



## **Mark Gerdes, RPh**

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Director of Avera Long-Term Care Pharmacy for Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center. Prior to joining Avera, Mark spent over 25 years in a variety of pharmacy roles. He began his career in retail pharmacy and then moved on to clinical and management roles within the closed-door pharmacy industry. As the General Manager of Omnicare of South Dakota, Mark's leadership resulted in his location becoming one of the company's most successful pharmacies. In 2014, Mark joined Avera where he is responsible for directing operations of Avera's growing long-term care pharmacy. Mark has been instrumental in promoting programs that create a system for pharmacies, providers and long term care nursing facilities to coordinate in outcome improvement. The Avera Long-term Care Pharmacy is a leader in South Dakota in providing clinical and educational programing.

A graduate of South Dakota State University, Mark and his wife Nancy enjoy spending time with their five children, and numerous grandchildren.