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When workplace injuries stop employees from working, Gary Kolle, M.D., Gayle Leen, PA-C, and the team at Midwest Occupational Medicine (MOM) start working to help patients recover.

Settled on the second floor of St. Cloud Medical Group's South Campus, MOM has been helping employee patients in central Minnesota return to their livelihoods for over 20 years.

Kolle's experience helps him see beyond the injury. "My background as a family medicine physician helps me see the whole patient," says Kolle. "I notice underlying medical issues that might contribute to the injury. It's rewarding to see a patient with a chronic debilitating problem minimize their suffering and disability."

"Communication is so important to the process," adds Leen. "We let employers know what employees can and cannot do. We also take the time to answer patients' questions they might have so they can leave with their mind at ease." Detailed progress reports are sent with the

employee for the employer after each visit.

As a part of St. Cloud Medical Group South Campus, MOM's comprehensive employment physicals (DOT & NON-DOT) and drug screening services are supported by the full clinic facilities, including after-hours Express Care, lab, imaging, and rehabilitation with partner Northern Star Therapy.

MOM staff enjoys going out to meet with area businesses to listen to their occupational concerns. Worksite visits provide insight to working environments and aid an employer's pursuit of cost-effective, time-managed healthcare services. After all, MOM's mission is to provide comprehensive treatment and diagnostic services that enhance the health, safety, and productivity of their workforce.

All that hard work pays off. "I'm always encouraged when a patient can return to work and make a living without the hazard of re-injury," says Leen. "It's satisfying to know that we're helping the employer get the best performance from their employee."

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BEHIND THE PROFESSIONALS

Gary Kolle, M.D.

Age: 57

Education: Mayo Medical School, Rochester, MN (Residency); Black Hawk Family Practice, Waterloo, IA (Certifications)

Hobbies: Camping, hunting, fishing, water sports

Best Advice: True preventative health mitigates risk to minimize injuries before they happen.

Gayle Leen, PA-C

Age: 45

Education: Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN (Certifications)

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, jigsaw puzzles, sports, and meditation.

Best Advice: Complete rehabilitation treats the whole patient, not just the symptom.