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## Southwest Medical Center

### How long have you worked at SWMC?

I have worked at Southwest Medical Center for 15 years. I started at the hospital as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist. Shortly after starting my career, I began cross-training in MRI.

### Tell us a bit about your job.

I am the Assistant Director of Diagnostic Imaging. On a day-to-day basis, I mainly take care of MRI and Nuclear Medicine procedures. I produce diagnostic images for Radiologists to interpret to help with diagnosing patients. I also do PACS (*Picture Archiving and Communications Systems*) Administrator duties. These include overseeing equipment maintenance and systems testing, upgrading, and installing.

### What is most rewarding about your job?

The most rewarding part is doing all that I can to help our patients in one way or another. I'm able to provide reassurance during procedures and that has a positive impact on their patient experience. I enjoy helping patients relax and easing their anxiety so they can make it through the exam. Having patients thank you for getting them through something they didn't think they could do is so rewarding.

“If you never try anything difficult, you'll never know what you're made of.”



**BLAKE LARRABEE**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

### What is one accomplishment, personal &/or professional that you are most proud of & why?

I am most proud of my wife Kayla and our two boys, Greer and Bodhi. I love raising our children and watching them grow, it's very rewarding. My wife used to work at Southwest Medical Center, that's actually where we met.



**Born & Raised:**  
*Meade, KS*



**Favorite Artist:**  
*Warren Zeiders or anything country*



**Favorite Food:**  
*Mexican & anything beef or wild-game*



**Favorite Hobbies:**  
*Hunting, fishing, skiing, & anything outdoors*