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## Leading the Way

With vital support from the community,  
Story Medical manages the COVID-19 pandemic



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### New Specialty Providers Two Surgeons Begin Practice

Gautam Kakade, MD (above, left) and Bryan Folkers, DO, have joined the medical staff at Story Medical. Both are Board Certified surgeons.

Dr. Kakade offers a variety of procedures at Story Medical to include joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee, and shoulder; trauma and fracture surgery of the hip, wrist, shoulder, and extremities; care for sports medicine injuries in the shoulders, knees, and ankles; carpal tunnel surgery; and more.

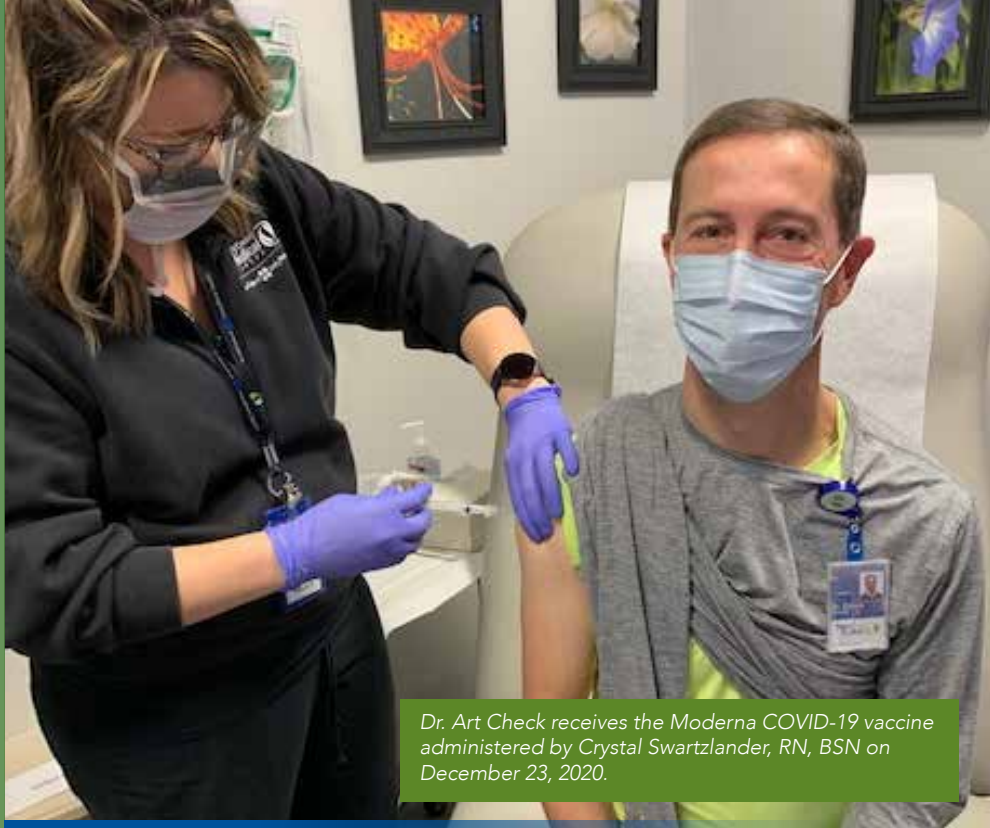
A fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in Scotland, Dr. Kakade is also a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS), Iowa Orthopedic Society, American Medical Association, and Indian Orthopedic Association.

Dr. Folkers provides advanced treatment for a variety of conditions affecting the hands, including carpal tunnel syndrome, fractures of the hand, and other conditions like arthritis, and nerve and tendon injuries.

He also provides a range of services to patients seeking cosmetic procedures.

In addition to his work in the operating room and clinic, Dr. Folkers has been published numerous times and is participating in a number of on-going research studies that keep him on the cutting edge of medicine to serve his patients better. Dr. Folkers is also an inventor, engaged in the development of several surgical design systems.

**Drs. Kakade and Folkers see patients on a referral basis. Visit with your primary care provider about being referred.**



*Dr. Art Check receives the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administered by Crystal Swartzlander, RN, BSN on December 23, 2020.*

## Proudly Playing a Key Role in COVID Vaccine Effort

A major milestone in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic was reached on December 23, 2020 when Dr. Art Check received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administered by Crystal Swartzlander, RN, BSN.

