NEW NORWALK CLINIC OPENS NEXT MONTH

Mercy Clinics will open a new family medicine and pediatrics clinic in the growing community of Norwalk next month. Currently scheduled to open to patients on Monday, Sept. 11, the new 14,500 square-foot facility at 9421 Market Place Dr. is conveniently located near Highway 28. Ground was broken for the project in December 2016.

The clinic will be staffed by one family medicine doctor and one pediatrician when it opens, with a family medicine nurse practitioner scheduled to join the staff in October. Dr. Michael Agey, who currently practices at Mercy Clinics Family Medicine South, will provide family medicine care and Dr. Julie Hanson, who previously practiced at Medical Associates Clinic in Dubuque, will provide pediatric care. Connie Alexander, clinic manager at Family Medicine South, will manage the clinic.

“We are proud and excited to be able to provide quality family medicine and pediatric care to the growing community of Norwalk,” said Sharon Phillips, vice president for Mercy’s primary care division. “Our new clinic will offer added convenience to our patients by bringing high-quality medical services to areas where they live.”

Michael Coppola of Coppola Enterprises made a $250,000 donation to the clinic through the Mercy Foundation. These funds are being used for furniture and equipment.

This marks the fourth facility Mercy Clinics has opened so far in 2017. Mercy Clinics Family Medicine Fort Dodge opened in January and Mercy Clinics Ottumwa opened in June in a newly-built facility which provides family medicine, internal medicine, urgent care and physical therapy services. A Mercy Quick Care clinic opened in the new Fourth + Court Hy-Vee store in downtown Des Moines. New clinics in Grimes and the Beaverdale neighborhood are expected to open in early 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Caring for the spiritual needs of our patients and families has always been a priority for Mercy and our Pastoral Care chaplains. Now, requesting a prayer for a loved one has become even easier with the use of the Mercy website or Mercy App.

The new prayer request form can be found on Mercy’s website at mercydesmoines.org/prayerrequest. To enter a prayer request using this method, just complete the form and click submit.

Prayer requests can also be made from the Mercy app by following these simple steps:
- Click “Concierge” then click on “Pastoral Care”
- Click “Email” on your phone’s lower left screen.
- In the subject line, enter the words “Prayer Request”
- Write your request(s).
- Click “Send”

Prayer requests sent from Mercy’s website and the mobile app are sent directly to Pastoral Care and are included in the chaplains’ daily prayers for our patients. If patients or family members prefer to make prayer request directly to a chaplain, or want to fill out a traditional prayer request form to deposit outside of Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, those services remain available.
NEW, LOWER PRICE FOR CALCIUM SCORING

Effective Sept. 1, 2017, Iowa Heart Center is changing the price of its calcium scoring heart scan screening. The new lower rate will be $75, down from $99. Coronary calcium scoring is a test that uses a CT scan to find the buildup of calcified plaque on the walls of the arteries of the heart.

“This exam is not often covered by insurance so we feel it is important to charge a lower rate to make it affordable and available to as many people as possible,” said Dr. Eric Martin, Iowa Heart Center cardiologist and medical director of prevention.

Because calcium is a marker of coronary artery disease, the amount of calcium detected on a cardiac CT scan is a helpful diagnostic tool in detecting this disease at an early stage, before symptoms begin to show, and determining its severity.

In order to qualify for the exam, individuals must have two or more risk factors (family history, increasing age, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity and physical inactivity) for heart disease. It is not for people with known heart disease or prior positive score.

This score, along with other risk factors, provides a picture of future risk for heart disease while there’s still time to do something about it. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (515) 633-3700.

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WHAT’S UP?

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Nicole Meyers, Mercy Clinics Gastroenterology, and Brandon, on the birth of their son, Jackson. Jackson was born on July 15.

Derek Novak, Mercy ACO, and Kimberly, on the birth of their daughter, Ava. Ava was born on Aug. 14 and was welcomed home by Charlie, 3.

Letha Patterson, pre-surgery, and Brandon, on the birth of their son, Lucas James. Lucas was born on Aug. 19.

SYMPATHY TO...

Tim Bata, Financial Operations, on the loss of his mother.

Debbie Hammes-Walsh, mammography, on the loss of her father.

OVARIAN CANCER CONFERENCE

Mercy Cancer Center will hold its 12th annual Ovarian Cancer Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the East Tower Auditorium at Mercy central campus. Find out more or register online at mercy.dm/occ2017.

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