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Connor and Klein Take On New Challenges at YRMC

Two long-time employees recently were promoted to leadership positions at Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC).

Susan Connor, PT, DPT—who joined YRMC in 1994—is YRMC’s new Director of Physical Rehabilitation Services. In this position, Connor directs the Physical, Occupational, Speech and Massage Therapy programs at YRMC East and YRMC West. She also leads these programs, as well as other key rehabilitative services, provided by therapists at the Wellness Center at YRMC West and the YRMC Del E. Webb Outpatient Center.

“The YRMC Physical Rehabilitation team is so wonderful,” she said. “We’re generating lots of great ideas on how to increase the services we offer to the people of the community.”

Before moving to Prescott, Connor served as the lead therapist at San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, New Mexico. Connor studied Physical Therapy at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh and recently completed a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University in Virginia. Her doctoral capstone focused on the impact of group exercise on people with Parkinson’s Disease.

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Andrea Klein, RN, BSN, CDE, is YRMC's new Director of Preventive Medicine and Wellness. A 28-year employee of YRMC, Klein has made her mark as a leader of diverse clinical and supervisory positions including, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Medical/Surgical Nursing and the PACU. This diversity continues in her new role in Preventive Medicine and Wellness, which includes:

- Adult Fitness
- Advanced Wound Care Center
- Cardiac Rehab (inpatient and outpatient)
- Diabetes Education
- Employee Health and Wellness.

“It’s extremely gratifying to help such a diverse group,” she said. “It’s the goal of the Preventive Medicine and Wellness staff to continue offering programs that address the healthcare needs of everyone we serve.”

Klein earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Binghamton University – State University of New York. A Certified Diabetes Educator, she also has earned more than 200 continuing education hours in cardiac and diabetes education in the past five years.