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One floor down, two to go
UBMC Clinic Expansion Project

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Uintah Basin Medical Center continues to expand in physical space as well with the addition of physicians.

One of the three floors of the new addition on the east side of The Clinic, or Medical Office Building No. 2, is done, and three doctors have moved in.

Physicians now in building No. 2 include: Dr. David Krzymowski, who specializes in general surgery; Dr. Kent Smith, who specializes in internal medicine; and Dr. Steven Turley, who specializes in internal medicine and kidney care.

Also, UBMC has recently added six new members: three new physicians, and three new mid-level providers.

Uintah Basin Healthcare President and CEO Bradley Lebaron said he's excited to see that with the expansion UBMC now has the resources necessary to continue to attract additional medical providers to the campus.

"The completion of this second medical office building provides the capacity to add an additional 16 physician practices in Roosevelt," Lebaron said. "We hope to keep more of the care and caring that people need here in the Basin."

The hospital's three new physicians and providers to the UBMC family include: Turley, as well as Dr. John Wells and Dr. Jeff Wheeler, who both specialize in family medicine.

Turley completed his medical training, including his residency and fellowship at the University of Louisiana State in Shreveport, La. and will serve as a hospitalist and nephrologist, offering specialized kidney care.

Wells is happy to be in Roosevelt after earning his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, spending four years in medical school at the University of Toledo in Ohio and spending three more years for his residency at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. Wells also is fluent in Spanish and uses his language skills on international medical missions.

Wheeler has medical training at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo., followed by residency training at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. There, he received training in family medicine with special interests in colonoscopy, vasectomies, pediatrics and osteopathic manipulation. He speaks both Spanish and Portuguese.

Both offices for Wells and Wheeler are now located in building No. 1 on the second floor.

Three mid-level providers have recently moved into The Clinic, Medical Office Building No. 1, including: two Family Nurse Practitioners Leslie Rasch, who specializes in occupational

medicine and urgent care; and Rae Orme who specializes in family care and women's health.

Also, Physician Assistant Rhonda McKenna has joined The Clinic and specializes in internal medicine. Her office is located on the second floor of The Clinic building No. 1 in Dr. Greg Staker's office.

"Lori Teem has served as a female mid-level provider for Uintah Basin Healthcare for quite some time, and with the addition of Rasch, Orme and McKenna, we now have four female providers, which is exciting to many patients" said Marketing Director for UBMC Maigen Zobell.

As for the future of construction in building No. 2 the first floor is expected to open by Thanksgiving and will house: Dr. John Blake, who specializes in dermatology; Dr. Michael Catten, who specialized in ear nose and throat; Dr. Mark Mason, with orthopedics (along with his PA Brett Larsen); and Dr. James White, with services for physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The third level of building No. 2 is being reserved for administrative offices and meeting spaces, and is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

UBMC will be expanding its occupational medicine and work med program from its urgent care clinic as well.

"The new addition is a three story 37,000 square foot building that will allow us to expand our urgent care, occupational medicine and other specialty services in order to better serve the people of the Uintah Basin," said UBMC Senior Vice President with Physician Services Roger Marett.

Marett said the completion of the second medical office building on the UBMC campus in Roosevelt completes a building plan that started in 2000.

"The goal established at that time was to bring to the Uintah Basin many of the specialty services that had only been available on the Wasatch Front," Marett said. "This additional office space will allow us to continue to fulfill that goal."

Urgent Care is now located on the first floor of The Clinic next to Uintah Basin Medical Center in Suite 101 and now has new hours for walk-in patients: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Two more employees will be joining the UBMC team in July 2012, including Dr. Jonah Green, a general surgeon, and Dr. Dave Thayn, a hospitalist.

Remodeling of building No.1 is expected to begin in December. That remodeling will include the addition of an outpatient pharmacy in Suite 102, which will be triple the size of the current outpatient pharmacy.