

MINOR & JAMES MEDICAL



March 1, 2016

Dear Valued Patient,

Thank you for choosing Minor & James Medical for your healthcare needs. It has been our privilege to provide your healthcare and we hope that your experience with our team has been extraordinary.

Today, I am writing to inform you about an important change for our organization. We have long recognized the changing dynamics in health care, and the need to position ourselves to be successful in the coming years. After exploring different options, the Minor and James Medical Group made the decision to join with two larger groups. The primary care physicians and the non surgical specialties will be joining the Swedish Medical Group, and our surgery colleagues will be joining the Proliance Surgeon group. Swedish Medical Group and Proliance Surgeons are each well-established medical groups within the community, and have worked closely together for many years. This transition is anticipated to occur on April 4, 2016. Becoming part of Swedish Medical Group and Proliance will not change the extraordinary collaborative care you receive from our physicians and caregivers today. In fact, it will allow our physicians and caregivers to continue to improve and grow together to provide the best care possible for your and your loved ones.

Most patients will not experience any significant changes as part of this transition. You will notice changes to the practice name, and to medical and billing forms. Our website will provide information through this transition. Below are some helpful details. Our providers and clinic caregivers also can answer questions you may have.

The following practices will be joining Swedish Medical Group and there will be **no changes in location or providers:**

- Allergy & Immunology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Infectious Disease & Travel Medicine
- Internal Medicine/Primary Care
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Pulmonology
- Rheumatology
- Senior Wellness
- Sports Medicine

The following practice will be joining Swedish Medical Group and will be moving. Beginning April 4, the new addresses will be:

- Obstetrics & Gynecology – *New Location:* 1101 Madison Street, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104
 - Providers: Susan Block, M.D., Robin Cole, M.D. Ashely Fuller, M.D., Crystal Houlton, M.D., Katie McGuire, M.D., Teresa Patani, M.D., Anita Tourigny, A.R.N.P.
 - New Phone Number: (206) 215-6300

The following practice will be joining the Swedish Cancer Institute and will be moving. Beginning April 4, the new addresses will be:

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- Oncology & Hematology – *New Location:* 1221 Madison Street, Arnold Pavilion, Suite 1020, Seattle, WA 98104
 - Providers: Sheldon Goldberg, M.D. and Song Zhao, M.D., Ph.D.
 - The phone number will remain the same: (206) 386-9501

The following clinics will be joining Proliance Surgeons. There will be **no change** in their location:

- Audiology
- Gastroenterology
 - *Physician change:* Charles Bedard, M.D. is retiring on March 18, 2016.
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology (ENT)
- Podiatry
 - *Physician changes:* Lynn Kovacevich, D.P.M. is closing her practice on March 31, 2016. Anthony Lo, D.P.M is returning to his practice on April 4th, 2016.
- Urology
 - *Physician change:* James Gasparich, M.D. is retiring on March 31, 2016.

This letter is to ensure that you are aware of these changes and of these location changes. No action is required at this time. We are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition for our patients. Enclosed please find a list of frequently asked questions regarding these changes. Our focus with Swedish and Proliance will remain consistent – providing the best care for you and your family.

Sincerely,

James C. Martin, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Minor & James Medical