

Get to Know Evan Fleming, PA ORTHOPAEDICS



Memorial Regional Health is expanding its orthopaedic services and is pleased to announce a new member of our medical team: Evan Fleming, PA. Evan is a physician assistant with special training and strong experience in orthopaedics. He and his family are thrilled to be a part of the Craig community.

What's your experience as a physician assistant?

For the past 7 years, I've worked in Peoria, Illinois for Midwest Orthopaedic Center where I served as first assist for various orthopaedic surgeries, including foot and ankle, sports medicine and trauma surgeries. It was a Level I trauma center, so it gave me a lot of experience in treating severe injuries.

What will you do at Memorial Regional Health? I'll work directly with Dr. Kevin Borchard, orthopaedist, and Dr. John LeBlanc, DO, a new orthopedic surgeon coming in September, by assisting with surgeries and providing care to patients. I will also assist Dr. Derek Harper, podiatrist, with foot and ankle surgeries as needed.

What was your path to medicine? I was an athlete in high school and I knew I wanted to continue being involved in sports, so I completed a Bachelor of Sciences in Athletic Training at Illinois State University. After finishing and working in the field, I decided I wanted to take a more medical route so I earned my Master of Medical Sciences as a physician assistant specializing in orthopaedics. I really enjoy helping athletes and others feel better and get back to their sports or favorite activities.

Do you have a philosophy of care? I try to put myself in my patients' shoes and treat them how I would like to be treated. I also believe that our bodies are able to heal themselves, we just need to give them the tools to do so. I like to empower my patients to make informed decisions on their care, and to support them in taking action towards their own healing.

What's your family like? My wife, Rachel, and I grew up in the same town, and we went to school together. Her mom was my seventh grade math teacher, and we were on the same track team. We have three kids that keep us busy: Archer (5), Lively (3.5) and Levi (2). As a family we enjoy the outdoors—we hope to do a lot of hiking and skiing around Craig—and we enjoy our church together.

What's something unique that you've done recently? I ran my first marathon in Olympia, Washington this spring.

Why are you excited to join Memorial Regional Health? We've always been drawn to Colorado, and we're excited to get to Craig and become a part of the community for many years to come. I like the smaller, close knit group of providers at MRH, and I am impressed by the collaboration amongst everyone, even across specialties, and the camaraderie among the PAs. I'm looking forward to starting July 17.

