A Voice For Rural Healthcare

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Wayne HealthCare recently welcomed Dr. Amy Acton, candidate for governor of Ohio, for a tour and conversation with members of our leadership team. The visit was initiated by Dr. Acton's campaign, which expressed an interest in learning more about rural healthcare and the communities we serve. The visit provided an opportunity to **share firsthand perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing rural healthcare**, including access to care, workforce needs, population health, and the long-term sustainability of rural hospitals.

The discussion also highlighted the essential role rural hospitals play in advancing preventive care, strengthening community partnerships and maintaining access to critical healthcare services close to home.

Engagements like this help bring the realities of delivering healthcare in rural communities into broader statewide conversations. They also underscore the importance of collaboration, resources and thoughtful policy decisions in supporting a strong, sustainable future for rural healthcare.

Wayne HealthCare welcomes opportunities to share our rural healthcare perspectives with public officials and candidates across the political spectrum, ensuring the needs of our patients, workforce and communities remain part of the conversation.



Wayne HealthCare leaders hosted Dr. Amy Acton for a hospital tour and discussion focused on challenges and opportunities for rural healthcare.

(L to R): Derek Mayberry, VP of Operations; Nicole Gillespie, VP of Financial Services/CFO; Kimberlee Freeman, VP of Patient Care Services/CNO; Dr. Amy Acton; General Surgeon and Chief of Staff Alisha Reiss, MD, FACS; Terri Flood, VP of Marketing and Business Development



Dr. Amy Acton speaks with General Surgeon Dr. Kara Schultz, MD, FACS, during her visit to Wayne HealthCare.





Dr. Amy Acton tours Wayne HealthCare with Terri Flood, VP of Marketing and Business Development, and meets with members of the leadership team to discuss rural health care.

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