

TMC New Directions-New Opportunities Program

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On July 21, 2008, the TMC Board of Trustees accepted the proposal to develop an agreement with Northwest Healthcare for medical coverage for the people we serve. This relationship will offer increased healthcare choices and options beginning Aug. 11, 2008.

The immediate opportunities are as follows:

The TMC Community Clinic will initially be based in the hospital. Patients who choose to be seen by TMC providers can come in the main entrance for service or call 466-5763 for scheduling.

The TMC Community Clinic hours of service initially will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The TMC Community Clinic providers in August will primarily be Robert T. Cale, M.D., and



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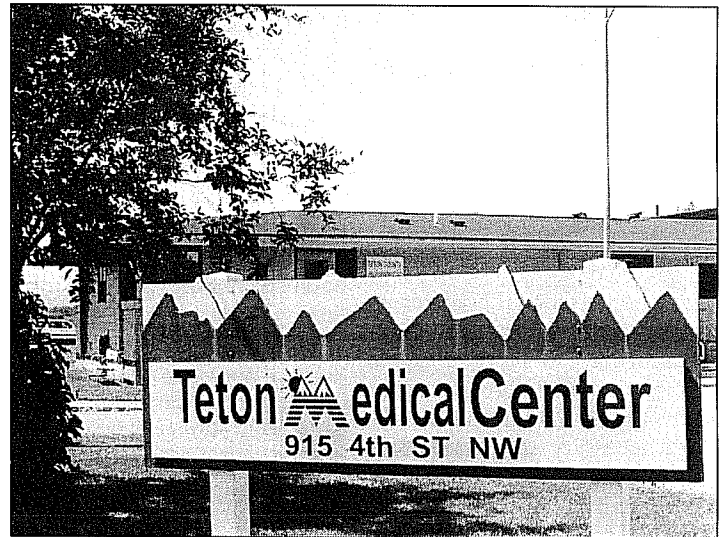
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Shawn T. Nesbo, M.D., who have been serving the area for the last several months.

TMC and Northwest Healthcare began joint recruiting efforts for a physician and physician assistants or nurse practitioners effective July 22, 2008.

The planned opportunities are as follows:

- Medical providers who live



in Teton County who provide the medical coverage for clinic care, emergency, hospital and extended living.

- Continuity of care throughout the TMC healthcare services.
- If any community group

would like to have a Teton Medical Center Board member and I discuss the TMC New Directions — New Opportunities Medical Coverage programs, please contact Joyce Lindgren or me at TMC.

TMC services can serve you and your doctor, too

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Occasionally, each one of us is faced with an unpleasant medical condition which needs special attention, care, or monitoring — perhaps it is a hip replacement, knee surgery, a heart condition, high blood pressure. Sometimes, it is an illness.

When you find yourself, or a loved one, in a situation that needs professional care and attention, you might think about scheduling some of your medical appointments here at TMC. You will find our local professionals personally interested in helping you.

You and your doctor will receive test results from our lab and radiology departments,

sometimes much faster than you would from a larger institution. And, our rehab therapists can see you daily, without a wait, if you need them.

We offer many diagnostic and rehab services, and can work with your physician specialist, wherever he or she is located.

Here is a list of supporting services our medical professionals provide. We can efficiently fill any doctor's requests for:

- Pre-op X-rays,
- Pre-op lab tests,
- Post-op and rehabilitative physical therapy,
- Post-op and rehabilitative occupational therapy,
- Routine and diagnostic lab work ,
- Diagnostic X-rays,

- Mammograms,
- DEXA Scans (bone density tests),
- I.V. infusion therapy.

Before you drive a long dis-

tance on a hot day, remember to check the place across town — the little facility with the big front door — and hometown, quality care.



TMC photo

TMC Extended Care Facility residents socialize with Skyline Lodge folks as they watch the Choteau 4th of July parade.

Career Corner: Medical Records Opportunities

Medical Transcriptionist

Medical transcriptionist is an important behind-the-scenes position. With modern technology medical providers dictate their treatment notes, radiology reports, inpatient progress notes, etc.

At the Montana State University-College of Technology there is a program to specialize in "medical transcription." It is a Certificate of Applied Science Degree program, offered completely on-line.

Medical transcription is a major part of the healthcare team, working primarily with medical documents and reports. Upon completion of the program, students have the skills and knowledge necessary to perform as an entry-level transcriptionist.

For tuition fees, application fees and book/supplies requirements contact admissions at

MSU-COT of Great Falls. If after completion of this certificate program, you want to continue, consider entering the associate's degree program for a two-year degree in medical transcription. All courses from the certificate program are transferable to the two-year program. The AAS degree can also be completed online.

Understanding medical terminology, anatomy and physiology will increase the understanding of the human body and structures increasing skills in transcription. With today's online technology, the possibilities are endless to pursue careers in the healthcare industry. Take the first step towards a rewarding career and call Teton Medical Center Human Resources at 406-466-5763. We will gladly answer your questions.

RHIT

The Health Information Tech-

nology AAS degree program at MSU-COT is designed to prepare individuals to organize and evaluate health records for completeness and accuracy. The curriculum includes studies of medical terminology; anatomy; ICD and CPT coding; legal and regulatory aspects of healthcare; and medical science. You will see RHITs in a hospital, nursing home; home-health agencies, mental-health facilities or public-health agencies.

After successfully completing the academic requirements, at the associate's degree level, of health information management (HIM) program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIMA), you will become eligible to take the RHIT examination. Professionals holding the RHIT credential are health-information technicians

who often specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research.

There are more than 30 different job titles in health information careers; some of those include coders, cancer/tumor registrar, consultant, compliance officer or privacy officer, managers, and directors. Obtaining the credentials as a certified medical transcriptionist, certified coding specialist, registered health information technician, or registered health information administrator broadens the horizons and definitely correlates to higher salaries.

TMC has employed both RHIT and medical transcriptionists; if you have questions or would like additional information, you may contact admissions at MSU-COT in Great Falls or contact TMC Human Resources at 406-466-5763.

Check out TMC's adult day-care services

Teton Medical Center's Adult Day Care program provides supervision, socialization, structured activities and meals to those in attendance each day. It is very hard not to get out and enjoy the summer. We all need a break to run errands, keep appointments and even a luncheon date on occasion. Quality care is what we give, whether your loved one is here for one hour or the whole day.

TMC's Adult Day Care provides support to both the participant and the caregiver. Individuals may attend every day or only a portion of that time, depending upon the need. The stimulation and interaction which the participant receives can noticeably enhance his or her functioning level and quality of life, while providing the family member/caregiver with much needed respite and the assurance that a

loved one is safe and secure for those hours of the day.

TMC's Adult Day Care program offers your loved one:

- A safe, secure environment,
- Social activities,
- Assistance with eating, walking, toileting, medicines,
- Health monitoring, blood pressure, food intake, weight,
- Nutritious meals and snacks, with special diet needs being met,

- Exercise, mental stimulation,
- Bathing.

TMC's Adult Day Care program offers the caregiver:

- Occasional free time,
- Help while working,
- Transportation,
- Support,
- Help in planning for care.

For more information or to schedule Adult Day Care, contact D.O.N. Cindy Forseth, R.N., at 406-466-5763.

Support the TMC Foundation

The purpose of the **TETON MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION** is to organize and sustain long-range gift-development programs for Teton Medical Center and the benefit of the hospital community.

Every dollar invested in the TMC Foundation assists Teton Medical Center in providing the best possible health care and ensures a brighter future for your medical center, your family, neighbors and friends.

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