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UW Medicine Multiple Sclerosis Program Move to Northwest Hospital Campus

Questions and Answers for Patients and Families

We would like to share some exciting news with our patients and families! UW Medicine is building a new state of the art Multiple Sclerosis (MS) center to enhance service offerings and better serve the needs of our MS patients. The new center will combine the existing UW Medicine practices of the MS Neurology and MS Rehabilitation Medicine faculty and clinicians into a single practice where our patients will benefit from the close collaboration of some of the world's top MS care providers. This will allow a 'one stop' clinic where each patient will have the benefit of an individualized care program that will address the complete spectrum of MS treatment resources.

Our new UW Medicine clinic will be located on the Northwest Hospital and Medical Center (NWH) campus, in the McMurray building. The new clinic is ideally situated for MS patients. It is located on the ground floor of the building with a convenient patient loading/unloading area directly at the front entrance. Additionally, the building is directly adjacent to the patient parking garage. Close to the Northgate Park & Ride, the new location is very convenient to those using public transportation as well. Visit <http://transit.metrokc.gov> or call 1-800-542-7876 to check bus schedules and routes.

Information regarding the new location, your upcoming clinic and treatment appointments, and who to contact if you have additional questions is located in the Q&A section below. UW Medicine is committed to offering the premier comprehensive program to care for and improve the quality of life for people living with Multiple Sclerosis. Thank you for choosing UW Medicine and we look forward to serving you at the new clinic.

1. What changes are on the horizon for the UW Medicine MS Program?

UW Medicine is relocating the UW Medicine MS Neurology and MS Rehabilitation Medicine Programs to the campus of Northwest Hospital and Medical Center (NWH) in the early summer of 2012 to a specially designed new clinic space. This will allow us to continue to grow the UW Medicine MS center of excellence and provide you with an even higher level of service.

2. Why is UW Medicine planning the move of the MS Program to the Northwest Hospital Campus?

In order to provide a higher level of service excellence and further grow the MS program, additional space is needed. The new affiliation between UW Medicine and NWH gave us the opportunity to identify space on the NWH campus that meets the specific needs of a comprehensive MS Program.

We're very pleased to have space that is well-suited to the specific needs of the MS patient population. The new clinic will be easily accessible on the ground-level of an up-to-date building with ample natural light; parking is in close proximity; and other rehabilitation services are available nearby at NWH. This community setting is an ideal, patient-friendly location for the MS Program. A map of the NWH campus is attached. Northwest Hospital and Medical Center is approximately 6 miles north of UWMC, and just minutes away from Northgate Mall.

3. Does this mean the clinic will no longer be a UW Medical Center (UWMC) clinic?

While the MS clinics will change location, the new MS clinic will continue to be part of UW Medical Center. Clinic staff will continue to be UWMC employees. Providers will continue to be faculty with UW Medicine. We will no longer operate MS clinics on the UW Medical Center campus, however.

4. What will change for me as a UWMC patient?

The same world-class team of providers and staff will move to the new location in the McMurray Building on the NWH campus. You will continue to be a UWMC patient receiving care at the premier UW Medicine MS Program.

5. Will I be notified when my appointment will transition to the NW Hospital location?

We will make sure you have information when your appointment transitions to the new location on the NWH campus. Appointments starting in approximately July 2012 will be in the new location.

6. Will I have to come back to UWMC for my infusion?

No. All MS services will be provided in the new clinic and a new infusion unit will be located within the clinic.

7. Where will I get my MRI and lab work?

You can receive your laboratory and MRI services at the location most convenient to you, whether at UW Medical Center or on the Northwest Hospital and Medical Center campus.

8. Where will I receive my rehabilitation therapy sessions?

You can receive your physical, occupational, and speech therapy wherever you choose. NWH does offer a full range of outpatient therapy services conveniently located on campus, including a uniquely designed "Easy Street" environment to help with rehabilitation.

http://www.nwhospital.org/services/rehab_easy_street.asp

9. Where can I find more information or who do I contact if I have questions?

You may contact the following individuals for further information or if you have questions:

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Map of Northwest Hospital & Medical Center:

