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## **Knox County Hospital District Celebrates National Doctors' Day**

*Honoring the Dedication and Expertise of Local Physicians on March 30*

KNOX CITY, Texas (March 21, 2025) – Knox County Hospital District (KCHD) will celebrate National Doctors' Day on March 30, 2025, by honoring the dedication and expertise of its medical staff. This annual observance recognizes the essential role that doctors play in improving the health and well-being of the Knox County community.

"Our doctors are the foundation of our healthcare system," said Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. "They work tirelessly to provide compassionate care, make life-saving decisions, and improve the lives of our patients. National Doctors' Day is an opportunity to express our gratitude and honor their commitment to excellence."

The origins of Doctors' Day date back to March 30, 1933, when Eudora Brown Almond, the wife of a prominent physician, organized the first celebration in Winder, Georgia. Almond chose March 30 to commemorate the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery by Dr. Crawford Long in 1842. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing Doctors' Day in 1958. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed legislation officially designating March 30 as National Doctors' Day.

Reflecting on the significance of the day, Kuehler emphasized the importance of recognizing the effort and dedication of all healthcare professionals. "Doctors' Day is not only about thanking physicians for their hard work—it's about acknowledging the critical role they play in keeping our community healthy," Kuehler said. "Our doctors, along with our entire medical staff, have shown remarkable resilience and dedication, especially in recent years. Their unwavering commitment to patient care makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our patients every day."

Knox County Hospital District is home to a skilled and dedicated medical team. Dr. Kendra D. Williams, board-certified in family practice with obstetrics, has been providing care at KCHD since 2022. Dr. Ruth Ebangit, board-certified in family medicine, has been with the team since 2023, bringing expertise and a patient-centered approach. Their combined experience strengthens the range of medical services available to the community.

KCHD also benefits from the long-standing dedication of nurse practitioners Chris Scott, FNP-C, and Cindy Guess, FNP-C. Scott has been with KCHD since 2006, providing consistent and expert care to the

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community. Guess, who first worked at KCHD in the 1990s and returned permanently in 2012, is known for her compassionate and personalized approach to patient care.

“Our medical team works together to deliver exceptional care,” Kuehler said. “From routine checkups to specialized treatments, our staff ensures that patients receive the highest level of care without having to travel outside the county. We are fortunate to have such a skilled and compassionate team of healthcare professionals.”

KCHD remains committed to growing with the community and expanding healthcare services to meet local needs. The hospital offers a wide range of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, radiology, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, and patient education. The commitment to enhancing services ensures that residents have access to high-quality healthcare without the need to travel long distances.

“We have made a commitment that Knox County Hospital District will continue to grow with our community,” Kuehler said. “By providing superior healthcare services, we can ensure that our neighbors do not have to worry about the stress and inconvenience of travel when they need medical care.”

As part of the National Doctors' Day celebration, KCHD encourages the community to express appreciation to local physicians. A simple thank-you note, phone call, or word of gratitude can make a significant impact.

“Our medical providers are more than just healthcare professionals—they are neighbors, friends, and community members,” Kuehler said. “Their work improves the lives of everyone in Knox County, and we are incredibly grateful for their service.”

To learn more about local medical services or to find a provider, contact Knox County Hospital District at 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

### **About Knox County Hospital District**

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

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