

Medical News

Featured Article

We can now check for anemia without drawing blood! Check out this and other new technologies that our office is using!



FLU SHOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! SCHEDULE YOURS TODAY!

It's that magical time of year again...it's flu shot season! As with the 2010-2011 flu vaccine, this year's flu shot also includes the H1N1 vaccine. Our practice recommends flu vaccination for all of our patients, especially those with any chronic illness such as asthma, diabetes, frequent pneumonias, or anyone with immune problems. We also offer flu vaccines for parents and caretakers, and anyone who wants to take steps to prevent flu infection.

Flu vaccinations are offered during all of our regular office hours. In addition, we are also offering several evenings as designated "Flu Shot Nights". During these times, we do flu vaccines ONLY (No other office visits). Spaces fill quickly, so call now to schedule your appointment.

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The flu vaccine can be given as an injectable vaccine (regular and preservative free) as well as the intranasal vaccine (Flu Mist). The fees for the vaccine is as follows:

Injectable: (Recommended for patients ages 6 months and older)

- Regular → \$25.00
- Preservative Free → \$35.00

Intranasal: (Recommended for patients age 2-50 years old)

- Fee → \$40.00
- *****NOT recommended for patients with medical problems such as anemia, asthma, or immune problems***

SPECIAL FLU DAYS

Monday	September 12	5pm-7:30pm
Wednesday	September 28	3pm-7:30pm
Tuesday	October 11	3pm-7:30pm
Thursday	October 27	3pm-7:30pm
Tuesday	November 1	3pm-7:30pm



**VISIT OUR
UPDATED WEBSITE**

New features have been added to our redesigned and updated website at

www.greatestdocs.com. A new section entitled “Illnesses we are seeing right now” gives our patients information about the main illnesses we are seeing in our office during that time period. Another section links our patients to a webpage of rebates available for numerous medications. Other new features include an easy to use menu of our online services and a quick link for our new patients and expectant parents. Our medical library has been improved also. More enhancements are coming, so keep checking us out!

NEW OFFICE TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Williams and Dr. Petit LOVE gadgets! Just as the world of computers and mobile phones is ever evolving, so is the field of medical technology. The doctors in this practice are always on the lookout for technology and gadgets that will provide fast, accurate results to help with diagnosis and treating our patients. For years, we have been sending scripts electronically, but here are some of the newest innovations for our office:

Transcutaneous Hemoglobin: Hemoglobin (pronounced “HEE-mah-glow-bin”) is a molecule in the blood that becomes low if you are anemic. Normally, if we wanted to check a patient’s hemoglobin level, you would have to have

blood drawn. The transcutaneous hemoglobin machine is a device that allows us to detect anemia WITHOUT NEEDLES!

Otoscope Camera: The otoscope is the special light that doctors use to look in your ears. We have just purchased a special “large-screen” otoscope that allows us to zoom in on your eardrum, so that you can see what we see. We can even take a picture of the eardrum and show it to the patient!

Coming Soon

Electronic Medical Records: Our office is in the early stages of implementing electronic charts instead of paper charts. This will eventually allow us to

give more efficient medical services (lab results, referrals, etc.) to you, our patients.



Pardon our dust



OUR OFFICE GETS A FACELIFT

As many of you may have noticed, our office is currently undergoing a facelift. When renovations are complete, we will have fresh paint and new tile flooring. Fortunately, this work has had very little impact on our office hours, so we have still been able to care for our patients during this busy back-to-school season.

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