



Patient Centered Medical Home is new focus of providers at Siletz Clinic

Have you noticed we have new staff and changes in our clinic?

We are moving forward with an improved and expanded type of care for our patients called Patient Centered Medical Home. A medical home is a clinic where a “team” of health professionals works together to meet each patient’s physical and mental health care needs, including prevention and wellness, acute care and chronic care.

Most importantly, Medical Home is about **you**. The Medical Home model is personal and the team’s job is to make sure you get the health care you need and deserve.

Having a medical home feels like having an old-style family doctor, but with a team of professionals using modern knowledge and technology to provide the best possible care for each of our patients.

Who is part of the Medical Home Care Team?

Providing comprehensive medical care requires a team of care providers. This team might include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists, social workers, educators and counselors.

These team members are like having “health coaches” who help you get healthy, stay healthy and get the care and services that are right for you.



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Your family is also part of the team and **you** are the most important member!

Who is on your team?

Each of our patients will have a primary care provider (PCP). If you have been seeing one of our medical providers on a steady basis, this is the provider with whom you will be empaneled.

Empanelment is the act of assigning individual patients to individual PCPs and care teams with sensitivity to patient and family preference. Your care team is who you will go to with questions about your care.

Your care team will get to know you, your family, your life situation and preferences. They will remember these details and suggest treatments that make sense for you. They will treat you as a full partner in your care.

Your care team will communicate with you, give you time to ask questions and make sure you understand all of your options for care. They will help you decide what care is best for you by utilizing evidenced-based medicine. This optimizes medical decision-making by emphasizing the use of evidence from well-designed and well-conducted research.

When you leave the clinic, you leave with a clear idea of what direction your health care is going and a clear idea of how to care for yourself.

What can you do as part of your medical team?

Know that you are a full partner in your own care. Always bring a list of your medicines, vitamins and remedies you use. Keep us updated when you have a change in phone number, address or insurance.

Always tell your medical home team when you don’t understand something they said. Ask them to explain it in a different way. Always talk openly with your care team.

We are all so excited about this new venture into improved care and communication between you, our patients, and your medical care team. You will see the same provider for all your health care needs, including when you are ill. If your PCP is not available, you will see his/her partner care team.

What if I want to change my provider?

The goal of Medical Home is to work together. Continuity of care is a vital part of Patient Centered Medical Home. Evidence shows that jumping back and forth

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New apps focus on indigenous films via NativeFlix

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Amerind Media Group, Inc. (AMG) recently announced it that its streaming video service called NativeFlix is now available on iOS, AppleTV, Android and Roku.

Viewers now can watch content about American Indians and other indigenous people from around the world directly on their mobile device or via television using Chromecast or AppleTV.

NativeFlix, first offered in 2015, now offering additional programming genres – drama, comedy, culture, animation and music. Having doubled its content library, AMG also offers new and original programming available exclusively on NativeFlix. Much of its collection is in full HD.

The company operates similar to a cooperative in that it gives a majority of its revenue to the content owners who license content for the NativeFlix service.

Before co-founding AMG, CEO Tim Harjo served as the chief content officer at First Nations Experience, the country’s first television station broadcasting indigenous content.

AMG is a Native-owned and -operated media company based in Hollywood that opened on the Internet in April 2015 at nativeflix.com.



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Participants in the Candidates Fair on Jan. 14 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort include (from left) Loraine Butler, Gloria Ingle, Robert Kentta, Kent Rilatos and Selene Rilatos. Not pictured: Wayne Johnson and Heather Walker.

All ballots for the 2017 Siletz Tribal Council election must be received by 4 p.m. on Feb. 4.

You can vote in person on Feb. 4 at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz, Ore., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.