

SIU HealthCare Announces New Surgery Providers

Orthopaedics

Orthopaedics welcomes two new providers - **Dr. Ra'Kerry Rahman** and **Dr. John Sigle**. Dr. Rahman offers comprehensive spine care for both adults and children, having recently completed a spine surgery fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Hospital through Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.



Ra'Kerry Rahman, MD

His special interests include:

- Adult and pediatric spine reconstructive surgery including scoliosis and tumors
- Late effects of fractures
- Complex cervical spine
- Revision lumbar surgery

Appointments: 217-545-5878

Podiatrist **Dr. John Sigle** is pleased to join SIU Orthopaedic's as part-time faculty, treating foot and ankle issues along with part-time faculty podiatrist Dr. John Shoudel. Dr. Sigle provides:



John Sigle, MD

- Foot and ankle reconstructive surgery
- Ankle replacement
- Arthroscopy surgery
- Deformity correction
- Sports medicine
- Flat foot
- Heel Pain
- Trauma
- Orthotics

Appointments: 217-545-5878

Plastic Surgery

The Plastic Surgery Institute has recruited another of its former plastic surgery residents - **Dr. Nada Berry** who recently completed a fellowship in hand surgery at Mayo Clinic.



Nada Berry, MD

Dr. Berry's clinical interests are:

- Plastic surgery
- Hand surgery
- Microsurgery
- Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Berry is the third fellowship-trained hand surgeon currently on faculty at SIU Plastic Surgery. She sees patients at the Baylis Medical Building which offers a fully staffed hand therapy center with four certified hand therapists.

Appointments: 217-545-6314

Audiologists

SIU Otolaryngology and SIU Center for Hearing and Balance Division has had a long history of success in patient care, medical education and research. This tradition continues with the addition of two audiologists, **Anna Bussing, Au.D.** and **Jennifer Parrish, Au.D.** SIU Hearing & Balance Center's audiologists offer the following services

- Diagnostic hearing assessments
- Hearing loss counseling and rehabilitation
- Advanced hearing aid fittings and service

Anna Bussing, Au.D. has a special interest in working with pediatric and cochlear implant patients. She recently completed her Doctorate of Audiology through the University of Illinois. She also completed her undergraduate degree in Speech & Hearing Science at the University of Illinois as well.



Anna Bussing, AuD

Appointments: 217-545-6099

Jennifer Parrish, Au.D. has a special interest in working with tinnitus patients. She completed her Doctorate of Audiology from Illinois State University in 2010. She completed her bachelor's in biochemistry from Austin College in Sherman, Texas. She brings extensive research experience, having worked as a hearing researcher in SIU's pharmacology and ENT labs. She is starting to support a significant TRC grant on treatment of tinnitus with Dr. Carol Bauer as the principle investigator.



Jennifer Parrish, AuD

Appointments: 217-545-6099

Mid-Level Providers

SIU Surgery has added several new Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to provide various roles in patient care, depending on the clinic. Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ENT) welcomes Physician Assistant **Leila Miller** who received her Master of Science, Physician Assistant degree from SIU in Carbondale. She previously worked as a surgical assistant for a group of oral and maxillofacial surgeons.



Leila Miller, PA

Ms. Miller is looking forward to seeing ENT patients at St. John's Pavilion, Level 5.

Appointments: 217-545-6099

Mid-Level Providers

SIU ENT also welcomes **Denise Johnson - Pritchett** as a Nurse Practitioner. She received her Master of Science as a Family Nurse Practitioner at SIU in Edwardsville. She has lots of experience working as an Advanced Practice Nurse as well as a Registered Nurse and Charge Nurse in smaller rural hospitals and multiple St. Louis metro area hospitals. Ms. Pritchett has over 10 years of experience as a Nurse Practitioner and previously worked as a Registered Nurse. Ms. Johnson-Pritchett is looking forward to seeing ENT patients at St. John's Pavilion, Level 5.



Denise Johnson-Pritchett, FNP

Appointments: 217-545-6099

Both new ENT mid-level providers will diagnose and manage diseases of the

- Ears
- Nose
- Sinuses
- Larynx (voice box)
- Mouth
- Throat

Dale McKinney, PA-C, brings six years of experience as a Physician Assistant as he joins the Division of Neurosurgery. As a physician assistant for Neurosurgery, he will help first-assist in surgery, help manage post-op patients, as well as respond to inpatient requests for consultations.

Mr. McKinney joins two other mid-level providers in Neurosurgery, helping manage hospital patients. Mr. McKinney has nearly 20 years of healthcare experience in a hospital setting, including as a respiratory therapist, lab tech and echo cardiographer. Mr. McKinney will be seeing patients in a collaborative effort with the neurosurgeons. The SIU neurosurgeons he supports include Drs. Jeff Cozzens, José Espinosa and Devin Amin.



Dale McKinney, P-AC

Neurosurgery Appointments: 217-545-5878

Bethany Tschantz is continuing to work in Plastic Surgery but in a new role as a Nurse Practitioner. She recently graduated with honors from SIU in Edwardsville. Prior to becoming a Nurse Practitioner, she was a Registered Nurse with Plastic Surgery for over 10 years. In her new role, she plans to focus on both pediatric and plastic surgery and specifically support Dr. Reuben Bueno.



Bethany Tschantz, NP

Appointments: 217-545-6314

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