Family Practice Is Undergoing a Few Changes

Your Family Practice clinic is undergoing a few changes. First, the name of the clinic is changing to The Medical Home Port. Second, we are changing our philosophy of care to the concept of a Medical Home. The Medical Home Model is a new approach of healthcare delivery. It is based on the concept that patients are at the center of every decision made regarding their care. In this new model, our goal is to provide you with closer, more personalized care.

Instead of your Primary Care Manager (PCM) changing every year, your team should remain the same as long as they continue to work at Naval Hospital Beaufort. This will provide improved continuity of care, and will also allow you to develop a closer relationship and partnership with your Medical Home Port team.

You will have an entire team responsible for your healthcare. In addition to your PCM, Nurses, Hospital Corpsmen and/or Nursing Assistants, and a scheduling clerk will be part of your healthcare team. This team will partner with you to fulfill administrative requests and provide additional health services.

If you are already enrolled in TRICARE Prime at the Naval Hospital Beaufort, you do not need to do anything to be assigned to a Medical Home Port Team. The Medical Home Teams have been implemented throughout the Primary Care Clinics and you will automatically be assigned to a team based on your PCM. If you are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime and would like to be, visit the TRICARE Service Center (TSC) at the hospital to change your enrollment. For more information call 1-800-444-5445 or visit www.humanamilitary.com.

You do not need to do anything different than you have in the past in order to see your physician. Contact the Call Center at 843-228-5175 to schedule an appointment, or talk to your team.

The providers for Team 1 include Dr. Peter Munson, a family practice physician who specializes in skeletal manipulations and is credentialed to perform Implanon and IUD placement/removal. LT Laura Bradford is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in family practice and is assuming all enrollees previously assigned to CDR Richard Cline. Ms Karen Pressley is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. The Registered Nurses are Gerry Lange and Mary Sullivan. The scheduling clerk for Team 1 is Grace Castillo.

Team 2 is led by LCDR Jack Page, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. LT Pamela Edwards is a family practice physician who is certified for colposcopies and IUD insertion/removal. Mrs. Barnhart is an Adult Physician Assistant. Tammi Lynge, RN and Judy George, LPN are the nurses for this team. The scheduling clerk is Aveene Bowers.

Team 3 consists of the following members. CDR Gregory Thier is a family practice physician and the Director of Medical Services. He is credentialed to perform vasectomies, colposcopies, and IUD insertion/removal. Ms. Janet Reeves is a Family Nurse Practitioner. New to Naval Hospital Beaufort is Dr. Jeanne Kelly. She is a family practice physician who will be taking over for all patients formerly assigned to Dr. Lusik. The Registered nurses for team 3 are Mrs. Carolyn Glover and Ms Peggy Moyer. The scheduling clerk for Team 3 is Ms. Ava Bostic.

All patients assigned to Team 4 will see LT Mark Reed. LT Reed is a family practice physician who performs vasectomies, colposcopies, Implanon insertion/removal, and IUD insertion/removal. In the near future, Naval Hospital Beaufort will be adding providers to this team, including a pediatrician and physician assistant. LT Diane Davis and Mrs. Saundra Smith are the Registered Nurses for this team. The scheduling clerk is Lisa Gordon.

All of the teams will also consist of multiple Hospital Corpsmen and Nursing Assistants, as well as have access to the front desk clerks, a dietician, and other specialty practitioners.