National Committee for Quality Assurance Recognizes Clark K. Sleeth Family Medicine Center as Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home

PCMH Level 3

Clark K. Sleeth Family Medicine Center, the Department’s academic Family Medicine practice, was recently recognized as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is the best practice model for high-value primary care delivery.

A medical home is a primary care practice that has redesigned its processes, policies and culture with five evidence-based enhancements associated with higher quality care: (1) better access, (2) more comprehensive team-based care delivery, (3) better care coordination, (4) patient-centered care, and (5) continuous quality improvement. PCMH lowers the cost of care by preventing unnecessary emergency department visits and hospitalizations, by providing evidence-based preventive care and better chronic disease management.

Since early 2012, Clark K. Sleeth Family Medicine Center has progressively transformed into a successful PCMH. The Department’s providers and staff focused on physician-led teams to more effectively coordinate care, including reminding patients who are due for care, improving access to same day care.
The NEW Family Medicine Center at the WVU Health University Town Centre (UTC) will begin seeing patients May 4, 2015. The clinic features a wonderful view of not only Morgantown, but the new baseball park, scheduled to open in the spring of 2015.

In addition to the UTC being a primary care center of excellence featuring the Patient-Centered Medical Home model, the new facility will also house Family Medicine's Intensive Diabetes Group Clinic, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Clinic, Acupuncture, and Eat Well Live Well programs. The Department will continue to offer evening clinic Monday through Thursday until 8:00pm. Beginning in July, the Department will hold Saturday morning clinic at the UTC.

Within the new facility, Family Medicine will be on the second floor and will include approximately 31 exam rooms, one procedure room, ample storage for medical equipment, a resident workroom, library, conference room, and convenient parking for both patients and employees.

The Department has created an academic PCMH Family Medicine fellowship to develop PCMH practice transformation physician leaders for West Virginia. Dr. Karen Fitzpatrick (PCMH fellowship director) and Dr. Shaylee Peckens (PCMH fellow) are providing assistance to several regional primary care practices working on implementing medical home improvements.

WVU Healthcare’s mission is to improve the health of West Virginians and all we serve through excellence in patient care, research, and education. The Department is committed to support Patient-Centered Medical Home in order to strengthen West Virginia primary care practices and improve the health of West Virginians. For more information about PCMH, contact Dr. Karen Fitzpatrick at fitzpatrickk@wvuhealthcare.com.

New Intern Class

The Department is excited to announce its new class of incoming residents!

Nationwide a total of 3,195 Family Medicine resident positions were offered. The six at the right will be joining WVU’s Department of Family Medicine. We look forward to having this excellent group begin their residency training with the Department on July 1, 2015.

New Rural Scholars

Sean Hanlon is from Bruceton Mills in Preston County, WV. His Rural Scholar position is supported by the Claude C. and Stazie M. Rader Fund. After graduation from the Department Residency Program, Hanlon hopes to return and give back to the community that raised him in Preston County.

Nathaniel Linger is from Buckhannon in Upshur County, WV. His Rural Scholar position is supported by the Dr. John W. and Nancy B. Traubert Rural Scholars Fund. Linger is enrolled in the WVU School of Medicine Rural Track Program and plans to practice in his hometown of Buckhannon after graduation from the Department Residency Program.
The planned dates for the 41st Annual Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference is the afternoon of Thursday, September 24 and all day Friday, September 25, 2015 at the NEW Family Medicine Center at WVU Healthcare University Town Centre. The one-and-a-half day conference will feature an array of educational information on the latest topics in Family Medicine. Pre-conference workshops are planned for the evening of Thursday, September 24. Conference registration is planned to open in July!

Future information will be available on the Department of Family Medicine website.