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Chaves County Resource Guide

Our 2024 directory to ten vital services, and more, for thriving

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Behavioral health care



Transportation to Community vital services



Early childhood





Job training









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Specialties

- Cardiology (Interventional;
- Diagnostic
- Dentistry
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Practice
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecology
- Hematology
- Internal Medicine
- Laparoscopic Surgery
- Nephrology

- Neurology (Teleneurology)
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology/Allergy
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry
- Psychiatry (Inpatient)
- Pulmonology
- Radiation Oncology
- Urology



EASTERN NEW MEXICO MEDICAL CENTER www.ENMMC.com Welcome to the 7th Annual Health Expo, hosted by the Chaves County Health Council! We are delighted to extend this special invitation to you, providing a valuable opportunity to explore and engage with a diverse array of booth vendors. Each vendor is eager to connect with you, offering insights and support to help you achieve your best self. You will find comprehensive information on health and wellness from head to toe, to a spirited fun run benefiting our local Boys & Girls Club, there's something for everyone. Don't forget, staying till the end could also mean winning some fantastic door prizes! Join us for a day filled with discovery, community spirit, and the chance to enhance your well-being in countless ways.

You hold in your hand the inaugural Chaves County Resource & Wellness Guide! After years of aspiration, we are thrilled to unveil this comprehensive and invaluable resource for everyone in Chaves County. We invite you to take some time to explore the guide, which has been meticulously crafted to provide essential information and support for our community. As we embark on this journey, we eagerly seek your feedback and suggestions to enhance future editions as we strive to ensure this guide remains a vital tool for years to come.

You can access the guide in print, online at www.chavescountyhc.org, or by contacting our information line by dialing 211 or 575-550-5585. We are dedicated to sharing information and supporting your wellness journey. Thank you for being a part of this initiative — we look forward to serving you!

And finally, please join the Chaves County Health Council! We are a dedicated volunteer group, which convenes monthly to foster connections, teamwork, and the exchange of valuable resources, ideas, and upcoming events. Your participation is eagerly anticipated as we work together to enhance the health and welfare of all Chaves County residents. By joining us, you'll have the opportunity to engage in meaningful activities and projects that aim to improve the overall wellbeing of our community. Together, we can make a positive impact and create lasting improvements in healthcare accessibility and quality across our region.

With Sincere Thanks,



Valerie Lopez, Chairperson



Jennifer Smith, Vice-Chairperson



CCHC was founded in December 1997 following a year-long planning process as part of the Kellogg Foundation with "Turning Point: Collaborating for a New Century in Public Health" initiative and evolved from the Maternal Child Health Council established in 1993.



MISSION & VISION

The Chaves County Health Council aspires to become a viable alliance to strengthen and engage our community in creating opportunities for positive action that addresses the disparities specific to Chaves County. The CCHC believes that everyone has the right to live in a community where they feel safe, included, valued, and accepted. CCHC promotes healthy living and activities for all area residents.

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DIRECTORY LISTINGS

This guide is for informational purposes only. Chaves County Health Council is not responsible for verifying any accreditations.

AGING & LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

NM Aging & Disability Resource Center

Santa Fe
Roswell 575-627-5358
Medicare/Medicaid
Ombudsman 575-622-4233
Alzheimer Association NM Chapter 505-266-4473
24/7 Help Line
New MexiCare
New Mexico Senior Olympics 575-623-5777
SENIOR LIVING

Cielo De Oro Senior Apartments
Rio Vista Senior Housing
Roswell Summit Apts
Sunny Acres Senior Center
Sunset 1600 Apartments
Villa Park Senior Community575-623-1896
Wildewood Apartments
Willow Terrace Apartments
Wilshire Gardens

ASSISTED LIVING

BeeHive Homes of Roswell 575-623-2256
Casa Maria Health Care Center
Heartfelt Manor 575-625-9145
La Villa Assisted Living
Luxe Living
Mission Arch Center
Peachtree Village Retirement
Sunset Villa Care Center
Villa Del Sol

HOSPICE/HOME HEALTH CARE

Enhabit Home Health	575-622-9355
Advanced Home Care	575-627-6256
Comfort Keepers of Roswell	575-247-8099
Visiting Angels	575-622-6539
Gentiva	575-627-1145
Interim Healthcare	575-625-8885

SENIOR CENTERS

Chaves County Joy Center

Roswell)
S. Roswell	
Hagerman)
Lake Arthur	,
Chaves County RSVP 575-623-3960	
Roswell Adult Center	
Senior Circle 575-624-4676	,

