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Welcome, Dr. Harper!

Two General Surgeons, Multiple Specialty Physicians Provide Wide Range of Surgical Procedures Right Here in Mobridge

With a new general surgeon on staff and a brand-new surgical suite opening by year's end, Mobridge Regional Hospital stands ready to provide the surgical care your family needs.

First, Dr. Howard "Clay" Harper (he goes by his middle name) has joined Dr. Alan Lawrence to offer essential general surgery to our community. Dr. Harper comes to us from Alabama, where he was born, raised, and has practiced general and vascular surgery for more than 20 years. The two surgeons will rotate coverage, with one of them available at all times, 24/7, 365.

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Common General Surgical Procedures at MRH

Many surgeries are done laparoscopically/ minimally invasively.

Gallbladder removal

Appendectomy

Hernia repair

Hemorrhoidectomy

C-section

Upper endoscopy

Colonoscopy

Bowel resection

Removal of cysts and skin lesions

Breast biopsy and mastectomy

D&C and tubal ligation

Port-a-cath insertion

Specialty surgeries listed on page 3.



John Ayoub, CEO

Letter from John

As the only organization providing surgical services and obstetrics within a one hundred mile radius, we take our responsibility to our patients seriously. We know we have to be at the top of our game and provide world class care, so that the communities we serve—our friends, neighbors, and families—get the care they need and deserve right when they need it most.

We understand that caring for you is a privilege and not a right, and it is one we take to heart. We make a conscious choice to provide the highest quality care and do it in a manner you can be proud of. This requires that we continue to invest in our people and service offerings. We don't just provide care; we provide high quality healthcare services in a compassionate and professional manner!

Whether it's in surgery, the pharmacy, or any of our other incredible departments, we are constantly striving to add the best people to our team—those who do the right things for the right reasons with a heart for compassion and an attitude for service. Dr. Harper and Dr. Tisdall are just two good examples of the incredible team we are constantly improving. We are growing in areas where we see a real need, providing services to keep you and your family as healthy as possible right here, close to home. If you are wondering if we can meet your needs, give us a call, or speak with your provider. You might be surprised by what we offer and how well we do it.

John J. Ayoub, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer
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605-845-3692

Mobridge Medical Clinic
1309 10th Avenue West, Mobridge, SD
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Prairie Sunset Village – Assisted Living
and Senior Housing
1320 West Grand Crossing
Mobridge, SD
605-845-8193

Walworth Co. Community Health &
Visiting Nurse Service
111 2nd St. East, Mobridge, SD
605-845-8127

Selby Medical Clinic
4401 Main St, Selby, SD
605-649-9999

West Dakota Health Center
906 Main Street, Timber Lake, SD
605-865-3258 (MT)

West River Health Clinic
103 1st Avenue East, McLaughlin, SD
605-823-4253 (MT)

New Local Pharmacist Joins MRH&C Team

If you happen to see Charlie Tisdall's familiar smiling face at MRH&C, you'll notice she's wearing an employee badge. That's because the 2018 Selby Area High School grad recently completed her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, from South Dakota State University, and returned to Mobridge as MRH&C's new Clinical Pharmacist.



Pharmacists Lee Cordell, left, and Charlie Tisdall

“Pharmacists get to help patients in ways that aren't always seen by the public,” Dr. Tisdall said. “Clinical Pharmacist is a new role here. I work directly with patients who are admitted to the hospital, helping review their medication lists and talking to their providers about what they're taking and why. Before patients are discharged, I go over their medications list with them again and talk about what each prescription is, what it's for, when to take it, etc. I love the patient interaction, and I also love knowing that I'm helping improve patient outcomes.”

Dr. Lee Cordell is MRH&C's Director of Pharmacy. “Charlie is already making a big difference in the lives of our patients,” he said. “We're so glad to add a Clinical Pharmacist to our team.” The MRH&C pharmacy staff also includes one Certified Pharmacy Technician and a second technician earning certification.

