

Established 1972 *By and For the People of Love County* **Richard Barker**, Administrator

Ambulance Emergency

911

Clinic Appointments

276-2400

Hospital Information 276-3347

Adult Day Center

276-1542

Community Resources

211

Domestic Violence Help

276-2042 Hotline - 226-6424

Growers Market 276-9410

PA's Serve in a Growing **Emergency Department**

The Physician Assistants who serve in our emergency department are part of a growing practice in a greatly enlarged wing of the hospital.

In 2015, an addition to the department introduced 3,350 square feet of new space for treatment rooms, nurse's station, triage area, and reception area. A spacious new waiting room seats 30 patients, and 60 parking spaces were added to the west and south lots.

Maria Maynard, PA-C

Maria Maynard completed clinical rotations in the ER while a student of the OU Physician Assistant Program in the College of Medicine. She graduated in December 2015 and joined the ER as a Board-certified PA fulltime in January 2016.

"I found a welcoming staff and community members. Everyone functions as a team. The camaraderie here is very appealing," Maynard said.

Prior to PA school, Maynard taught zoology at East Central University in Ada. She holds a medical degree from the University of Guadalajara School of Medicine.



She practiced medicine prior to emigrating from Guadalajara in 1998 and becoming a U.S. citizen.

Dr. Maynard was inspired to enter the medical field by her mother, who was a laboratory technician. "She sparked my interest in taking science courses to prepare for college and medical school," Maynard said.

Now she is inspired by her coworkers, including the nurses, paramedics, and other staff members who assist on the critical cases of the emergency room."It takes a unified effort and their work is very supportive."

She and her husband enjoy biking, camping, kayaking, and gardening in their spare time. She said she takes a full day to get ready for a 24-hour shift in the ER."I make sure I am well-rested and am mentally prepared. I feel I must be at 100% of my best self to give 100% to the needs of patients for the time I am here," Maynard said.

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