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Emergency 911
Poison Control Centers 800-222-1222
New Mexico Crisis Line
Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
National Council on Alcoholism &
Drug Dependency Hope Line
National Crisis Line
Anorexia and Bulimia
Planned Parenthood Hotline
Roswell Refuge Emergency Shelter 575-624-3222
24-hour crisis hotline
Safe Haven baby box 200 South Richardson, Roswell
Veterans Crisis Line
Free/Quit Smoking
NON-EMERGENCY/DISASTER SERVICES
Non-Emergency Ambulance
Non-Emergency Ambulance
Non-Emergency Roswell Fire575-624-6800
Non-Emergency Roswell Fire
Non-Emergency Roswell Fire575-624-6800Non-Emergency Roswell Police575-624-6770Chaves County Sheriff's Dept575-624-6500
Non-Emergency Roswell Fire

Adult and Child Abuse & Neglect

24-Hour Hotline
Adult Protective Services (APS) 866-654-3219
Crisis Text Line Text "HOME" TO 741741
Domestic Violence Hotline800-799-7233
Domestic Violence Legal Resources 877-974-3400
Family Violence Hotline 800-797-3260
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
NM Domestic Violence Hotline 800-773-3645
Roswell Refuge Emergency Shelter 575-624-3222
24-hour crisis hotline

LGTBQ SUPPORT

AIDS Crisis Line	800-221-7044
LGBTQ Hotline	
Trans Lifeline	
www.translifeline.org	

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Lifeline Crisis Chat Online	
live messaging	988lifeline.org/chat
Self-Harm Hotline 800-DOI	NT CUT 800-366-8288
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Call or text 988
ADULT SUPPORT	

Choices Independent Living Center	575-627-6727
MECA Therapies, LLC 5	75-522-9500
Tobosa Developmental Services	575-624-1025

ADVOCACY GROUPS

100% Chaves County Initiative 575-420-3243
Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter 505-266-4473
Chaves County Health Council 575-550-5585
NAMI Southern New Mexico 510-770-6264
NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence 505-246-9240
NM Commission for the Blind505-476-4479
Roswell Safe Coalition 575-622-7233
Somos Un Pueblo Unido 505-424-7832
NM Autism Society
Tessa Anderson
Suicide Prevention Coalition575-637-4115
Casakids 575-625-0112
I Can Survive Roswell Refuge
SANE Project

ARTS & CULTURE

575-734-5482
575-622-8333
575-625-9495
575-622-1711
575-622-4910
575-624-6718
575-623-5600
575-622-1982
575-624-6744
575-622-7101
575-623-5882
575-624-6744
575-623-5600
575-622-8333
575-624-8050
575-347-2464
575-208-0916
575-625-5263
575-910-2113
575-208-0662

CHAVES COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE

BASIC NEEDS

CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

Operation School Bell	
Harvest Ministries	
Jireh Ministries- 1st Baptist Church 575-623-2640	
Karen's Klothes Closet/	
St. Stephen's Anglican Church575-910-9706	
Salvation Army	
Roswell Outreach Center	

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/UTILITY HELP

Presbyterian Outreach Program	. 575-637-0355
Christ Church	. 575-623-4110
First Baptists Church	. 575-623-2641
Church on the Move	. 575-622-7011
Southeast NM Community	
Action Corporation.	. 575-624-1285
Income Support Division	.575-625-3000
LIHEAP Energy Assistance	.800-283-4465
Chaves Co. Health Indigent-Medical/	
Creamation only	. 575-624-6547

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Community Action Agency	
FOOD PANTRIES	

ENMU-Roswell Cosmo's Cupboard	575-624-7000
Harvest Ministries	575-624-2415
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry	. 575-626-1778

St. Peter's Good Samaritan Food Pantry 575-622-5092
Salvation Army Food Pantry575-622-8700
Waymaker Church Food Pantry575-627-9190
Church on the Move
Roswell Outreach Center

FREE MEALS

Christ's Church Ministries	. 575-623-4110
Community Kitchen	575-623-1926
St. Peter's Good Samaritan	. 575-625-0828

SENIOR FOOD PROGRAMS

Chaves County Joy Center

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Eastern Regional Housing Authority (HUD)575-622-0881 SENM Community Action Corporation 575-624-1285

HOUSING SUPPORT

Assurance Home, Inc	
Christian Outreach Ministries	
of Roswell Men's Home	
Roswell Homeless Coalition	
Men's Shelter	
Roswell Homeless Coalition	
Women's Shelter	

Roswell Refuge Emergency Shelter 575-624-3222 24-hour crisis hotline575-627-8361
Victory Outreach Roswell Men's Home575-291-4107
Victory Outreach Roswell Women's Home 575-363-6008
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
SENM Community Action Corporation 575-624-1285
VISUAL ASSISTANCE
Roswell Mid-Day Lions Club575-317-8778

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

COUNSELING

A Bridge to Healing

A Bridge to rioding
Counseling Services Inc 575-205-4823
Adult Teen Challenge
Azurite Services Psychiatric Care575-755-5555
Behavioral Medicine Associates 575-623-9322
Eastern New Mexico Medical Center 575-622-8170
La Casa Family Health Center
Behavioral Health
La Familia Mental Health575-623-1220
Luxe Psychiatric and Wellness Services 575-425-6047
New Mexico Rehabilitation Center 575-347-3400
Rise Up New Mexico
Sunrise Mental Health Center575-622-8170
The Nest Services 575-254-1349
The Or Factor 575-623-7336

OUR COMMUNITIES MATTER

Every household here deserves high quality services.

