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## Lovejoy Health Center Welcomes David Austin, MD

ALBION—The staff at Lovejoy Health Center welcomed David Austin, MD back to the practice earlier this year. He previously joined Lovejoy in 1993. David brings over thirty years of experience providing medical care both in Maine and globally through volunteer organizations including Médecins Sans Frontières. He obtained a doctorate at the University of Vermont, College of Medicine in 1985 and completed Family Medicine Residency in 1988 at Highland Hospital, University of Rochester, NY. Previously, he graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME.



David recently shared: "I believe that all people deserve to be treated with respect and compassion. After deeply enjoying my fifteen plus years of work at Lovejoy and four years of work abroad, I feel that it is time for me to return to Maine, land of my birth. There is no better workplace for me today than Lovejoy Health Center."

David will be joining physician Dean Chamberlain, physician assistant Bobby Keith, family nurse practitioner Kaitlynn Read and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner Marta Hall. In addition, Deb Daigle offers behavioral health services to patients of the practice.

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