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Non-urgent primary care clinic a partnership of physicians and health centre staff

West Parry Sound Health Centre is pleased that in partnership with members of our medical community we have been able to temporarily provide non-urgent primary care for patients who are currently without a local doctor.

Our first non-urgent primary care clinic was held on Thursday 28 December where approximately 50 patients received care. The majority of care provided was with respect to routine primary care follow-up health issues, e.g. prescription renewal, diagnostic test referrals and results. Patients also presented with the usual kinds of symptoms and health-related concerns that one would normally visit their primary care physician or nurse practitioner for.

It is important to note that the clinic does come with some clear limitations: patients should be prepared to wait for care, and additional patients will not be placed in the waiting line once the clinic's capacity has been reached. It's only possible for one physician to see a certain number of patients within a fixed amount of time.

All patients and families are reminded that the emergency department at West Parry Sound Health Centre is always available to provide emergent, urgent, and necessary care.

It is particularly important for former patients of Dr. Rob Stevens if they have received care, testing, or further referral from a specialist. Call that office to confirm that your care is continuing. If you have an appointment scheduled, call that specialist's office to confirm your appointment will take place. If your specialist requests additional information for referral, patients can visit an upcoming non-urgent primary care clinic at West Parry Sound Health Centre.

Non-urgent primary care clinic patients must come into the Emergency Department where they will be triaged and registered and then directed to the clinic location within the health centre.

Future clinic dates and times have not yet been confirmed. When additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the health centre's website, or patients can call the health centre's main telephone number at (705) 746-9321.

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