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**General Surgeon Rachel Zehr MD to Join  
Lewis County Surgical Associates Medical Staff on September 11**

LOWVILLE, NY - Lewis County Health System is proud to announce that General Surgeon Rachel B. Zehr, M.D., will join the General Surgery team at Lewis County Surgical Associates on Monday, September 11, 2023.

"I am looking forward to returning home and providing local access to surgical care for the residents of Lewis County and neighboring communities," stated Rachel Zehr, M.D.

Dr. Zehr grew up in Lowville and was a 2002 Lowville Academy Central School graduate. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, followed by a Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Zehr earned her M.D. degree in May of 2012 at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY, and her General Surgery Residency at Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Surgery and an Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

"I am so thankful that Dr. Zehr will return to her hometown and bring her exceptional skills, training, empathy, and compassion to care for our family, friends, and neighbors here in Lewis County," stated Sean Harney, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Employed Practices at Lewis County Health System.

Dr. Zehr currently practices in Oneonta and Cooperstown, NY, and provides a broad range of surgical care, including minimally invasive Laparoscopic Surgery. She serves as Surgical Division Chief and Medical Staff Secretary/Treasurer at A.O. Fox Hospital, Oneonta, NY, and is a Volunteer Faculty member at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY.

Dr. Zehr joins General Surgeons Jon Baker, M.D., Steve Kwon, M.D., and David Vivas, M.D., at Lewis County Surgical Associates located on the main campus in Lowville.

Patients can request a referral through their local primary care provider, or for more information or to schedule an appointment directly; please call 315-376-5163.



Photo: Rachel B. Zehr, M.D.

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