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### KAYLA KOCH JOINS CRMC PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

The Cherokee Regional Medical Center Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department is pleased to announce that Cherokee native, Kayla Koch, DPT, has joined their team. Koch passed her state and national board exams in late January and started at CRMC on February 11, 2013.

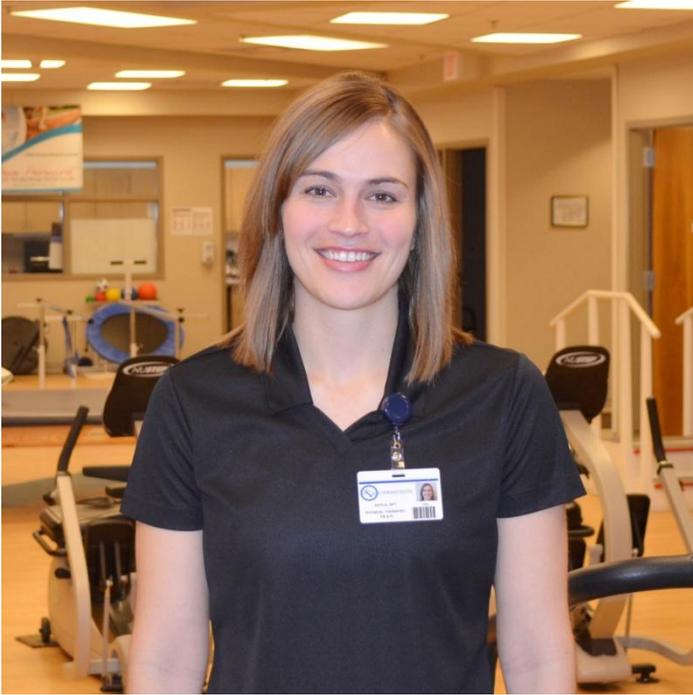
A 2006 graduate of Washington High School, Koch (formerly Kayla Henke) earned her undergraduate degree in Exercise Science from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD in 2010. From there she was accepted into the Physical Therapy program at the University of Iowa earning her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in December 2012.

While finishing her studies at the University of Iowa, Koch had the opportunity to complete internships within hospital based physical therapy departments at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, IA, and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, CA. In addition, she spent some time rotating through non-hospital based physical therapy practices in Wilton, IA and Cedar Rapids, IA. Koch also served as a teaching assistant being recognized as a University of Iowa Mentor Scholar.

"We are excited to have Kayla join our department," said Matt Johnson, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department Manager at CRMC. "Her energy and passion for the field of Physical Medicine will be a tremendous asset to our team and our patients at Cherokee Regional Medical Center."

Koch is equally excited about the opportunity. "After living in Sioux Falls and Iowa City, I wanted to return and give back to the community in which I called home for 18 years. I look forward to practicing both outpatient orthopedics as well as inpatient physical therapy at CRMC," she said.

Koch and her husband, Jared, moved back to Cherokee earlier this winter and have enjoyed getting reacquainted with the community. She added, "We are thrilled to be back in Cherokee and look forward to spending more time with our family (Duane and Marcia Henke of Larrabee, and Scott and Deb Koch of rural Cherokee) and cheering on our Cherokee Braves and other area sports teams!"



**Photo- Kayla Koch, DPT, recently joined the Physical Medicine and Rehab Department at Cherokee Regional Medical Center. A 2006 graduate of Washington High School, Kayla is excited to be back in her home town and to provide a variety of physical medicine and rehabilitation services to the people of Cherokee and the surrounding area.**