We work with others to build trauma-free childhoods, resilient families and wellresourced communities by ensuring ten vital services are accessible for 100% of residents in Chaves County.

Join with us as we work together to improve access to these services so residents and families thrive.

100CHAVESCOUNTY.COM

And finding help here in Roswell, Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur for you and your family has never been easier.

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100% Chaves County Resident and Family

Resources

Download our app or visit 100ChavesCounty.com to learn more.



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SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE

Azurite Services Psychiatric Care La Casa Family Health Center	575-755-5555
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Behavioral Health	5/5-/55-22/2
Luxe Psychiatric and Wellness Services	575-425-6047
New Mexico Rehabilitation Center	. 575-347-3400
Recovery Services of New Mexico	
Roswell Clinic	575-254-2804
Reflections & Recovery	575-623-4110
Renew Health	575-363-3189
Sunrise Mental Health Center	575-622-8170
SUPPORT GROUPS	

Alcoholics Anonymous
Alianza of New Mexico
HIV Support & Harm Reduction575-623-1995
Church on the Move
Freedom In Recovery
Grace Community Church
Celebrate Recovery
Postpartum Support International800-944-4773
Eating Disorders Treatment Center505-266-6121
Tessa Anderson Suicide
Prevention Coalition 575-637-4115

DENTAL

Aspen Dental	575-208-3160
BriteView Dental	575-627-0141
Carabelli Dental	575-622-4455
Familia Dental	. 575-208-1520
KidsKare PC Dental	575-622-5835
La Casa Family Dentistry	575-249-4200
Maupin & Brown Dentistry	575-208-0977
Oral & Facial Surgery of New Mexico	
& Dental Implant Center	575-623-5711
Spring River Dental	575-622-3012
Taylor Orthodontics	575-578-3877

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Chaves County Home Visiting Program575-840-4088	
CommonSpirit	
St. Joseph's Children	
Family Resource and Referral	

AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Boys and Girls Club of Chaves	1
and Lincoln Counties575-454-7100	Ì
Family Resource and Referral	

DAYCARE

Assumption-All Saints Catholic School 575-622-9895
Dexter Day Care
Eastern NM University Roswell
Generations of Learning North
Headstart Center I
Little Lambs Chapter 2 575-625-8417
Little Lambs Learning Center575-625-8422
Little Steps Learning Center575-623-6402
Maddy Tay's LL
Midway Learning Center
Mighty Movers Learning Center

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My Kiddos Child Care Center	.575-627-6312
Noah's Ark Christian Day Care	. 575-624-2611
Southeast NM CAP - Head Start	575-887-3939
Tadpoles Daycare	. 575-623-2757
University High School/Grads Child Care	. 575-627-2750
Working Mothers Day Nursery	.575-622-2910

PRESCHOOL

Gateway Christian Preschool	575-622-9710
Maddy Tay's LLC	575-622-6576
Maddy Tay's LLC	575-622-1340
My Kiddos Too	575-625-8422
Parkview Early Literacy Center	575-637-3525
Tobosa-Los Pasitos	575-623-0849

EDUCATION

NM Youth Challenge Academy. (575)347-7610

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dexter Elementary 575-734-5424
Dexter Middle/High
Hagerman Elementary
Hagerman High
Hagerman Middle
Lake Arthur
Roswell Independent School District 575-627-2500
Berrendo Elementary
Berrendo Middle
Del Norte Elementary
Early College High
East Grand Plains Elementary575-637-3350
El Capitan Elementary575-637-3401
Goddard High
Mesa Middle
Military Heights Elementary575-637-3425
Missouri Avenue Elementary
Monterrey Elementary
Mountain View Middle
Nancy Lopez Elementary
Parkview Early Literacy Center
Pecos Elementary 575-637-3550
Roswell High
Sierra Middle
Sunset Elementary
University High School
Valley View Elementary 575-637-3600
Washington Avenue Elementary 575-637-3625
PRIVATE SCHOOLS

All Saints Catholic	575-622-9895
Gateway Christian	. 575-623-8670
Immanuel Lutheran	. 575-622-2853
New Mexico Military Institute	. 575-622-6250
NMMI Intermediate Preparatory Academy	. 575-624-8010

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sydney Gutierrez	575-347-9703
ADULT EDUCATION	

