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Goodall Hospital And The Medical Group Announce Partnership Kennebunk, ME...

Officials representing Goodall Hospital (Sanford) and The Medical Group (Kennebunk) today announced a partnership that will result in the development of additional outpatient services and enhanced patient care in Kennebunk. The Medical Group is a large primary care practice established by Jonathan Shill, MD in 1975. According to Dr. Shill, “our partnership with Goodall Hospital is an opportunity to work with a trusted community hospital to expand the quality and scope of primary care available in the Kennebunk area.”

Darlene Stromstad, President/CEO of Goodall Hospital, cites a common strategic vision behind the partnership: “From the very start of our conversations, it was clear to me that our two organizations share fundamental values and a core mission—to make comprehensive medical care easily accessible to people where they work and live.” Ms. Stromstad has outlined a multi-step process to fully implement the partnership between the Hospital and The Medical Group. The immediate outcome is the relocation of the practice to its new building, the Goodall Health Center located at 7 Shape Drive in Kennebunk, by the end of August: “The new facility has been designed to be welcoming, spacious and convenient, with plenty of parking and improved patient privacy,” according to Ms. Stromstad.

The Goodall Health Center also has ample room to accommodate future outpatient services. For example, plans call for enhanced state-of-the-art diagnostic capabilities, including on-site digital mammography—one of the very few located outside a hospital in a physicians’ office setting. The practice also will also welcome several new doctors to its staff over the coming months.

According to George E. Hisson, Jr., Chairman of the Goodall Hospital Board of Trustees, the new partnership reflects “a recognition that today, much of healthcare is delivered on an outpatient basis, and is built on a strong relationship between the primary care team and the patient. We at Goodall are true believers in the critical role that organizations like ours can play in community education, patient outreach and preventive medicine.”

Plans also call for the hospital and practice to be linked through information technology systems that make it possible to coordinate care in non-hospital locations.

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