

The Changing Face of Family Medicine at Mammoth Hospital
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Changes are planned for the Sierra Park Family Medicine clinic at Mammoth Hospital beginning June 1st. The family medicine clinic, located in the outpatient wing of the hospital, has long served as the only family medicine clinic in the county treating a variety of maladies ranging from preventative care to acute injuries. New changes are being instituted to the scheduling policy in order to give proper attention to patient issues. As of June 1st, we will no longer see patients as “walk-in” visits, instead we have reserved “same-day” appointment slots; realistically, we should be able to see most acute complaints very quickly. By scheduling a “same-day” appointment, we hope to minimize waiting times for patients and to allot a sufficient amount of time to address patient health thoroughly.

Why the change? Why now? Our population in Mammoth is growing and patients are presenting to the family medicine clinic with more complicated issues and past histories. The scope of care that we provide is quite broad including women’s routine health care, dermatologic problems, illnesses, diabetic care, sports injuries, etc. Basically, if we can’t handle your issue in the clinic, we can usually refer you to an appropriate specialist who can help you. We pride ourselves in our customer service and getting to know patients as people and families. Our goal is to spend as much quality time possible with our patients and create a better experience for all. We would really appreciate any feedback you, as customers, patients, and friends, have for us on our new system. Thank you for your continued patronage. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (760) 934-2551.