

## DEDICATION OF LONGSTREET STAFF MAINTAINS CLINIC'S STELLAR REPUTATION



**Robert Richard, M.D., FACS**  
*President*

For more than 27 years, Longstreet Clinic's commitment to quality and service has earned praise throughout the healthcare community. In having the opportunity to serve as President and Chairman of the Governing Board, I understand exactly what is required to meet those lofty standards – and I am continually amazed by what I've seen.

We are truly a team, striving together toward the same goal. The dedication of our doctors, staff, and corporate leadership is impressive and unparalleled. And, as this issue of Longstreet Beat will show, that the rest of the community is taking note of our continued pursuit of excellence as well. In fact, Longstreet Clinic recently **earned 2023 "Best of Hall" recognition**, as voted on



by readers of the Gainesville Times, for seven different specialties in the Medical/Health categories, including:

- **Pediatrics Physician Group**
- **Neurosurgery Group**
- **Obstetrics**
- **Urgent Care**
- **Vascular/Vein**
- **Weight Loss Clinic**
- **Women's Health**

The awards represent an impressive compliment from patients and community members at large and affirms the stellar reputation we work hard every day to maintain by the dedication of everyone involved at Longstreet Clinic.

To that end, the Clinic recently began recognizing an **Employee of the Quarter** to highlight members of our tremendous team who go above and beyond. Recognition is based on nomination, so if you see a colleague that exceeds expectations in service and/or in demonstrating Longstreet Clinic's values (honesty, respect, fairness, teamwork, patient and community commitment, trust, candor, innovation, and accountability), please visit [longstreetclinic.com/employees/employee-of-the-quarter/](https://longstreetclinic.com/employees/employee-of-the-quarter/) or **scan the code** to fill out the nomination form. Learn more about our first honoree inside this newsletter. (Continued on Page 2)

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nominate**



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## Thank You Retirees!

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Speaking of above and beyond, we were sad to say goodbye to a number of providers and staff who have retired, including:

- **Debbie Edwards, Administration**

Debbie worked for Longstreet Clinic over a 22-year span and most recently oversaw Clinical IT-EPIC.

- **Dr. Anup Lahiry, Hematology & Medical Oncology**

Dr. Lahiry served patients for 20 years in Gainesville & Toccoa and was instrumental in the establishment of Harvest of Hope, an annual supportive & celebratory event for cancer survivors and their families.

- **Rhonda Mealor, Imaging Center**

Rhonda served Longstreet Clinic for

nearly 27 years throughout an ever-changing technological environment.

- **Sally Monroe, CNM, Obstetrics & Gynecology**

A member of our OBGYN team from the very beginning, Sally dedicated almost 27 years to patients here as a certified nurse midwife.

**We salute each of these team members and thank them for what they brought to our clinic through the years.**

Our team remains focused, growing and strong, and with your help we will continue to grow Longstreet Clinic's well-earned reputation. Thank you to all of you for your efforts; they do not go unnoticed. I am honored to be in this role and am looking forward to helping highlight all the great work the staff/clinic is doing – and to see what is to come.

### First Employee of the Quarter named

Recently Longstreet Clinic began an effort to recognize an "Employee of the Quarter." We received many fantastic nominations

from our staff. Congratulations to our first award-winner, **Alma Muro Velazquez!** Alma has been with us since 2018 and works as a Clinical Interpreter in our **Oakwood Pediatrics office.** Thank you Alma for your

hard work and dedication to our patients, and for being such a great teammate! Be sure to keep those nominations coming for Quarter 2!



## 7 NAMED GEORGIA TREND 'TOP DOCTORS'

Longstreet Clinic physicians have been named to Georgia Trend magazine's Top Doctors list since it was first published four years ago. The 2023 list recently was announced and **a record seven Longstreet doctors have been recognized.**

The list was created in partnership with DataJoe Research, following the methodology that included peer voting and reviewing government sources. The following physicians were included:

- **Alexander Allaire, M.D.** – Perinatology
- **Fernando Aycinena, M.D.** – Colorectal Surgery
- **Brett Baudin, M.D.** – Radiology
- **Betsy Grunch, M.D.** – Neurosurgery
- **Charles B. Moomey Jr., M.D.** – Vascular & Vein
- **Derek Pendarvis, M.D.** – General Surgery
- **Karl D. Schultz, Jr., M.D.** – Neurosurgery

**GEORGIA TREND  
2023 TOP DOCTORS**

- BRETT BAUDIN, M.D.**  
RADIOLOGY
- FERNANDO AYCINENA, M.D.**  
COLORECTAL SURGERY
- ALEXANDER ALLAIRE, M.D.**  
PERINATOLOGY
- CHARLES B. MOOMEY, M.D.**  
VASCULAR SURGERY
- BETSY H. GRUNCH, M.D.**  
NEUROSURGERY
- KARL D. SCHULTZ, JR., M.D.**  
NEUROSURGERY
- DEREK PENDARVIS, M.D.**  
GENERAL SURGERY

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To read full profiles about the winners, visit [longstreetclinic.com/news](https://longstreetclinic.com/news)

# VASCULAR & VEIN ADDS NEW SURGEON—DR. TORRENT



Longstreet Clinic Vascular & Vein prides itself on quality care and an innovative approach – and are excited to continue growing to meet the community's

vascular and vein needs. The team's newest members include, **Dr. John William "Will" Perry, M.D.**, who joined the practice in August 2022 and **Dr. Daniel J. Torrent** who started at Longstreet in May after practicing as a vascular surgeon in Virginia. They will join longtime physicians **Dr. Charles B. Moomey, Jr., FACS**, and **C. Dan Procter, Sr. M.D.**,

**FACS**, as well as two experienced advanced practice providers, **Jarrod Luttjohann, PA-C**, and **Adam Smith, AGACNP-BC**.