Chaves County Cooperative

Extension Service	575-622-3210
ENMU-Roswell Adult Education Services	575-624-7000
ENMU-Roswell.	575-624-7000

Roswell Literacy Council	575-625-1369
WESST	505-246-6900

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico	. 575-622-5500
New Mexico Job Corps	. 505-222-4243
NM Department of Workforce Solutions	(575) 624-6040

FAMILY SERVICES

Casakids	. 575-625-0112
Chaves County Home Visiting Program	575-840-4088
Child Care Resources	
and Referral Center	575-623-9438
CommonSpirit	
St. Joseph's Children	505-924-8000
MECA Therapies, LLC	. 575-522-9500
Peak Treatment Foster Care	575-623-6749
Pregnancy Resource Center	575-623-1217

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

City of Roswell
Dexter
Hagerman575-752-3204
Lake Arthur
US POST OFFICE
Roswell Downtown
Roswell Carrier Annex
Dexter
Hagerman

LICENSE

NM Dept of Motor Vehicles
Dexter
Roswell
Roswell Building Permits
Chaves County Building Permits575-624-6606
Roswell Business Licenses
Local State Game and Fish575-624-6135
NM Taxation & Revenue Dept – Roswell 575-624-6465

HARM REDUCTION

HOME CARE

Alpha Med Staff /Outreach Program

Services	575-840-7450
Comfort Keepers of Roswell, NM	575-624-9999
Family Homecare Services	575-437-3500
Frontier Medical Home Health, Inc	575-627-1112
People Care	575-622-7011

INSURANCE PROVIDERS

Med-Care Senior Insurance Solution	ns575-208-8824
United Heathcare	877-236-0826
BlueCross Blue Shield	833-235-4947
Molina Healthcare	866-440-0127
Presbyterian Healthcare	
Be Well New Mexico	833-862-3935

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Chaves County Crime Stoppers 888-594-8477
Chaves County Detention Center
Chaves County Magistrate Court
Chaves County Sheriff's Office
Dexter Municipal Court
Dexter Municipal Police Dept 575-734-5404
Fifth Judicial District Court
Hagerman Municipal Court 575-752-3204
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare – CYFD . 505-827-7629
Lake Arthur Municipal Court
Lake Arthur Police Department
New Mexico Corrections Department 505-827-8830
New Mexico Legal Aid
New Mexico Probate Court
Region IV Probation & Parole
Roswell Correctional Center
Roswell Municipal Court 575-624-6725
Roswell Municipal Police Department 575-624-6770
U.S. District Courts
U.S. Marshals Service 575-627-7635
U.S. Probation Office 575 637-7920

LEGAL RESOURCES

Catholic Charities of Southern NM575-527-0500 Disability Rights New Mexico505-256-3100
KWH Law Center
Legal Resources for the
Elderly Program (LREP)505-797-6005
Legal Resources for the Elderly
Modest Means Helpline
New Mexico Innocence
and Justice Project www.nmijp.org
New Mexico Legal Aide
NM Center on Law and Poverty 505-255-2840
NM Immigrant Law Center
Pegasus Legal Services for Children 505-244-1101
Southwest Women's Law Center
United South Broadway
Fair Lending Center

MATERIAL GOODS

Assistance League of Chaves County	. 575-622-5255
Assurance Home Auxiliary	. 575-623-3664
Goodwill	575-622-5500
Refuge Upscale Thrift Shop	. 575-627-6435
Roswell Homeless Coalition	. 575-627-0668
Salvation Army Thrift Store	.575-622-7126

MEDICAL SERVICES

CLINICS/HOSPITALS

Eastern NM Medical Center	
Lovelace Regional Hospital	575-627-7000
Family Medicine and Walk-In Clinic	575-624-4922
Roswell Family Care	575-622-5705
ENMMC Quick Care	575-625-1292
Lovelace Health Care Center	575-627-4200

PHARMACIES

Albertson's Market S Main	
Albertson's Market W 2nd	

Farmers Uptown	. 575-623-0830
Sam's Club	. 575-627-9866
Walgreens N	. 575-624-0423
Walgreens S	. 575-624-1439
CVS	. 575-622-6571
Walmart	.575-622-3812
HOME HEALTH CARE	

Comfort Keepers of Roswell575-247-8099 **Consumer Direct Care** Frontier Medical Home Health 575-627-1112 Healthbridge Home Health 575-363-8178 Home health care service......575-622-0608

INTEGRATED MEDICINE

CBD PRODUCTS

Bryan's Green Care	575-755-2234
Center For Healing LLC	575-562-0186
OSO Cannabis Company	575-622-6268
Pecos Valley Production	575-812-8002
R.Greenleaf	505-522-2122
Roswell Infusions	575-840-7450

