

# Get to Know Tracey Wall, PA-C

## FAMILY MEDICINE



Tracey Wall, Physician Assistant, is joining Memorial Regional Health's Medical Clinic, bringing 10 years of outstanding experience working with families as a primary care provider.

### **You lived in Craig from 2007 to 2012 after graduating from PA school, how did that come about?**

During graduate school at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, I completed a physician assistant rotation in Craig, and when I graduated I was offered a job at a local clinic. After working five years in Craig, we joined Mercy Ships where we lived on the hospital ship with 400 people and provided medical care up and down the coast of Africa. We came back to the states feeling a bit lost, but as soon as we arrived in Craig we felt at home again.

**What motivated you to serve as a PA for Mercy Ships?** My husband, John, and I shared a dream of helping people in poverty. He was the finance director on the ship, and I served as a PA. Being able to help people who didn't have much longer to live, or have their lives transformed by medical care, was an incredible experience.

**What types of procedures did you perform on your Mercy Ship?** We primarily performed surgeries. We fixed cleft lips and cleft palates, removed facial jaw tumors, corrected clubbed feet, removed goiters, and much more. A common need was surgery on kids who were burned by cooking stoves. Joints were left stuck in one place and we'd do surgery to give them function again. People would come in dejected and leave feeling hopeful. The impact was amazing.

**What are your kids like?** Adalynn, is 6, Cora is 5, and Jack is 3. They are adjusting well to their life in Craig, considering they lived most of their lives on the ship! We taught them how to ski this winter and we plan to hike and camp this summer.

### **What's your care philosophy and when do you start at MRH Medical Clinic?**

It's to love and care for the person right and front of me—to be present in the moment, and to really listen and respond. It's a privilege to work at the clinic and an honor to be a part of the healthcare community. I start seeing patients April 10.



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