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Lewis County Health System Welcomes Keith Bates FNP-C

LOWVILLE, NY— Lewis County Health System and Lewis County Family Practice are pleased to welcome Family Nurse Practitioner Keith Bates, FNP-C, to the medical staff. Keith joins Monica Kwicklis, MD, M. Lynn Pisaniello, MD, Shirley Tuttle-Malone, DO, John Wat, DO, Stacey Walton, FNP-C, Nicole Topits, FNP-C, and Kathy Der, FNP-C. He will see patients at Lewis County Family Practice, located on the third floor of the Medical Arts Building on the health system's main campus in Lowville.

"Keith Bates, FNP-C, is a great addition to our Lewis County Family Practice group," stated Sean Harney, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Employed Medical Practices. "His extensive 18 years of nursing experience and passion for health care perfectly complement our Medical Staff."

Keith is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. He earned his master's degree in nursing from the Utica University Family Nurse Practitioner program in Utica, NY. Keith received his bachelor's degree in nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing, Grove, IL, and his associate degree in nursing from Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY. He completed his training at various Lewis County Health System locations, including family practice, pediatrics, and women's health.

In addition to his being a Family Nurse Practitioner, Keith also practices as a New York State EMT-B, and he is a certified instructor in CPR, First Aid, Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and American Heart Association Cardiac Rhythm, Pharmacology, and Airway Management. Keith is also certified by the National Institute of Health Stroke Scale and FEMA in the National Incident Management System.

Prior to becoming a Nurse Practitioner, Keith worked as an acute care nursing supervisor at Lewis County General Hospital, Lowville, NY, the Emergency Department and Medical ICU at St. Elizabeths Medical Center, Utica, NY, as a travel nurse in several states, and a Certified Flight Nurse with LifeNet of NY, Watertown/Fort Drum, NY, and Native Air, Mesa, AZ. In the spring of 2020, at the start of the COVID pandemic, Keith deployed with a FEMA agency to support hard-hit New York City and worked in multiple COVID ICUs at Lincoln Medical Center, Bronx, NY. Most recently, Keith worked as a Clinical Nursing Instructor with the Jefferson County Community College RN Program in Watertown, NY.

When not at work, Keith enjoys living on the Tug Hill as an avid snowmobile and ATV enthusiast, along with growing and tending to his homestead with his wife Amanda and three children, Easton, Kreigh, and Julia. He is an active EMT and a sitting board member with Constableville Ambulance and Fire Company. Keith also is the president, co-founder, and coach of the Tug Hill Yeti Youth Hockey and Skating Club.

Keith is currently welcoming new patients. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Lewis County Family Practice at 315-376-5287.



In photo – Keith Bates, FNP-C