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JoCo Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Jamey Garner

Dr. Jamey Garner has started seeing patients at Johnson County Pediatrics. His first day was Monday, April 18, when he joined the staff of pediatricians that serve patients and their families throughout the Kansas City area.

Dr. Garner comes to JoCo Peds from Children's Mercy South, where he worked in urgent care.

"I enjoyed urgent care medicine immensely and have learned so much in my time at Children's Mercy South," Dr. Garner says. "But I missed the newborns and preventative aspects of pediatrics, and I look forward to having a more long-term relationship with families."

Born in Nashville, Dr. Garner moved to Denver when he was 3 years old and then to Johnson County when he was 10. He graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School.

"My hero is my mother," he says. "She raised me as a single parent and sacrificed so much for me to have a chance to succeed in life."

As a child Dr. Garner was interested in all things science. He was curious about astronomy, animals and wildlife. In high school he found a passion for physics, and was considering going into engineering.

"I decided instead to pursue biology and English at a small college (Bowdoin College) in Maine," he says. "Once there I naturally fell into a pre-med track and was fascinated by neuroscience. I thought neurology would be my career as I entered medical school. When I did my pediatric rotation in medical school just being around the babies sparked my interest in the field. I just loved the newborn

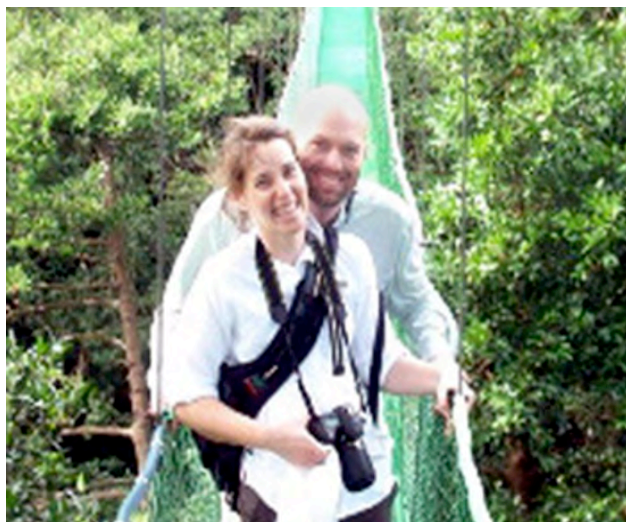
nursery and that's when I changed my mind and decided to pursue pediatrics."

He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, where he also served his residency.

Dr. Garner will be seeing patients during the walk-in clinic at Johnson County Pediatrics, and he is also accepting new patients for appointments. A good pediatrician is a good listener, he says.

"Parents should look for someone who will listen to you and spend time with you and have your child's interests as a priority," Dr. Garner says. "But

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Dr. Jamey Garner, who has joined Johnson County Pediatrics, and his wife Lana visited Costa Rica in 2010.

JoCo Peds Boasts KC's Top Docs

Dr. Bryan Nelson and Dr. Mary Tyson were named among the top general practice pediatricians in Kansas City in the March 25 issue of the Kansas City Business Journal.

Selected by their peers, the pediatricians were among only 14 general practice pediatricians chosen as among the city's best.

JCP News

We now offer an All-Day Walk-In Clinic from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Our walk-in clinic is also open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Evening hours are offered both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact us at 913.384.5500 so we can help you make an appointment.

Dr. Richard Decker is offering appointments on the first Saturday of each month.

The next New Mom Social will be on Wednesday, May 11. Contact us for more information.

Dr. Garner comes to JCP...

also families need someone who will do what is best for the child even if it doesn't seem to be the easiest path."

His advice to new parents would be to trust themselves and not try to be the perfect parent.

"This is a learning process in life that can't be broken down into a formula," Dr. Garner says. "Infancy is a time of incredible learning for the baby and parent and is unique to every child and parent. Try to enjoy the process and trust your pediatrician to help you worry less! Also trust your doctor's advice when it comes to vaccines and the most current science on managing childhood illness and prevention."

Dr. Garner's wife, Lana, works with special needs children as a speech pathologist. They have two basset hounds.

In his free time he enjoys exercising and spending time with friends. He has a vintage comic book and toy collection, describes himself as a Star Wars fanatic, says he loves astronomy and stargazing and bird watching on long hikes with his wife.

To make an appointment with Dr. Garner or any of the other pediatricians at Johnson County Pediatrics please call 913.384.5500.

Get to Know Us

Megan Allin, RN



Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Lawrence, and graduated from Lawrence High School. I went to Washburn University in Topeka for two years, and then I graduated from the University of Kansas.

How long have you worked at Johnson County Pediatrics?

I have worked here since January 2003. I became the charge nurse in March. As charge nurse I oversee the nursing staff and its daily operations.

When did you decide to become a nurse?

I always wanted to be a nurse. I was sick all the time when I was a kid – tonsillitis, strep throat, pneumonia, appendicitis. And my uncle was a family doctor in Osage City, so I spent a lot of time there and I could see his side of medicine.

Why did you become a pediatric nurse?

I was a labor and delivery nurse first – that was my first love. Then I had three kids of my own and pediatrics became appealing. I like the little kids and their perspectives on life. I'm a better mom because I work here.

If you could give one piece of advice to a new parent what would it be?

Remember to relax, because parenting is a long haul. It's a marathon, not a sprint.

What do you do in your free time?

I love to read, I love everything on HGTV, and playing with my two dogs Emma and Sadie.

What about your family?

My husband is Dennis and we have three children - Griff, 25, Chris, 22, and Jenny, 18.