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911

**Clinic Appointments** 

276-2400

**Hospital Information** 

276-3347

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276-1542

**Community Resources** 

211

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276-2042

Hotline - 226-6424

**Growers Market** 

276-9410

## Primary Medical Care by Margaret Western

## Dr. Margaret Western, M.D., Family Physician

Dr. Margaret Western, M.D., is a family physician serving children, adolescents, and adults. For an appointment, call (580) 276-2400.

She joined our clinic in 2015 after practicing medicine for 10 years in New Mexico. She speaks English and Spanish.

"Word of mouth" referrals have built Western a bustling clinic practice that, in one instance, includes four generations of the same family! Dr. Western also sees patients in the local nursing home. She is regularly invited to speak on medical topics in the community.



On her day off from the clinic, she serves as medical director for Aspire Hospice and Carter Home Health. She pursues continuing education through the Mayo Clinic to better help patients with chronic illnesses. Conferences in cardiology and pain management are currently scheduled.

Dr. Western was inspired as a teenager to enter the field of medicine after helping care for family members who had serious illnesses.

It took many years to achieve the goal. She spent 18 years in the oil industry in Houston, working first as a chemical technician for Exxon Oil and then as a post-production specialist for Shell Oil. Along the way she acquired a bachelor's degree in industrial hygiene.

Western then entered Texas Tech University School of Medicine, graduating with a medical doctor degree in 2002. She completed a family practice residency at the teaching hospital of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 2005.

"My mother and aunt wanted to be doctors. They did wind up as a pharmacist and medical technician. My grandmother in Puerto Rico was a 'curandera' (folk healer)," Dr. Western said. She added she was proud that her own daughter changed careers a few years ago to become a nurse, making the fourth generation of women in the family in the medical field.

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