



**Mel Bingham, Physician Assistant  
Family Medicine**

**Certification:** National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants.

**Education:** Mel holds a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree from Rocky Mountain College (Billings, Mont.).

**Special Interests:** Mel practices family medicine and has a particular interest in rural health services.



**Peggy J. Englebrake, MD  
Family Medicine**

**Certification:** Previous certification by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

**Education:** Dr. Englebrake earned her medical degree and completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at the University of Kansas Medical School in Kansas City, Kan. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Dr. Englebrake is certified as a certified instructor in advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and pediatric advanced life support (PALS), and she is certified in neonatal resuscitation programs (NRP) and advanced trauma life support (ATLS). Dr. Englebrake returned to the Alicia Roberts Medical Center (ARMC) in Klawock in December 2009 after spending three years on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona. She also worked at ARMC from 2001-2006, and before that was medical director for the Ketchikan General Hospital emergency department for five years.

**Special Interests:** Dr. Englebrake has special medical interests in diabetes, cardiology, emergency medicine and trauma. When she first worked at ARMC, she helped launch the clinic's emergency medicine, hospice and diabetes programs. She also enjoys books, rock climbing, surfing, skiing and her three Klawock cats that direct her life.



**Stephen L. Ericksen, DMD  
Dentistry**

**Education:** Dr. Ericksen earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public health from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Before coming to SEARHC, Dr. Ericksen worked for the Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, N.M., and the Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome.

**Special Interests:** Dr. Ericksen is interested in hunting, fishing, computers, Mexican cuisine, remote control aircraft and spending time with his family. He provides dental services at the Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock and makes regular trips to the Hydadburg Health Center for clinics.

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**Myron (Ron) Fribush, MD**  
**Family Medicine**

**Certification:** American Board of Family Medicine; certificate of added qualifications in geriatrics.

**Education:** Dr. Fribush earned a medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York and completed a residency at Wilson Hospital in Johnson City, N.Y. Dr. Fribush spent more than two decades working in New York before moving to Alaska in 2004 to take a job as a hospitalist at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka. He became medical director at the SEARHC Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock in February 2008.

**Awards & Honors:** Dr. Fribush won the 1998 Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year for Schenectady County, N.Y. and served on the Emergency Medical Services Committee. He won a Health Care Provider Award at the 2007 Sitka Health Summit for his efforts to reduce secondhand smoke and being an advocate for healthy lifestyles. He became a Fellow with the American Academy of Family Practice in 2007.

**Special Interests:** Dr. Fribush has special medical interests in geriatrics, home care for the elderly, and in local and long-distance delivery of emergency medical services. He has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for 30 years, and he enjoys fishing and hiking. Dr. Fribush also provides services to the community of Hydaburg.



**Diane E. Hill, Physician Assistant**  
**Family Medicine**

**Certification:** National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

**Education:** Diane earned an associate's degree in nursing from Anchorage Community College (now part of the University of Alaska Anchorage). She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies and completed her physician assistant certification training at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, N.D. She spent 25 years as a registered nurse (RN) at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, including the last 20 years as an emergency room nurse. She holds a certified emergency nurse (CEN) from the Emergency Nurses Association. She also spent 10 years as a certified sexual assault nurse examiner in Fairbanks.

**Special Interests:** Diane's medical interests are emergency and internal medicine. She enjoys ornamental horticulture, swimming, biking, reading, politics and the study of human behavior. She holds regular office hours at both the Alicia Roberts Medical Center and the Thorne Bay Health Center. Her practice includes a focus on women's health.



**Ellen Kemper, MD**  
**Family Medicine**

**Certification:** American Board of Family Medicine

**Education:** Dr. Kemper earned her medical degree from Hahnemann College of Medicine (which now is part of Philadelphia's Drexel University). She completed a residency in family practice in LaGrange, Ill.

**Special Interests:** Dr. Kemper has a particular interest in rural medicine and electronic health records.

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**Gregory H. Sayers, Physician Assistant  
Family Medicine/Emergency Medicine**

**Certification:** National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants.

**Education:** Greg earned his physician assistant certification from the University of Utah Physician Assistant Program. He has worked as a physician assistant in Moab, Utah; Grand Junction, Colo.; and as a traveling physician assistant for the SEARHC Hydaburg Health Center.

**Special Interests:** Greg has medical interests in remote and wilderness medical care and the implementation of emergency medical services. He specializes in family medicine, urgent care and emergency medicine. He enjoys gardening, raising small livestock, bicycling, sailing, flyfishing, white-water kayaking, backcountry skiing, and helping his wife raise their young son. “My family and I feel very welcomed to SEARHC and enjoy Prince of Wales immensely.”



**Kurt Welser, Physician Assistant  
Primary Care**

**Certification:** National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants

**Education:** Kurt earned a degree from the University of Washington.

**Special Interests:** Kurt has a particular interest in rural health care. Kurt provides intermittent/on-call medical services to the community of Klawock.