## Forks Community Hospital

"Pioneers in Rural Health Care"

## Bogachiel Medical Clinic



## Caregiver of the Month Emery Chang, MD General Surgeon

The Bogachiel Clinic is pleased to be able to offer general surgical services with Dr. Emery Chang. Dr. Chang is a board certified General Surgeon. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of



the American Medical Association. He comes to us with over 18 years of surgical experience.

Dr. Chang has a large number of healthcare providers in his family covering a broad spectrum of medical services. He grew up on the family farm in Western Washington and eventually moved to Oregon. He was accepted to the Boston University School of Medicine from high school. After medical school he did an internship in Pathology at Boston University and completed his 5 year general surgical residency at Western Reserve Care System in Youngstown, Ohio. After his residency he returned home to the Pacific Northwest.

When asked what he loves about surgery he speaks about working with people and working with anatomy to solve medical problems. This is straightforward General Surgery. Furthermore, he focuses on the need to be proactive in the prevention of cancer.



Dr. Chang has enjoyed teaching medical students during their surgical rotations at both Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences and Western University of Health Science. He considers teaching fledgling doctors the necessity of treating the entire patient as extremely important. Dr. Chang makes sure the new doctors understand that the entire patient must be taken into account prior to establishing any type of treatment plan.

Dr. Chang originally came to Forks Community Hospital on a short term contract with no plan to stay beyond the pre-established timeline. After meeting our CEO, staff, and community, he chose to become an employee, working at both Bogachiel and Clallam Bay Medical Clinics. He performs surgery locally at Forks Community Hospital. Dr. Chang has been with us for a year now and has already completed over 160 surgeries right here in The West End. His love of fresh sea food (especially dungeness crab and salmon) and target shooting makes Forks an ideal location to spend time. When not serving the West End with surgical services, Doctor Chang works at his family farm, rebuilds diesel engines, and spends time with his family. Dr. Chang enjoyed the time he spent teaching and may return to it at some point in the distant future, but for now he is happy to continue to practice here in Forks.

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