Benefits of a Medical Home

- Faster care.
- Better access to health care.
- Better access to other resources.
- Increased patient satisfaction.
- Increased wellness and preventive services.
- Improved coordination of care.
- System easier to understand.
- Better use of limited resources.

You can have a Medical Home.
**What Is A Medical Home?**

A place where you can get health care that is high-quality and low-cost.

A place to receive primary, non-emergency health care.

A place where you can get some types of specialty care.

A place where have an ongoing relationship with a doctor.

A place where you do not have to wait hours like the emergency room.

The professionals working in your Medical Home care about you. They want to help you live a healthier life.

**Medical Home Components:**

- **Accessible** - clinic in your neighborhood where you can get care from a doctor when you need it.

- **Family-Centered** - individuals and doctors share responsibility and information; they know and trust one another.

- **Continuous** - doctors provide care during wellness and illness.

- **Coordinated** - coordination is established between the individual, doctors, and agencies.

- **Comprehensive** - all aspects of well-being are considered and addressed (medical, dental, educational, financial, and support services).

- **Compassionate** - doctors respect the individual, are supportive, and provide resource information.

- **Culturally Competent** - the individual’s values and customs are respected.

**There’s No Place Like Home**

In an emergency you should go to the Emergency Room.

If you have a serious injury or a very bad illness, emergency care can save your life; however, not every situation is an emergency and it is important to know where to go for the right care.

**Medical Home Care:**

- Cold or flu
- Allergies
- Arthritis
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Skin rash
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Prenatal care
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Headache

**Emergency Room Care:**

- If you ever feel you are having an emergency
- Pass out
- Broken bones
- Chest pain
- Deep cuts and lacerations
- Head injury
- Vomiting blood
- Seizures
- Difficulty Breathing
- Acute asthma