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## **St. James Mercy Hospital Adds New Gynecological Physicians, Services**

**HORNELL, N.Y.** – St. James Mercy Hospital will welcome three new gynecological physicians to its medical staff in April. **Dr. James Steven Burkhart, Dr. Tad (Gustave V) Ruckert,** and **Dr. Mary M. Wilsch** will see patients and perform surgery at the Hospital.

Gynecological services will be provided in the office located at 21 Orchard Street, Hornell, adjacent to the Hospital. *The physicians will see patients there for the first time on April 10.* Call 607-324-8155 to schedule an appointment or for more information.



James Steven Burkhart, M.D.



Tad (Gustave V) Ruckert, D.O.



Mary M. Wilsch, M.D.

Available services include:

- Routine and yearly examinations
- Adolescent gynecology and counseling
- Birth control - contraception
- Pap smears
- Breast and ovarian cancer screening
- Osteoporosis screening, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment
- Urinary incontinence
- Premenstrual syndrome management
- Uterine endometrial ablation
  - Novasure
- GYN surgery
  - Hysterectomy
  - Myomectomy
- Minimally invasive surgery
  - Advanced laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery
  - Minimally invasive hysterectomy
- Menopause management
- STD screening
- Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP)
- Dilation and Curettage (D&C)
- Endometriosis

### **About Dr. James Steven Burkhart**

Dr. Burkhart received his medical education at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He completed a residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Rochester. He is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, of which he is also a Fellow. A University of Rochester Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics & Gynecology, he has won the University of Rochester Medical School Ob/Gyn Resident's Teaching Award twice in his career.

**About Dr. Tad (Gustave V) Ruckert**

Dr. Ruckert received his medical education at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY. He completed an internship and residency at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY. He is a Junior Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and the American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists. He was awarded a Recognition of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Surgery award by the American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists, as well as an Excellence in Obstetrics award.

**About Dr. Mary M. Wilsch**

Dr. Wilsch received her medical education at SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in Buffalo, NY. She completed an internship and a residency at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine. She is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, of which she is also a Fellow. A University of Rochester Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics & Gynecology, she was the winner of the William Clay, M.D. Award in Residency, the Berlex Second Year Resident Teaching Award, the Research Award in Residency 2000 (Strong Memorial Hospital), and the Ekas Award 2000 (Strong Memorial Hospital). She was also honored twice with the University of Rochester, School of Medicine's Ob/Gyn resident's teaching award, and the Family Medicine teaching award.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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