CHRIOPRACTIC

575-623-6691
575-625-0039
575-623-2900
575-623-3155
575-622-7900

ACUPUNCTURE

Pecos Valley Wellness

HOLISTIC MEDICINE

Caer and Dee's Apothecary	575-562-0186
Functional Medicine Strategies	575-347-1275
Center For Healing LLC	575-562-0186
Azurite services	575-755-5555
DIABETIC SERVICES	

Diabetes	Self-Management P	rogram	575-624-4921
Vdex			575-755-7575

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

American Oxygen Co	575-623-1774
Apria Healthcare	575-622-4747
Frontier Medical Home Health	575-627-1112
HME Specialists, LLC	575-623-6550
Lincare	575-622-1112

Roswell Home Medical Inc	575-625-1400
Wheelchair & Walker Rentals	575-623-0799

SUPPORT GROUPS

Down Syndrome Foundation	
of SE New Mexico	575-622-1099
Dry Harbor	505-624-2558
Grace Community Church	575-623-5438
Lighthouse Foster and Adoption	325-998-5248
NM Autism Society	575-332-0306
Senior Circle	. 575-624-4676
Serenity Club Incorporated	575-625-0868
TRANSPORTATION	

American Airlines	
AMR American Medical Respons	e.575-622-4457
Greyhound Bus Stop	800-231-2222
Chaves County Joy Center	
Roswell	575-623-4866
S. Roswell	575-622-8933
Hagerman	575-752-3236
Lake Arthur	575-365-2045
Roswell Transit	575-624-6766
Shuttle Ruidoso	877-903-7483
Sunshine Cab and Airport Shuttle	575-208-0676
SENM Veteran's Transportation Netwo	ork 575-622-0729

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of SE New Mexico
Boy Scouts of America
Conquistador Council
Boys and Girls Club of Chaves
and Lincoln Counties
Character Counts! in Chaves County 575-623-5695
First Tee of Southeast New Mexico575-623-4444
Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest 915-566-9433
Midway Youth & Family
Developmental Center
National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc 800-968-4332
New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy . 575-347-7610
Pecos Valley Teen Center Dexter
Roswell Association for Gifted Students . 575-625-9826
The Unity Center
Wings for L.I.F.E. Roswell 575-840-5731

VETERANS SERVICES

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico575-622-5500
Goodwill: SSVF
NM Department of Veteran Services 505-383-2400
SENM Veteran's Transportation Network. 575-622-0729
Chaves County Heroes
American Legion Post 28575-622-4249
American Legion Post 61
VFW Post 12184575-910-1860
Roswell Elks Charity Golf Fund
for Wounded Warriors575-622-1560

VETERINARY & PET SERVICES

Humane Society Kennels	. 575-622-8950
Roswell Animal Control	. 575-624-6722

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C.A.T.S Commitment and Tender
Loving Service
Treasured Friends Pet Crematory
Four Paws Pet Pantry
ANIMAL VETERINARY
College Garden Animal Hospital 575-624-2424
Country Club Animal Hospital
Casa Querencia Animal Health
and Consulting
South Springs Animal Hospital
Cielo Grande Veterinary Center575-623-8000

Paul's Veterinary Supply	. 575-624-2123
BOARDING & GROOMING	

Country Club Grooming Ltd	
Fat Boy Kennels LLC	
Paws Claws & Hooves	
Puppy Love Grooming	655
Ritz Pet Grooming575-623-4	124
Roadrunner Animal Boarding	
and Dog Sports	777
Wildlife Safari Animal Emporium, Inc 575-625-9	453

EYE/VISION

Brent's Eyeglasses LLC	575-622-3364
Engstrom Cataract and Laser Center	575-625-0123
Eye Associates of New Mexico	575-624-0370
EyeCatchers	575-625-9800
Eyemart Express	575-912-1028
Roswell Vision Care, IDOC	575-623-5111
Sam's Club Optical Center	575-627-9871
The Eye Site	575-465-3937
Walmart Vision & Glasses	575-622-7262

Resource listing updates or additions: coordinator@chavescountyhc.org or dial 211

What Everyone Should Know Before Visiting the E.R.

Emergencies can happen at any time. That's why it's important to be prepared and know where to go when you need medical care - fast. The emergency medicine team at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center provides medicine and care to patients in Roswell, New Mexico, and surrounding areas when they need it most.

A visit to the ER can often be stressful or scary, especially if it includes a trip in an ambulance - but it

doesn't have to be. Dr. Tom Wulf, Eastern New Mexico Medical Center's Emergency Room Medical Director offers a few minor preparations that

can help your emergency room visit go smoothly.

