

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS PLAY VITAL ROLE AT LONGSTREET CLINIC



Jack McGuire, CNM & Danny Webb, DNP, FNP-C

When **Jack McGuire** joined Longstreet Clinic upon its founding in 1995, there was no such designation as an **Advanced Practice Provider (APP)**. What there was, however, was a top-down commitment to collaboration, flexibility, and high-quality patient care – which made Longstreet Clinic the perfect fit to become a leader in advancing the now vitally important APP model.

“When I started at Longstreet, all we had that could be considered APPs were midwives and pediatric nurse practitioners, but that core set the organizational tenor of effectively

embedding APPs into the practice, and that has been important for the clinic as a whole ever since,” said McGuire, a Certified Nurse Midwife who founded the midwifery practice at Longstreet after establishing Northeast Georgia Health Systems’ midwifery program (which also extended to the Hall County Health Department).

It was that dedicated and strategic approach that attracted leaders in the field like McGuire – and is also why Longstreet Clinic has led the way in building a strong contingency of APPs, which includes certified nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and midwives, each of whom are critical to clinic operations.

“Willing to approach the delivery of care in innovative ways, Longstreet Clinic recognized APPs provided an opportunity for a flexible and sensible care option for so many of their patients and thus embedded us into the practice from the very start,” McGuire said. “APPs complement and enhance the spectrum of care their

specialty can deliver. They are skilled practitioners and know what they can handle. They also know when they need to refer or collaboratively handle conditions between doctors and patients.”

Longstreet Clinic has built a culture of respect and understanding of what APPs offer and has created an environment where APPs like **Dr. Danny Webb, DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner** thrive in knowing that their approach is valued – by colleagues and patients alike.

“Being an APP with Longstreet Clinic has been a very positive experience,” said Webb, who practices both with internal medicine and urgent care. “The physicians and leadership here allow me to practice at the top of my license and allow me to be an essential part of the healthcare team. APPs will only continue to increase in their value in health care and certainly here at Longstreet.”

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Benefits BEAT

Open Enrollment is just around the corner! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more communications about these important dates!

Gainesville | Nov. 5 & 12
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Collaboration Area

Braselton | Nov. 7
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Second Floor Atrium

WELCOMING THREE NEW PHYSICIANS

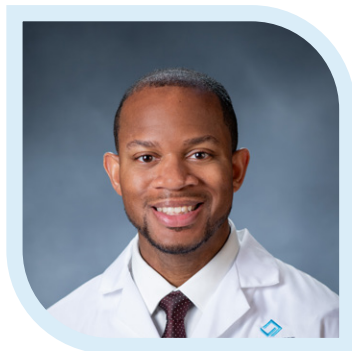
MEET OUR NEW PHYSICIANS

Longstreet Clinic recently welcomed three new physicians – two general surgeons and a family medicine physician. Learn a little more about them below, and please tell them hello when you see them around!



Pooja Sampat, M.D.

Dr. Sampat is a board-certified family medicine physician welcoming new patients at our Oakwood office. She is a graduate of Georgia State University, Johns Hopkins University and St. George's University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Campus.



Maurice Asouzu, M.D.

Dr. Asouzu is a board-eligible general surgeon now welcoming patients in our Gainesville office. A graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, you may recognize him from his time during his residency at Northeast Georgia Medical Center as part of the Graduate Medical Education Program.



Mary Read, M.D.

Dr. Read is a board-eligible general surgeon who also specializes in breast surgery. She is a graduate of LaGrange College and the Mercer University School of Medicine, and completed her residency in General Surgery at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Read welcomes patients in our Gainesville office.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Please help us congratulate our **Employee of the Quarter (Q2), Denise McGee!** Denise has been with Longstreet Clinic since 2010. These days you'll see her at the reception desk if you come through the "B" entrance on our Gainesville campus, greeting patients and employees, answering the phone, directing visitors to their appointments and assisting with various side projects.

A few of the great things nominations said about her: "Denise is always here to help, and the patients love her." "I don't know how we survived so long without Denise in our lobby...she is outstanding!" "Every morning or afternoon, rain, or shine, cold

or hot, beginning or the end of the week, Denise has a smile on her face... She shows compassion for patients and employees!"

Thank you, Denise, for being such a valuable part of our team!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

We're expanding
our **HOURS!**

As a proud patient-centered medical home, our Pediatric offices have listened to patient and family feedback, as well as studied our most desired appointment times, to expand our hours in order to provide a variety of options to better fit our busy families schedule and needs.

