



Dr. Lisa Longhofer

Dr. Lisa Longhofer grew up on a ranch outside Canadian, where she valued and adopted the Panhandle mindset of hard work and dedication. After graduating valedictorian from Booker High School and summa cum laude from Texas Tech University, she completed her Doctor of Medicine from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with junior AOA honors. She dabbled in specialties and found that hands and upper extremities were a fit. She completed her Orthopaedic Surgery Residency at The University of Kansas in Wichita.

"Hands are so important in everything we do, so I wanted to get people back to work, sports and their routine activities," Dr. Longhofer says.

That was her primary motivation to become an orthopaedic surgeon – to get patients back to functioning and working, back to where they want to be.

"I see patients for all general ortho, but hands and upper extremity is my specialty, from fingertips to clavicle," she says.

"The No. 1 issue I see is carpal tunnel and nerve compression, but also rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis."

While surgery is a primary focus of treatment, Dr. Longhofer treats patients non-surgically as well. Whatever the treatment plan, she says the most rewarding part of her job is seeing her patients happy.

"After I've done a surgery and go to visit them, I see they're doing well and happy and getting back to life," she says, "that's the best."

Dr. Longhofer is in her third year of practice and is grateful to be home in the Texas Panhandle.

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