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Mercy Southeast is expanding patient access to primary care with more providers. Patients will soon be able to see Morgan Siemer, nurse practitioner, and Renae Koehler, physician assistant, for care at Mercy

Primary Care – 817 S Mount Auburn in Cape Girardeau.

Morgan Siemer, a nurse practitioner, will move into her new role this month. Since 2020, she's managed the congestive heart failure clinic at Mercy Clinic Heart and Vascular – Broadview.

"By moving to a primary care setting, I'm hoping to expand the resources and services I provide to patients and their families," Siemer said. "I'm looking forward to treating the patient as a whole and managing multiple medical conditions. As a health care provider, the opportunity to further my career and knowledge base is exciting."

A graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, Siemer earned her nursing degree and RN certification in Cape Girardeau. She then furthered her education with an APRN certification at Maryville University in St. Louis.

Siemer is a native of Cape Girardeau County and enjoys spending time with her husband, Ethan, their two children, Matthew and Maria, and two shih tzu dogs, Moose and Sturgill.

New to southeast Missouri and to Mercy is physician assistant Renae Koehler. Originally from Charlotte, Michigan, her interest in health care was sparked when she gave her grandfather insulin shots as a child.

"I'm most looking forward to creating lasting relationships with members of my community," Koehler said. "I've always loved following and improving the outcomes of patient care from the beginning of my medical career, and I'm blessed that joining Dr. Danette Miller will allow me to not only treat but also know my patients, including their backstories and who they are."

Koehler earned her associate degree in pre-medicine from Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Exercise Science from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky and a Master of Health Sciences in physician assistant studies from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. She's also earned a Doctor of Medical Sciences in general medicine.

Koehler enjoys crafting and making things by hand. Together with her husband, Aaron, a physician assistant at Mercy Convenient Care – Jackson, they enjoy back country hiking, playing and running with their dogs, working on the family farm and homesteading projects.

To make an appointment at Mercy Primary Care – 817 S Mount Auburn, call 573.519.4500. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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