Beginning November 4, at all our Pediatric locations (Gainesville, Buford, Braselton, Oakwood, Baldwin) our new extended weekday hours will be:

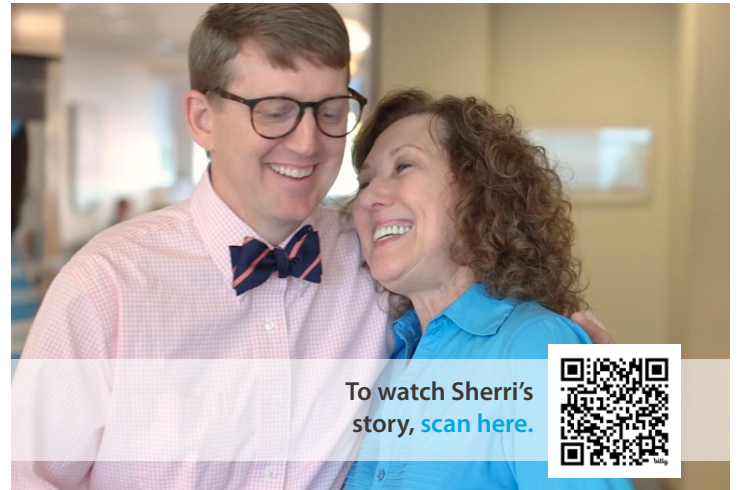
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plus, we will also be open on **Saturdays** in Gainesville AND Braselton: 8:30 a.m. - noon

ABUS PATIENT SHARES HER STORY

Sherri Hughes received normal results from her annual mammogram last year; however, because she had dense breast tissue, Longstreet Clinic providers appropriately recommended additional screening with our **3D Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS)**. As in the case of Sherri, breast cancer can hide in dense breast tissue making it more difficult to detect early-stage cancers with mammography alone. Upon completing her ABUS, a tiny suspicious spot less than 4 millimeters in size was detected. After further testing, Sherri was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer.

Sherri attributes ABUS with making the difference in her cancer journey because it detected the cancer early, while it was still contained, and before it had another chance to grow or spread before her next mammogram a year later. Sherri is now cancer free! **Watch her story** and see how ABUS made all the difference.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Aug. 17 for our Employee Appreciation Celebration! It was an afternoon of food, music, games, and fun at Lake Lanier Olympic Park and an opportunity to honor our employees who've reached significant service milestones over the past several years. In all, we recognized 91 employees who have reached the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year marks. Everything we do at Longstreet Clinic starts with the wonderful people on our team, and we couldn't be more proud and grateful for you!



Employee Milestones by years:

- 5 years- 38 employees
- 10 years- 26 employees
- 15 years- 7 employees
- 20 years- 7 employees
- 25 years- 13 employees

Total: 91 employees



NEWS & NOTES

URGENT CARE 7-DAYS A WEEK!

Feeling under the weather? Longstreet Clinic Urgent Care is open 7 days a week for patients 12 and older. And don't forget, we are a lower cost option than other standalone facilities due to our location within our primary care practice in Gainesville! Plus, Longstreet employees and dependents receive the following benefits: \$35 co-pays and 50% discount on ancillaries (lab, imaging), including spouses and dependent over age 12, even

if they are not covered under Longstreet's employer-provided health plan.

Call **678-207-HERE (4373)** for more information or visit longstreetclinic.com/on-my-way to save a place in line before you arrive.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AESTHETICS DISCOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES

Did you know that Longstreet Clinic has two Aesthetics practices – one in Oakwood and one in Dahlongega? Both offices offer a wide variety of skincare treatments, products, and aesthetics services such as Botox, fillers and lasers. In addition, both locations offer discounts to Longstreet Clinic employees!

Call today!

Oakwood: **770-533-6658**
Dahlongega: **706-867-6505**

AROUND THE CLINIC



Breast Center Tour

Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County helped kick-off Breast Cancer Awareness month holding their meeting here and joining our expert breast team for a tour of our innovative Breast Center!



Epic Users Group Meeting

Longstreet team members attended the Epic Users Group Meeting in Wisconsin.

Harvest of Hope Celebration

Longstreet Clinic employees came out in force this fall to show their support for those impacted by cancer at the annual Harvest of Hope celebration sponsored by area nonprofit Glory, Hope & Life.



Hurricane Helene Relief

Jean Sullivan from Longstreet Clinic Pediatrics initiated a donation drive for victims of Hurricane Helene. Thank you to all who stepped up to fill the classroom with supplies that will be delivered to those in need.



Our Longstreet Clinic team had a fun time competing at the annual Atlanta Hong Kong **Dragon Boat Festival** at Lake Lanier Olympic Park.



LCKC Hydration Station

Longstreet Clinic was proud to provide the Lanier

Canoe and Kayak Club with a new Hydration Station as they hosted the 2024 ACA National Championships this summer.

Dr. Chad Copper, general surgeon with Longstreet Clinic, was the first in Georgia to participate in a remote case observation with the **new dv5 surgical system!** Hub technology allows for two-way communication and learning in real time during a procedure.



Members of our Breast Center team went to Lanier Village in October to discuss **Breast Cancer Awareness**.