If your situation allows, it is helpful to bring a few items with you to the Emergency Room. They include:

- Contact information for your personal physicians, including your primary care doctor
- Detailed medical history and current condition information, including dates of major surgeries
- · Health insurance card and photo ID
- · List of any allergies you have
- Names, dosages, and how often you are currently taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins or dietary supplements
- Comfort items such as bottled water and a music player for yourself or a favorite blanket, book or toy for your child

When possible, have a trusted friend or family member accompany you to the hospital. This person can not only help you explain your condition and symptoms during your visit to the ER doctors and staff, but they can also help you to understand and remember important health care information. Also,once you are being seen, don't be afraid to use details and be honest about your illness. Any and all information regarding your condition may



help ER staff make an accurate diagnosis and begin treatment quicker.

"Waiting can be the most difficult part of an emergency room visit. In the emergency room, patients are seen by doctors according to the severity of their symptoms, not in the order of arrival. Knowing that there may be a wait can help decrease feelings of stress and anxiety," added Dr. Wulf. Patients are also encouraged to ask questions of the

physicians, nurses or staff if you do not understand. Tests, procedures, your diagnosis and even follow-up care instructions can be confusing. It is always best to ask questions.

Minor illnesses and health conditions can often wait, but some symptoms always demand potentially life-saving, immediate medical attention provided at a hospital. Dr. Wulf recommends, "Patients should seek emergency care for things like head injuries, severe abdominal pain, high fevers and signs of heart attack or stroke." Fainting, fevers greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit in infants and 105 degrees in older children and adults, severe pain anywhere in the body, and significant vomiting and diarrhea require immediate medical evaluation. In terms of injuries, head injuries — especially those accompanied by loss of consciousness and/ or vomiting — and deep wounds causing bleeding unmanageable through basic first aid are health issues that are best managed in the ER.

Although the symptoms mentioned above are commonly associated with medical emergencies, you know your body best and should always feel comfortable seeking emergency medical care any time you experience unusual or concerning symptoms. This will not only set your mind at ease, but also ensure you have quick access to potentially lifesaving medical care at a hospital's emergency department, if needed.

E.R. VISITS continued

"Lastly, before leaving the emergency room, it's important that you, or a trusted family member or friend, completely understands the information given to you by the ER staff," added Wulf. Understanding and following discharge instructions, including medications and/or home care procedures, are vital to helping your condition improve. If you do not understand any information given to you by the medical center staff, ask for clarification. Also, be sure to follow up with your primary care provider within a few days after your Emergency Room visit.

Foster Care in Chaves County

BARBARA YEHL MSW, LIGHTHOUSE FOSTER AND ADOPTION SUPPORT

Right now there are 5 kids sleeping in the local CYFD office. CYFD, or Children Youth and Families Department, is the New Mexico state organization designed to prevent, support, and intervene when necessary, in order to protect children and families. Ideally, every child in New Mexico would live in a safe home with a loving family. For many reasons, this is just not reality. No matter how hard our local CYFD employees work (and believe me, they work hard!), there are just not enough licensed foster homes available to provide for the children in need.

I know the idea of becoming a foster parent is scary. But imagine how scary it is for a 12-year-old to leave the only family they know and sleep on the floor of an office while their future is being decided by unfamiliar adults. I've heard the line, "But I would get too attached," to which I respond, "Good!" These kids need someone to care about them so much that they get attached. We are the adults. We can handle the pain and loss. These innocent children and teens have been through enough trauma–that's why they are here in the first place. All they want is one person to care enough about them to not give up on them. A person to hug them when they have had a hard visit with their birth mom. Someone to quiz them on their spelling words and show an interest in their interests.

Being a foster parent doesn't mean you are a perfect parent. It means you are a "regular" parent who accepts another child, or three, into your home, treating them like family, and showing them what love and stability can look like. So when, or if, they do return to their biological families, they are better set up for success. I believe, and have seen, that whether a child is in your home for one day or 10 years you can positively impact their future.

For more information on how to become a foster parent, visit www.cyfd. nm.gov or call Lori HIcks at 575-218-9376.

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Hospitalists promote continuity, consistency in patient care

ANOOP KUMAR, MD

If you've been in the hospital recently, you probably noticed that the medical team who provided your care included many specialists other than your personal physician. At Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, in addition to the doctors, nurses, case managers, diagnosticians and other specialists, your regular physician may partner with a special type of physician known as a hospitalist.

A hospitalist – a physician who practices exclusively in the hospital setting – serves as your personal physician's right hand and spearheads your care while you are in the hospital. Hospitalists have been a part of the medical field for many years, and are one of the fastest-growing types of doctors because of their important role in coordinating care and providing continuity for patients during their hospital stay.

Like a primary care doctor, hospitalists are trained in general internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, and other specialties. Some specialize in critical care medicine, cardiology, or other subspecialties.

