CLINIC OVERVIEW AND HISTORY

Beaver Dam Women’s Health (BDWH) offers a positive, integrative, and holistic approach to optimize the care women receive in the greater Beaver Dam area. The clinic was founded in 1985 by Ken Ostermann, MD, FACOG, FPMRS and Mary Ostermann, MD, FACOG.

Ken and Mary met during their OB-GYN residency program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Ken went on to work as an attending physician at Denver General Hospital, primarily providing care for the poor while teaching medical students and residents how to become excellent, caring physicians. Mary focused on general Obstetrics and Gynecology in a private practice.

After the couple’s son was born, the family looked to relocate to an area where there was a greater need for obstetricians and gynecologists, and that also had a wholesome small-town atmosphere. Beaver Dam was actively recruiting OB-GYN physicians, and the Ostermanns made the move in the mid-1980s.

The Ostermanns have always believed in putting “patients first” - even before the term became popular - and this concept drives everything and everyone at Beaver Dam Women’s Health. No matter what time of day or night, if a patient calls, she is directed to one of BDWH’s known providers rather than being referred to an agency nurse or out-of-town provider. At the clinic, all providers are 100% university trained and board certified. The relationship between physicians and other care providers and their patients is unique, interactive, and respectful: physicians advise and patients decide.

As patient and community needs have evolved, BDWH has expanded its service offerings to include all areas of ongoing women’s health, pregnancy and childbirth, preventative care and treatment, on-site screenings and tests, and surgery.

In 2015, Beaver Dam Women's Health delivered 40% of babies born in Dodge County. Beaver Dam Women's Health has provided care to approximately 39,000 patients and delivered approximately 6,000 babies since the clinic opened.

BDWH has made it a priority to reach out to local partners and find creative ways to meet community needs. One example is the Dodge County Women’s Club, which Beaver Dam Women’s Health founded. This not-for-profit organization is open to all area women at no charge and meets monthly to discuss interesting topics that affect women today. It also provides support to community members and an opportunity for women to relax, socialize, and connect with other women.