Staff at Melissa Memorial Hospital and Family Practice of Holyoke are excited with the direction things are headed within the specialty clinic.

Three new providers have joined the specialty clinic within the last six months and MMH is excited to get them involved. The three additions bring providers up to 18 who are working inside the specialty clinic at MMH.

Dr. Theo Alkousakis is the latest addition to the staff. Alkousakis holds a dermatology clinic every month at MMH.

“His resume is unbelievable,” specialty clinic director Mary Kay Knode said. “He’s very community oriented. He’s what I call my new age doctor.”

Dr. Christy Young joined the specialty clinic in August and has a neurology clinic every month.

“We’re very lucky to have her,” Knode said. “She spends a lot of time with her patients. She’s great.”

Dr. Michael Shedd, pulmonology, also holds a monthly clinic at MMH.

“We’re pretty proud of the services we have to offer,” MMH administrator John Ayoub said.

Knode said the coordination of care within the specialty clinic is fantastic. “You’ve got your pulmonologist working with your cardiologist. The connection is there and it can all be done here at home.”

Once the specialty clinic providers leave, Knode said the care within MMH continues. “That care for those patients, if they are still in the hospital, is provided by our own physicians.

Ayoub said there is a provider MMH can get a patient in touch with no matter what they are dealing with. “That speaks to the dedication of the organization to serve the needs of the community.”

Specialty clinic providers and their schedules at Melissa Memorial Hospital include:

—Terry Cummings, audiology, monthly.

—Dr. Theo Alkousakis, dermatology, monthly.

—Dr. James Beckman, cardiology, monthly.

—Dr. John Drury, cardiology, twice a month.

—Deaun Carpenter FNP, coumadin, three times a month.

—Dr. Randy Taylor, Dr. Carol Langdoc and Dr. Jeff Chain, comprehensive ENT (ear, nose and throat), monthly.

—Dr. James Schiefen, general surgery, weekly.

—Dr. Christy Young, neurology, monthly.

—Dr. Sidney Adler, OB/Gyn, monthly.

—Dr. Thomas Lininger, oncology, monthly.

—Dr. Douglas Carter, ophthalmology, quarterly.

—Dr. Michael Hajek, orthopedic, monthly.

—Jodi Olson, pacemaker checks, quarterly.

—Dr. Lorin Brandon, podiatry, monthly.

—Dr. Michael Shedd, pulmonology, monthly.

—Dr. James Wolach, urology, monthly.

The specialty clinic also offers fatigue and sleep studies with a schedule that varies.

A schedule for the specialty clinic may be found on the Melissa Memorial Hospital website at w ww.melissamemorial.org
, or every week in the Enterprise. For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact 854-2241 ext. 316.

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