Since that date, Story Medical has stepped up in a big way to support the vaccination effort in Story County. In addition to vaccinating staff members, Story Medical has delivered thousands of shots to individuals throughout the county.

"The efforts of many made this breakthrough possible and as an organization we are optimistic and excited that this is the beginning of the end of the pandemic," says Dr. Check. "This has been a historic effort and we are proud of the role we are playing in protecting our community members."

Public distribution of the vaccine began in February with the shot delivered to those 65 and older deemed to be at most risk. To facilitate efficient distribution of the vaccine, the Story Medical

Clinic staff worked tirelessly to contact all patients who matched the criteria to receive the vaccine. In addition, a multidisciplinary team at Story Medical developed a web-based form to allow those in the community who were not clinic patients to enter a queue to receive the shot when it was available. More than 1,200 community members entered the queue, with the vast majority of them receiving the shot at Story Medical.

"From the start, our goal was to vaccinate as many people as we possibly could, even if that meant offering it to those who were not our current patients," Dr. Check says. "I cannot say enough about how efficient the process has been. The entire medical community in Story County came together in the interest of those who live here. It has been an awesome process to be a part of."

Story Medical Clinic will continue to manage the vaccination process in accordance with CDC guidelines.

**Story Medical Clinic is now offering the vaccine to the general public. Call (515) 382-5413 to schedule.**



### A New Face at the Foundation

## Davis Excited to Join Story Medical

A familiar face in and around Nevada has joined Story Medical as the new Foundation Coordinator. Crystal Davis, who has lived in Nevada for more than two decades, started on April 12. It is a role she is excited to jump into.

"Story Medical is an engaged member of the Nevada community and I want to be part of an organization like that," Davis says. Prior to joining Story Medical, she was a member of the leadership team at the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB). In addition to managing the membership program at ACVB, Crystal has vast experience in communications management, event planning, and working with a volunteer board. She sees those skills as key in helping move the Foundation forward.

"I see a lot of opportunity in my role leading the Story Medical Foundation," Crystal says. "This is an exciting time for Nevada and for the medical center. We are on a trajectory for continued growth and I am excited to connect individuals and organizations with opportunities to support the wonderful things that are happening here."

**To schedule a meeting with Crystal, call (515) 382-7728 or email [cdavis@storymedical.org](mailto:cdavis@storymedical.org).**



## REG Donation Ensures Story Medical is Prepared to Distribute Vaccine

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Story Medical has benefitted from a variety of gifts aimed at ensuring we were prepared to meet this unique challenge. When it came time to begin distributing the COVID-19 vaccine, a local organization stepped up in a big way to ensure Story Medical was prepared to serve the community.

In January, Renewable Energy Group (REG) donated a freezer capable of reaching the extreme low temperatures required to store the Pfizer vaccine that Story Medical would be distributing.

"It has become more clear than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic how important this community is to Story Medical," says Story Medical CEO Nate Thompson. "Without this generous donation from REG, we would have had to scramble to ensure we had the capability to handle COVID-19 vaccines requiring storage at ultra-low temperatures."

The gift enabled Story Medical to collaborate with other

### Incredible Community Support

During the last year, we have been humbled time and again by the generous support of individuals and organizations in our community.

From donations of food for our staff, PPE for our frontline workers, and even hearts colored by kids to show love for our caregivers, every single donation made a difference.

We are so fortunate to serve a community so generous. Thank you to all who have offered their support during this trying year!

healthcare organizations to ensure community members in the region gained access to the vaccine in as timely a fashion as possible.

"It is humbling to have members of the business community play a role in ensuring the vaccine could be delivered quickly and efficiently to as many people as possible," Thompson says. "On behalf of all we serve, we thank REG."

**To learn more about Story Medical's vaccine distribution visit us online at [storymedical.org/vaccine](http://storymedical.org/vaccine).**

# New Display Offers a Look at Providers

A new display in the hallway of the Story Medical South Campus offers visitors a quick look at the providers on the medical staff.

Installed last fall, the provider display is designed to show all who enter the medical center the breadth of Story Medical primary care and specialty offerings in Nevada, Maxwell and Ames.

"We hear regularly that people are unaware that we provide so many advanced services," says Story Medical Vice President of Development Loni Pringnitz. "When the board first went up, it offered a quick visual that perfectly showcased the variety of our services. It is an impressive way to display how many advanced care options we provide close to home."



Medical Staff on Display

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