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## **Salem Regional Medical Center Expands Access with Affiliation of Kensington Medical Practice**

Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is pleased to announce its affiliation with the long-standing family practice of Jay R. Lugibihl, D.O., located at 29627 State Route 30 in Kensington. As of March 9, 2026, the practice has joined the SRMC Medical Group and been renamed SRMC Primary Care – Kensington. This expansion ensures that the Kensington, Hanoverton and surrounding communities continue to receive the dedicated, high-quality care they have trusted for decades.

The transition to SRMC Primary Care - Kensington provides patients with a seamless link to Salem Regional Medical Center's full network of specialists and advanced diagnostic services. As part of this transition, SRMC has announced that Michael J. Buchenic IV, D.O., an internal medicine physician, will practice alongside Dr. Lugibihl. The arrival of Dr. Buchenic ensures the practice can continue to meet the growing demand for primary care in Columbiana County and western Stark County.



**Dr. Lugibihl**



**Dr. Buchenic**

"We are honored to officially welcome Dr. Lugibihl to our SRMC Medical Group," said Anita Hackstedde, M.D., SRMC President/CEO. "Renaming the practice to SRMC Primary Care - Kensington reflects our long-term commitment to enhancing access to comprehensive primary care services and ensuring that area residents continue to have a trusted medical partner for their care."

### **Services & Appointments**

SRMC Primary Care - Kensington provides a full range of primary care services, including:

- Wellness care and prevention
- Sick visits for acute illnesses
- Management of chronic diseases such as diabetes or hypertension
- Immunizations
- Physicals

The office is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, please call SRMC Primary Care- Kensington at 330-223-1547.

### **About Salem Regional Medical Center**

Salem Regional Medical Center is a non-profit, independent hospital that has served Columbiana County for over a century. Through its expanding network of primary and specialty care services, SRMC is dedicated to providing innovative, patient-centered healthcare throughout the region.