Hospitalists are valuable liaisons for both patients and their physicians. The average primary care physician spends only 12 percent of his or her time seeing patients in the hospital, according to a study by The Advisory Board Company, a Washington, D.C.-based health care consulting organization. Hospitalists, on the other hand, are onsite 24 hours a day, seven days a week They are available to see patients more frequently – sometimes more than once a day – to monitor patients' progress, answer questions, and oversee the efforts of other health care professionals involved in patients' care. Because hospitalists do not maintain medical practices outside the hospital, they can focus their attention exclusively on patients' medical care while they are inside the hospital.

If you are admitted to the hospital for surgery, a hospitalist may coordinate your inpatient care after your procedure. During this time, the hospitalist and your primary care physician are in continual communication. Your physician will consult with the hospitalist to provide background information on your health history and diagnosis. The hospitalist then carries out the plan of care set up by your physician, coordinates your daily care with other members of the medical team, and communicates any changes in your condition to your physician. Once you are discharged home, the hospitalist will communicate with your physician about further treatment needed, help arrange follow-up care or medications needed, and send your hospital records back to your primary care provider.

Hospitalists have a thorough understanding of inpatient medical care, and are uniquely qualified to recognize and diagnose medical disorders, anticipate potential problems and rapidly respond to any sudden change in the patient's condition.

Patients under the care of a medical team led by a hospitalist often have shorter hospital stays and quicker recoveries. A study at the University of California, San Francisco and Tufts University found that patients under hospitalists' care had a 12 percent shorter length of stay in the hospital – nearly half a day – as well as better surgical outcomes and fewer return trips to the hospital.

Eastern New Mexico Medical Center is a 162-bed acute care hospital guided by a mission to be a great place for employees to work, physicians to practice, and patients to receive compassionate and quality care. In addition to emergency services and medical and surgical care, the hospital provides specialty services including invasive cardiology, cancer treatment, women's services, rehabilitation, mental health services and advanced diagnostic imaging. ENMMC is fully accredited by The Joint Commission and is an Accredited Chest Pain Center, Level III Trauma Center a Certified Primary Stroke Center.

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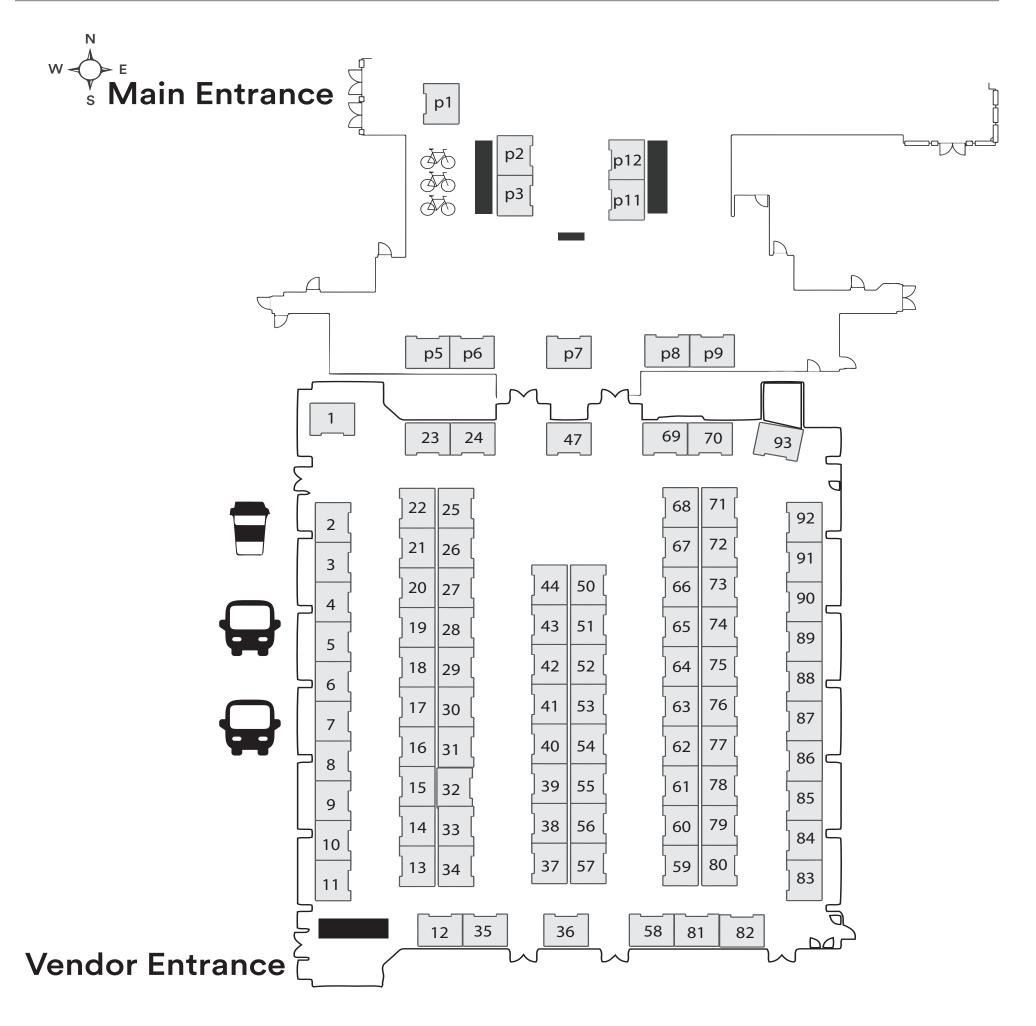


