSENCE
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NEPHROLOGY

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NEUROLOGY

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Nancy Llewellyn RD CDE
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OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Stuart D. Haraway MD / Stephen E. Torres MD
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OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Terry L. Clark MD / Keith F. Holder MD
4300 Regions Park Dr, Ft Smith 479-274-6300

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Chris Honaker CHT
4300 Regions Park Dr, Ft Smith 479-274-6300

OPHTHALMOLOGY / OPTOMETRY

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6801 Rogers Ave, 4th Flr, Ft Smith 479-274-5300

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PODIATRY

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PODIATRY

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