

# Dr. Wilson takes Wisconsin teaching position in May

The Rushford Clinic's Dr. Louis J. Wilson will be leaving practice in this area May 1 to teach at Eau Claire Family Practice Residency Program. He says "it's teaching--I've always enjoyed it."

Although the position is full time, he will be seeing some patients too.

The Eau Claire program is part of the Department of Family Medicine and Practice, University of Wisconsin Medical School. Wilson will be senior clinician and teacher as an assistant clinical professor.

He assumes the position May 19 and will move as soon as he and his wife find housing.

He said Monday "it was a big decision, I've always lived here (Rushford or Winona) and I'd like to see somewhere else, but I have no interest in the Sun Belt." Wilson termed it a "mid-career change, it's now or never, do it or forget it."

It's 19 years since he went into partnership with Dr. John Peterson to make the Rushford Community Clinic what it is. He reflected that 20 years ago "Rushford was in a bad way for doctors, and out of a doctor for a year." A community committee visited Dr. Peterson in Texas and talked him into coming. He agreed to come for a year (but has stayed 20), and 18 months later talked Wilson into joining him.

Before that date, March 1961, Wilson had been in practice with his father in Winona. Wilson says their practice expanded and they needed more space and were planning an expansion when his father became ill. A combination of factors made it more reasonable to move to Rushford to practice than to attempt enlargement in Winona. He says he still has some patients that come to him from Winona and north of Winona and have been a part of his practice for his 17 years as a doctor.

One of the techniques for which Wilson is known is his hypnosis. He says the new position will allow some additional research on it, but it is not the reason for the change.

He is a native of Winona, attended Grinnell College in Iowa, and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is a World War II Navy veteran.

Wilson is a member of the

American Academy of Family Practice and is certified by the American Board of Family Practice. His hospital association is with Community Memorial in Winona and he is currently serving as Chief of the Department of General and Family Practice. He has previously been Chief of Obstetrics and Chief of Medicine. He is a member of several professional organizations and is a preceptor in the new Mayo-St. Francis Family Practice Residency Program in La Crosse; he medical director of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home. He is active in area Episcopal church work and was ordained perpetual deacon in 1959.

"Some people think I'm crazy to do this, but the closer the date comes, the more excited I get; it's a new challenge," he said.

Patient medical records remain at the Rushford Clinic.

Dr. Peterson has previously stated that Wilson will be missed and there will be a difficult patient load, so he has arranged for professional assistance temporarily until another doctor can be permanently relocated in the area.



DR. WILSON