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Lakeland Regional Health Welcomes New Providers

LAKELAND, Fla. - Lakeland Regional Health has recently welcomed the following new providers to the medical staff. All providers listed below are accepting patients for care.

Bariatric Surgery - Matthew Nier, DO

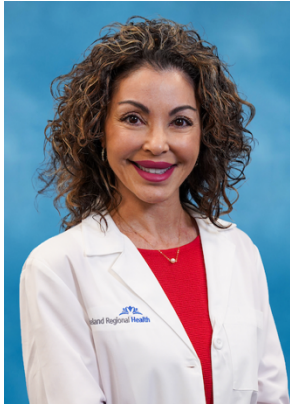


Dr. Matthew Nier specializes in bariatric and metabolic care, with a focus on both surgical and medical weight-loss treatments. His clinical expertise includes minimally invasive and robotic bariatric surgery, endoscopic weight-loss procedures, revisional bariatric surgery, and comprehensive medical weight management. He also treats obesity-related conditions such as type 2 diabetes, reflux disease, and metabolic syndrome, with an emphasis on long-term health and sustainable outcomes.

Nier earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Midwestern University and completed a residency in general surgery at Stony Brook University Hospital, followed by a bariatric surgery fellowship at Inova Health System. He is board-certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Obesity Medicine.

He sees patients at Lakeland Regional Health's Parkway Campus and Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center. For appointments, patients should call 863.284.1500.

Family Medicine - Melissa Welch, APRN



Melissa Welch, APRN, is an advanced practice registered nurse specializing in primary care. She brings more than 25 years of clinical experience across a wide range of care settings, including primary care, critical care, urgent care, general surgery, plastic surgery, aesthetics, oculoplastic surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, and addiction medicine.

Welch earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Florida Southern College, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Keiser University, and an Associate of Science in Nursing from Polk State College.

She sees patients at the Winter Haven Downtown location. For appointments, patients should call 863.284.5000.

Psychiatry - Mark Weisman Jr., MD



Dr. Mark Weisman Jr. is a board-certified psychiatrist with extensive experience in outpatient behavioral healthcare, medication management, psychotherapy, and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). He treats adults with a wide range of conditions, including mood and anxiety disorders, trauma-related disorders, and peripartum challenges.

Weisman earned his Doctor of Medicine from Marshall University and completed a residency in general psychiatry at the University of South Florida. He also holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Marshall University and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from The College of William & Mary. He is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

He sees patients at Lakeland Regional Health's Harrell Family Center for Behavioral Wellness and the Center for Behavioral Wellness on Missouri Avenue. For appointments, patients should call 863.687.1222.

Surgical Oncology - Jennifer Bourne, MD



Dr. Jennifer Bourne is a board-certified surgeon specializing in surgical oncology. She brings advanced training in head and neck oncologic surgery and reconstruction, including treatment for skin, thyroid, salivary, mouth, and throat cancer.

Bourne completed fellowship training in head and neck oncologic and microvascular surgery at Moffitt Cancer Center and earned her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine. She also completed post-baccalaureate work at Arizona State University and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Vanderbilt University.

She sees patients at Hollis Cancer Center, Grasslands Campus, and Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center. For appointments, patients should call 863.904.1860.

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About Lakeland Regional Health

Not-for-profit [Lakeland Regional Health](#) reaches beyond its hospital walls to promote wellness, education, and discovery in new places and new ways, providing a wide range of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services at its Medical Center, Hollis Cancer Center, and ambulatory care locations. Lakeland Regional Health earned Most Wired Advanced and Most Wired status 10 times since 2013 and has earned workplace awards from Forbes, Gallup, and Becker's Hospital Review. Its 910-bed comprehensive tertiary referral hospital, Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center, operates the Jack and Tina Harrell Family Institute for Advanced Cardiovascular Medicine; a Trauma Center; the Carol Jenkins Barnett Pavilion for Women and Children, which includes a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; the Bannasch Institute for Advanced Rehabilitation Medicine; and the Harrell Family Center for Behavioral Wellness.