

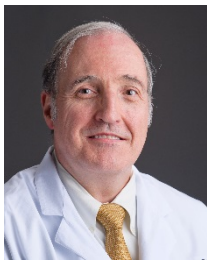


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**Heartland Community Health Clinic Announces
New Physician**

Peoria Illinois, December 8, 2014 –Heartland Community Health Clinic is pleased to welcome James Kerns, M.D. to the active medical staff.



Dr. Kerns is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology, and will serve as the Resident Training Center (RTC) Director at the Heartland-Armstrong location. He received his medical degree from the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine at Chicago, completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Harbor Hospital Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and his MBA in Health Care from St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Dr. Kerns most recently served as Assistant Professor and OB/GYN Clerkship Director at the University of Missouri Health Care.

Dr. Gregg Stoner, Heartland Community Health Clinic Chief Medical Officer stated, “Recruiting Dr. Kerns is an important addition for our RTC Armstrong location, as well as the community. He strengthens our primary care network and he is devoted to providing the best possible care to patients, and assistance to the residents, faculty, and staff.”

About HCHC

Heartland Community Health Clinic (HCHC) has been in operation since 2004, as a federally designated community health center. It began as an example of how a community addresses a growing concern: lack of access to health care, ineligible for programs, or no health care. **The Mission Statement: We provide accessible, high quality, comprehensive primary health care for the medically underserved, regardless of ability to pay, and conduct high quality programs in health professions education through collaborative partnerships.** For information, news and events visit heartlandchc.org.

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