

Feel free to contact me with medical questions during your stay. My contact number is different from the telephone number for this facility because I work for North Shore Physicians Group.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

## North Shore Physicians Group Extended Care



Primary care services for patients staying in skilled nursing or long-term care facilities.

# Who needs extended care?

North Shore Physicians Group Extended Care addresses the health care needs of older adult patients who are receiving rehabilitative or long-term care at a skilled nursing facility.

When a patient enters a facility, it may not be possible for his or her primary care physician to continue to provide care. North Shore Physicians Group Extended Care, an affiliate of both North Shore Medical Center and Partners HealthCare, allows for seamless coverage of all of the patient's primary health needs.

## Who we are

We are a team of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who work in close collaboration with the attending physicians and specialists within the facility where the patient is staying. We serve as primary care providers for patients while they are in a facility, and transition them back to their original primary care provider when they leave.

## What credentials do nurse practitioners and physician assistants have?

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are licensed, board-certified clinicians with advanced education. They provide a spectrum of primary care services, and have special expertise on the health issues of older adults.

## How does North Shore Physicians Group Extended Care improve a patient's quality of life and quality of health care?

Regular visits by a North Shore Physician Group Extended Care clinician can benefit a patient in several ways.

The patient receives the caring attention and expertise of a clinician who is able to develop an in-depth awareness of the patient's unique needs and strengths. The continuity of the relationship means that the clinician is likely to be the first to recognize subtle changes in the patient's health, and to ensure that he or she receives prompt treatment.

This important relationship often reduces the likelihood of an emergency room visit or hospital admission during the patient's stay in the facility.

## What is North Shore Physicians Group?

We are a multi-specialty group comprised of physicians, nurse practitioners and other healthcare professionals. Our expertise extends to family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general surgery, infectious disease, neurosurgery, pulmonology, rheumatology and vascular surgery.

## HEALTH CARE SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- Routine patient visits and physical examinations
- Diagnosis and treatment of acute illness or injury
- Order and interpretation of diagnostic tests
- Prescription of medications
- On-call 24 hours a day to receive alerts about changes to a patient's medical status from facility staff
- Referral to outside specialists as needed, including hospice and end-of-life care
- Transition of patients back to their original primary care providers when they leave the facility
- Health care education for patients and their families