Dr. Tisdall is just one of the exciting new additions to the MRH&C Pharmacy. A new compounding room—part of the hospital's recent addition—has been built to allow the pharmacists to prepare on-site hazardous medications, such as chemotherapy drugs. After earning certification, likely by the end of this year, the pharmacy will be ready to provide additional specialty medications to infusion nurses in the adjacent new infusion suite. Soon, this will mean that local patients can receive many chemotherapy infusion treatments, as well as other infusions, right here.



Coming from a much larger health system, Dr. Harper was impressed that the MRH&C surgical team, facilities, and equipment are all top-notch.

Dr. Harper and his wife, Jennifer, have purchased a home in Mobridge and will spend much of the year here. They will also maintain their home in Opelika, Alabama—just down the road from where their two sons attend Auburn University.

“I’ve been to South Dakota pheasant hunting for the past 23 years,” Dr. Harper said. “So I know the people. Mobridge is a great community. We’re enjoying getting to know folks in church and at the hospital. And the commitment to high quality surgical care at MRH&C is outstanding. It’s exciting to be part of a surgical department in a small town that is so excellent and focused on continuous improvement. I came from a 315-bed hospital, and it wasn’t as nice, spacious, and well-equipped as this facility.”

By winter, Drs. Harper and Lawrence will be operating in MRH’s new Surgical Services suite—part of MRH&C’s expansion and remodel project. “Our whole surgical department will be under one umbrella,” said Robyn Olson, MRH&C’s OR Director. “We’ll have pre-op, same-day surgery, the OR, and recovery areas all in

one place, fully remodeled and newly equipped. This allows for better efficiency and higher quality of care.”

“We are investing in equipment and facilities to ensure that our team has what it needs to perform at their best,” said John J. Ayoub, MRH&C Chief Executive Officer. “We want to guarantee the facilities are supporting the good work being done by our people and not make our team work harder to overcome their environment.”

In addition to Dr. Harper, MRH has hired additional surgical support staff, nurses, and certified nurse anesthetists to fully staff the new facilities.

“We’re doing more procedures all the time,” Olson said, “including more complex cases, such as knee and ankle arthroscopies. I want the community to know that we’re capable of doing a lot of things right here in Mobridge. If you need a surgical procedure and you’re not sure if it’s offered at MRH&C, call and ask. You might be surprised.”

“We are very excited to have Dr. Clay Harper join our medical staff,” Ayoub said. “He is an exceptional surgeon, and he and his wife are delightful people! MRH&C is constantly looking to add phenomenal individuals to our already fantastic team.”

Specialty Surgeries at MRH

Specialist surgeons work in residence at MRH once or twice monthly. The following is a sampling of the types of specialty procedures we do here.



ENT—tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, ear tubes, nose bleed cauterization



Ophthalmology—cataract surgery, minor eyelid procedures, YAG laser capsulotomy



Orthopedics/Podiatry—knee and ankle arthroscopy, bunionectomy, hammer toe repair, carpal tunnel release, ulnar nerve decompression



Urology—cystoscopy, removal of bladder tumors and stones



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UPCOMING EVENTS & CLASSES



Healthcare Provider CPR Class
 November 5, December 9
 1 - 3 p.m. • MRH&C Education Center



Heartsavers CPR & AED Class
 November 11, December 22
 1 - 4 p.m. • MRH&C Education Center
 Call 605-845-8163 to register.



Fall Blood Drive
 November 5
 12:15 - 6 p.m. • Family Worship Center



Senior Yoga
 Mondays and Thursdays
 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.



Senior Strength & Balance for Life
 Tuesdays and Fridays
 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Classes are held at Mobridge Senior Citizen Center. Class times and schedule are subject to change.



MRH Auxiliary Fall Festival and Bazaar
 Saturday, November 2
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Scherr Howe Arena

Mission
 The mission of Mobridge Regional Hospital & Clinics is to provide high quality healthcare services in a compassionate and professional manner for people throughout the region.

Vision
 Become one of America's finest rural healthcare providers.

Values
 Integrity
 Compassion
 Collaboration
 Excellence