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\$4 Generic Meds Available for Patients

In February 2009, the Clinic would like to begin utilizing the \$4 Generic prescription option for patients when possible.

The following points will be put in place over the month of January:

- Signage will be developed and displayed throughout the clinic
- Providers will have a list of \$4 meds available for script writing in the Provider Room
- We will have pharmacists call the refill line for refills.
- Prescription forms will be provided and these will not change as outside pharmacies will accept our current form
- Any patient who will have more than 4 prescriptions will get them filled on site in the dispensary
- Staff will be trained on how to work with patients who cannot afford the \$4 script

1. The dispensary will continue to function as usual.
2. Our intent is to make our patients feel more in charge of their care by taking advantage of the \$4 RX Programs in the community.
3. The Clinic has to begin promoting this program to stretch our limited dollars and increase our formulary for more expensive drugs. Donations of sample medications are down, and we have to maximize our resources to serve more patients

If you have questions, please ask Dr. Craig Dietz or Carol Varland, RN, MHA, the Director of General Medicine.

Attention Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Hygienists, Social Workers, Pharmacists, & All LICENSED Volunteers



Have you received a renewed license lately? Many licensed professionals get an updated copy of their license at the beginning of a new year. If your license has expired and you have a new license, please give a copy of your new license to Suzanne Lammert. Suzanne must keep a copy of all volunteers' current licenses in the volunteer files. Thank you in advance for keeping our information up to date!

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to these volunteers who have service anniversaries in January. Thank you for your dedicated service.

22 Years

Ed Bailey, Patient Asst, former Front Office and BOD

13 Years

Bryon Haley, DDS

12 Years

Betty Dillon, RN, Eastside

11 Years

Jen Kieltyka, RN, Village Pres

8 Years

Bonita Litizzette, Dental Asst.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED...

6 Years

Clayton Hasser, Patient
Asst.

5 Years

Obie Austin, ANP, Gen Med
Gloria Fawl, PhD,
Behavioral Health

4 Years

Tom Thornton, Front Office
Barb Alley, RN, Gen Med

3 Years

Paula Davis, MD, Gen Med
Delany Dean, PhD,
Behavioral Health
Alan Forker, MD, Gen Med
Brian Longfellow, Front
Office
Eduard Mullokandov,
Dental Asst.

2 Years

Thomas Stribling, MD, Gen
Med

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Our lives begin to end the day
we become silent about things
that matter ~Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. -

The Clinic will be closed for
MLK Day on Mon, Jan 19.

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January is "National Eye Care Month"

Do you know how often you should get an eye exam?

Do you know where to go to get low-cost or FREE eye exams and glasses?

Do you know the difference between an optometrist, ophthalmologist and optician?

Please visit the waiting room and check out the bulletin board on the north wall to get answers to these questions. Please refer all of our patients who are in need of eye care services to the bulletin board as well. Contact information for the following agencies is available, as well approximate cost for services:

- Swope Health Services
- Truman Medical Centers / Eye Foundation
- America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Kansas City Medicine Cabinet (FREE eye exam/glasses to those who qualify)

To learn more about eye care, visit these websites:

- <http://www.nei.nih.gov/> - National Eye Institute
- <http://www.aoa.org/> - American Optometric Association
- <http://www.aaao.org/> - American Academy of Ophthalmology

Congratulations to Dental Volunteers!

Openings in all dental schools are highly sought after, and admittance is highly competitive. Oftentimes in the past, college volunteers have received valuable experience at the Kansas City Free Dental Clinic to enable them to be accepted into dental schools in Chicago, Omaha, and Kansas City. We are excited to announce that FOUR of our dental volunteers recently received acceptance into UMKC Dental School! Congratulations to Susan Park, Kelly Hendricks, Nelson Kanning, and Virginia Hogsett. We are proud to have you as our volunteers and look forward to you serving our patients for years to come.

Harold Voth, M.D.—1800+ Hours of Volunteer Service

After graduating from the University of Kansas, Harold Voth joined the US Air Force for two years, worked in a practice on the plaza for a couple of years, and then served 30 years as an Internist at Saint. Luke's.

While working at Saint Luke's, Dr. Voth first heard about the Kansas City Free Health Clinic as several staff members volunteered during the evenings. In March of 1995, Harold started volunteering at the Clinic because he is "interested in helping the community and this is the best way." Having volunteered more than 1,800 hours of service he has certainly helped many people.

During his free time Dr. Voth enjoys gardening, doing yard work, and fishing for whatever will bite his lure, especially if it is bass or crappie.



Thanks for your dedication in caring for our patients, Dr. Voth!