

Lakeland Welcomes New Nephrologist

Katherine Westin Kwon, MD, nephrologist, joins the practice of **Lake Michigan Nephrology**, in Royalton, effective September 1, 2007.

Dr. Kwon is a graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, where she followed a five-year course that allowed time for additional research experience. She received her undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania and pursued additional studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, in chemistry and physics. She is board-certified in internal medicine and fellowship trained in nephrology. Dr. Kwon completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Virginia Health System, where she won several ACP Virginia section awards for abstracts and posters. She has published a number of articles in peer-reviewed journals and made several presentations at national conferences. Between her residency and the start of the fellowship program, Dr. Kwon took off a year to work at the Charlottesville Free Clinic, serving the working uninsured. "I'm proud to have worked there," she said.



Dr. Kwon has family ties to the southwest Michigan area. Her grandfather and father grew up in Benton Harbor. Although she herself grew up in Washington, D.C., she and her extended family continue to enjoy their vacation home in St. Joseph.

Dr. Kwon answered the Lakeland recruitment email mostly out of curiosity, due to the St. Joseph tie. She admits she was surprised by what she learned about Lakeland during those initial encounters.

"I had no idea Lakeland had such depth of quality and full range of services," she adds. "Then I saw the state-of-the-art dialysis stations in St. Joseph and Niles, and my interest soared."

Dr. Kwon joins the practice of Lake Michigan Nephrology, with Drs. Songlingco and Brash, at the Lakeland Health Park in Royalton. She can be reached at (269) 428-0819.