

# Health Care

As the most comprehensive health care facility in western Nebraska, **Regional West Medical Center's (RWMC)** specialized care rivals many urban medical centers. Licensed for 182 beds, **RWMC** is accredited the Joint Commission and has been recognized as A Top Performer on Key Quality Measures™.

For more than 30 years, **RWMC** has served as a regional referral center for the 11 panhandle counties, eastern Wyoming, northeastern Colorado, and southwestern South Dakota. Founded as a community hospital in 1924, **RWMC** has grown by developing services that allow patients to receive the care they need, close to home.

As one of three Level II Trauma Centers in the state, Regional West provides 24-hour emergency and trauma care over a vast 150-mile radius. We offer a complete continuum of quality health care that allows patients to move seamlessly through the Medical Center from Emergency Care, to Acute Care, to Rehabilitation. Our Acute Rehabilitation Unit is certified for rehabilitation and stroke care by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Our Cancer Treatment Center is the only program in Nebraska, and one of a limited number of U.S. hospitals, to receive three consecutive Outstanding Achievement Awards from the American College of Surgeons

Commission on Cancer. We are designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of

Excellence, making our medical center one of two Nebraska hospitals to be so recognized.

**Regional West Physicians Clinic** is western Nebraska's and eastern Wyoming's largest multispecialty medical and surgical group. Our more than 100 board certified doctors, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners in over 20 medical clinics

provide you and your family with the region's most convenient and comprehensive medical care, including:

- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Diabetes Care Center
- Ear, Nose & Throat, Head & Neck Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Facial Plastic Surgery
- Family Medicine:  
(Gering, Mitchell, Morrill & Scottsbluff)
- Internal Medicine
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Orthopaedics
- Pain Management
- Pediatrics
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Psychiatry & Behavioral Health
- Pulmonology/Critical Care
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Skin Clinic
- Spine Center
- Surgery, Vascular Diagnostics
- Urgent Care
- Urology
- Women's Center



The Medical Center offers family practice and rural emergency medical residency programs through the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and serves as a clinical training site for a wide variety health professions. Scottsbluff is also home to UNMC College of Nursing. Our clinical emphasis focuses on the differences in practice facing rural vs. urban doctors. The Regional West School of Radiologic Technology was created in 1951. Rotations and clinical education are available for students in such areas as nursing, midlevel provider and emergency medical services programs, as well.

We realize there is a fine line between providing excellent care in every area and the value of partnering with facilities for advanced care. In early 2007, Medical Center of the Rockies, a joint venture between Regional West Health Services and Poudre Valley Health Services in Fort Collins, opened its doors to provide specialized cardiac and trauma care. To learn more about RWMC please visit [www.rwhs.org](http://www.rwhs.org).

The **Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) Clinic** is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). As an FQHC, the CAPWN clinic provides primary medical care, dental care, and behavioral health care services in an outpatient setting. Additional services available on-site include radiology, laboratory, medication assistance, immunizations, HIV/HEP C testing and counseling, diabetes management, and nutritional counseling. CAPWN patients are able to access medications, often at a significant reduction through the 340B pharmacy program. The CAPWN clinic accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance. Patients who are uninsured and who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level receive a discount on services based on their household size and income. Supporting programs within the clinic include WIC, Reproductive Health, Migrant Health and the Minority Health program. The CAPWN clinic also conducts a quarterly HIV clinic.

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employs 68 staff people, including one physician, two physician assistants, one APRN, three dentists, and a clinical psychologist. The CAPWN clinic works closely with Regional West Medical Center to provide twenty-four hour / seven days a week on-call service for patients.

The CAPWN clinic is often the site for nursing students from UNMC's College of Nursing and or Western Nebraska Community College's LPN program. The clinic is the extramural site for dental hygiene students from the UNMC College of Dentistry and for senior dental students.

CAPWN also provides an array of supportive and community services that enhance the lives of the CAPWN clinic patients and the lives of community members in general. These services include Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, the Western Nebraska Child Development Center, Foster Grandparent program, family stabilization case management (economic stability, food nutrition, and affordable housing), CSFP, a youth shelter, supportive housing for youth in transition, youth leadership, and teen outreach programming. All the programs interact to provide comprehensive services for the people of Western Nebraska.

## OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Scottsbluff, Gering and Terrytown are fortunate to have a great selection of professionals to address any health care needs. Local health care professions include chiropractic, dentistry (oral surgery, orthodontics and general dentistry), family counseling, optometry, physical therapy, podiatry, psychology, massage therapy, acupuncture, wellness, plastic surgery, assisted living, nursing homes, ambulance services and walk-in clinics.

