Community Medical Center
Ground Breakers

The history of Community Medical Center continues with recognition to a group of doctors that pioneered health care in our western part of Richardson County. They made a difference in our medical history – people we call **Ground Breakers.**

WESTERN RICHARDSON COUNTY DOCTORS

Mary (Russell) Quick – provided medical care to the pioneers in western Richardson County from 1867-1895. She earned the respect of the medical community of her era and was remembered for her superior ability and strength.

James L. Gandy, M.D. – graduated in 1867, came to Humboldt in 1869. He served Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee counties and also ran a drug store. His son, G.G. Gandy, M.D. also practiced in Humboldt.

P.F. Patrick, M.D. – came to Humboldt in 1872 and practiced until 1883 when he died. He was ranked as one of the foremost surgeons in southeast Nebraska at the time.

A.L. Williamson, M.D. – practiced in Humboldt from 1893 until he passed away in 1903. He was known to always treat the sick regardless of their ability to pay for services rendered.

P.W. Hays – graduate of Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, moved to Humboldt in 1879. He practiced for many years, returning to Pennsylvania for a year, then returned to Falls City and actively practiced until his death in 1896. One of his sons, E.R. Hays was also a physician in Falls City.

J. A. Waggoner, M.D. a graduate of the University of Kentucky, came to Nebraska and began his practice in Dawson in 1879 and also ran a drug store. In 1886, he moved to Humboldt for four years, then to Bern, KS and four years later returned to Dawson. In 1907, he went back to Humboldt. In 1927, the Richardson County Medical Society presented him with a gold medal as a token of his 50 years of medical career.

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