

# Real Faces. Real Voices. Real Women in Healthcare.



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**Q:** Why are you passionate about your job?

**A:** Working in the Laboratory gives me the opportunity to help patients through all the stages of their lives. We are able to help find answers for patients from common ailments to complex diseases. It is a challenging, fluid field that changes everyday. It is a great feeling when all the puzzle pieces fit together and an answer is found. It is priceless to see the smile on a patient's face that has been helped.

**Q:** What changes have you seen since you started?

**A:** Since starting at the Yankton Medical Clinic 37 years ago, we have transitioned from performing tests by hand to testing on highly technical and computerized analyzers as well as from handwritten to electronic reports. There have been numerous remodels and expansions. We have merged two smaller clinics into a large multi-specialty clinic that affords patients the opportunity and convenience to see doctors close to home. We have added numerous in-house tests to allow efficient diagnosis of our patients.

**Q:** Why do you love working for Yankton Medical Clinic?

**A:** I love working at the Yankton Medical Clinic because the focus of care is on the patient. We not only help people through routine care, but also through life changing challenges. We work together between all departments to give the best care possible. We have become a family that always supports each other through good times and bad.



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