

AN OPEN LETTER from CAPE FEAR VALLEY HEALTH :: part 10 in a SERIES

this is your hospital... Cape fear valley medical group

Improving access to healthcare has been an important part of Cape Fear Valley's mission since we opened our flagship hospital in 1956. But why is there such an emphasis on healthcare access? Because it affects our community in so many ways:

- Overall physical, social and mental health status
- ► Prevention of disease and disability
- ▶ Detection and treatment of health conditions
- ▶ Quality of life
- ▶ Preventable death
- ► Life expectancy

These are the very reasons why Healthy People 2020, an ambitious 10-year national project, was created to try to improve the health of all Americans.

According to the project's creators, access to healthcare requires three distinct steps:

- 1. Gaining entry into the healthcare system
- 2. Accessing a healthcare location where needed services are provided
- 3. Finding a healthcare provider with whom the patient can communicate and trust.

Cape Fear Valley Medical Group also has 14 specialty physician practices in a variety of specialties:

Diabetes & Endocrine Center
Ferncreek General Surgery
Cape Fear Valley Infectious Disease Care
Cape Fear Valley Neurology
Cape Fear Valley Neurosurgery
Cape Fear Valley OB/GYN
Cape Fear Valley Pediatric Endocrinology
Cape Fear Valley Perinatology
Behavioral Health Care (psychiatry)
Cape Fear Valley Sleep Center
Cape Fear Valley Urology
Hoke OB/GYN
Bladen Surgical Specialists
Bladen Women's Health Specialists

Cape Fear Valley Medical Group, a multi-specialty physician group of 15 primary care practices and 14 specialty care practices, is there to help patients obtain all three.

With offices spread across Cumberland, Hoke and Bladen counties, individuals and families can access everything from family medicine to geriatrics to pediatrics.

Cumberland County residents can find care at one of seven locations from Health Pavilion North Family Care on the north side of town to Stedman Medical Care to the east, Hope Mills Family Care to the south and Health Pavilion Hoke Primary Care just over the Cumberland County line.

Outside Cumberland County, residents can access care at Hoke Family Medical Center in downtown Raeford, and at Three Rivers Medical Center in St. Pauls. Bladen Medical Associates provides care for children and adults in Elizabethtown, Bladenboro and Dublin. Bladen Kids Care has three pediatricians on staff to serve all of Bladen County and the surrounding area.

Cape Fear Valley Medical Group also provides greater access to specialists, such as infectious disease services, diabetes management, psychiatry and more.

The diversity of our medical providers virtually ensures you'll find a healthcare provider you can feel comfortable talking to and whom you can trust with your healthcare needs.

But don't expect Cape Fear Valley Medical Group physicians to work out of a high-rise medical complex or office building. You'll find them where you live, work and play, working to fulfill our health system's vision as always: In every way, improving the quality of every life we touch.

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