"We are thrilled to have these highly qualified and wonderful surgeons joining our practice over the past year," Dr. Moomey said. "It solidifies our mission of providing the best care available, and their personalities make them a great fit for both patients and coworkers."

Vascular & Vein currently has two convenient locations in Gainesville and Suwanee, and expects to add appointment availability in Braselton soon.

Additionally, the practice operates a state-of-

the-art Vascular Access Center and ICAVL-certified vascular lab, with an experienced and caring staff that helps provide minimally invasive procedures in an outpatient setting.

"Quality of care is about a total approach, and having the ability to make the patient's life easier is a key part of that. Our offices make things much easier on the patient and allow them to get back to their lives quicker and with less hassle, and that's important to us," Dr. Moomey added.

Learn more at [longstreetclinic.com/vein](https://longstreetclinic.com/vein) or call **678-207-4000**.

## AROUND THE CLINIC

### Community Event Round-Up

We love taking part in community events, especially ones where we can be active! Thanks to everyone who participated in the Greater Hall Chamber Chase 5K and the Hall County Dragon Boat Challenge this Spring!



### Dr. Grunch receives honors

In addition to being named at one of Georgia Trend's top doctors for 2023, Longstreet Clinic neurosurgeon **Betsy H. Grunch, M.D.**,

**FAANS, FACS**, recently was named among Atlanta magazine's 2023 "Women Making a Mark." According to Atlanta, the Women Making a Mark program "celebrates the contributions and successes

of women in metro Atlanta who have made a significant impact in our community" while displaying traits such as "tireless dedication, strong leadership and impassioned good will." These honorees are committed to their profession, their community, and to helping Atlanta and its citizens."

Past honorees make up a diverse group of business executives and owners, entrepreneurs, Supreme Court judges, doctors, lawyers, philanthropists, mayors, nonprofit leaders, and community volunteers. Dr. Grunch will be recognized at an awards ceremony in June.

Additionally, she will participate as part of the community "Dancing for a Cause" fundraiser on Aug. 26. Local celebrities are invited to be paired with professional dancers who will train them on a routine that will be performed live while raising money for the charities in the process. This year's event will benefit Center Point, Gainesville-Hall County Alliance for Literacy and Rape Response Inc.

Stay tuned for some fundraising events so we can help Dr. Grunch bring home the Mirrorball trophy!

Follow Dr. Grunch on social media for regular updates [@ladyspinedoc](https://www.instagram.com/ladyspinedoc)

# NEUROSCIENCE AND ORTHOPEDIC STRATEGY OFFERS UNIQUE CARE APPROACH

**Longstreet Clinic's Neuroscience and Orthopedic Center** isn't so much a place as a physical embodiment of a commitment. It represents a dedication to total physical care that is unparalleled across the state.

For the past year and a half, the expert providers of the Neuroscience and Orthopedic Center have offered the convenience of a one-stop shop for any physical pain, injury, or chronic condition. Yet what makes it truly unique is how its practitioners work closely together in order to advance care for the patient. Under the umbrella of Neuroscience & Orthopedics you will find:

- **Neurosurgery**
- **Orthopedics**
- **Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**
- **Interventional Pain Management**
- **Sports Medicine**
- **Physical Therapy**

By working in close proximity and toward a single goal – that of each patient's ideal musculoskeletal and neurological health – it smooths the treatment process and can produce immediate and meaningful care approaches.

"The patient may not know exactly which specialist they need, but if they're here, then we've got them covered under one roof. And if somebody seems to have a shoulder issue, but it turns out it's a pinched nerve in the neck, we have specialists here who can shift seamlessly to taking care of that," said **Dr. Derek Moore, M.D.**, an orthopedic surgeon. "The ability to walk around the corner and just ask a question of a colleague in another specialty is helpful not just for ourselves but for our patients to streamline that care."

It is a structure that is unparalleled in north Georgia healthcare. "It's a unique approach. I don't know if there's another center like ours in the rest of the state," said neurosurgeon **Dr. (Karl) Kip Schultz, Jr., FAANS, FACS**.

"Healthcare can be overwhelming and challenging, not knowing all the different specialties," said PM&R specialist **Dr. Britta Okyere**. "We take on that burden and

direct (the patient) to the best specialty or provider that can address the problem."

It also leads to a stronger healthcare approach for the providers, who get to actively support and advise each other. And while the main location is in on Longstreet Clinic's Gainesville campus, some of its providers also offer services in offices in Braselton and Demorest, meaning that patients can access the benefits of collaborative care in a location most convenient to them.

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**—SOOK K. YOON, M.D.**

"This collaboration brings out everyone's best skillsets to better take care of the patients," said interventional pain management specialist **Sook K. Yoon, M.D.**

It is a winning strategy – one that is already producing meaningful results for patients - from head to toe.

For more information, contact **678-207-4100** or [longstreetclinic.com/noc](https://longstreetclinic.com/noc)

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