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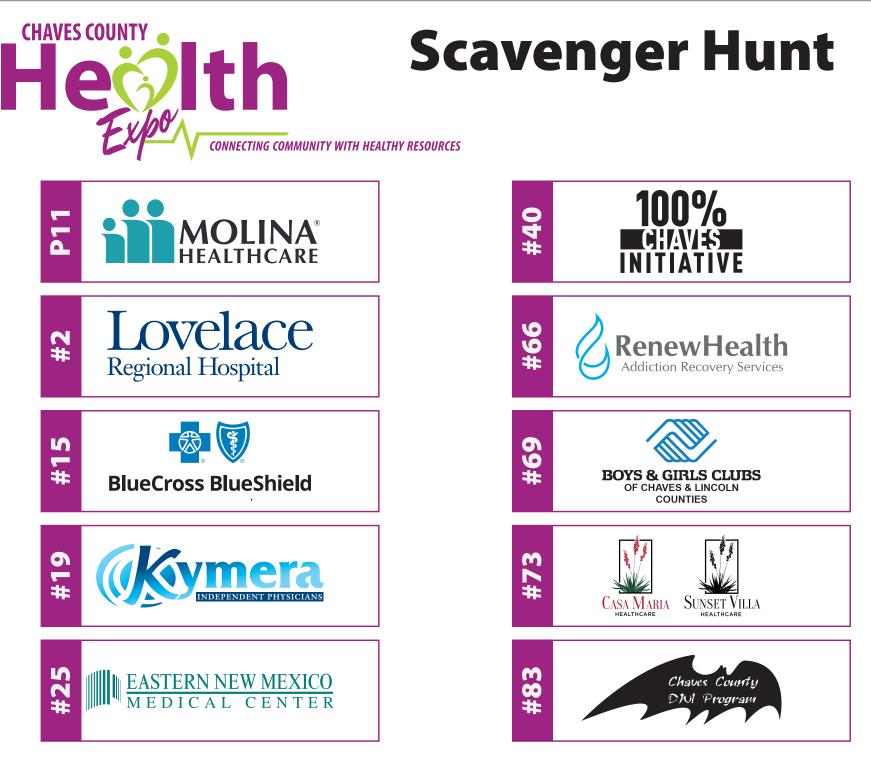
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How Colonoscopy Screenings Help Prevent Colon Cancer

DANIEL RIDOUOT, MD

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the thirdleading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Despite being preventable and treatable, many individuals still die from this disease due to a lack of awareness about preventive care.

Eastern New Mexico Medical Center is committed to promoting early detection and prevention of colon cancer through regular colonoscopy screenings because, when detected early, the survival rate for colon cancer is approximately 90%.

During this non-invasive procedure, doctors examine the colon and rectum for pre-cancerous polyps, which can be removed during the same process, reducing the risk of developing colon cancer in the future. They also can screen for cancer. This is important, as studies show those who undergo regular screenings are less likely to die from colon cancer.

Many people fear that there might be discomfort and pain associated with a colonoscopy. However, it's important to know that you will be in a



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"twilight sleep." Unlike general anesthesia, which puts patients to sleep completely, conscious sedation keeps patients drowsy and comfortable, yet awake enough to respond to questions and follow instructions.

Colonoscopies may not be the most enjoyable procedure, but they are essential for early detection and prevention of colon cancer. Don't delay in getting this life-saving procedure done.

Colonoscopy screening should start at 45 for those at average risk, with regular screenings continuing every 10 years. However, the screening frequency and start date may differ for individuals at higher risk of developing the disease, as colorectal cancer incidence is higher in certain populations, including Black and Indigenous adults, people with a family history of colorectal cancer and men.

In addition, researchers have observed a noticeable increase in cases and fatalities in the 20 to 49 age group over the last 20 years. The cause behind this trend, however, remains uncertain and demands further examination.

Age also plays a big factor when it comes to risk. On average, those 50 and older are the most likely to suffer from colorectal cancer. Men are typically diagnosed around 68, while women tend to be 72. Both men and women with rectal cancer usually are diagnosed at 63.

While age and family history cannot be changed, there are several lifestyle factors that you can modify to lower your risk, including losing weight, maintaining a healthy diet, limiting alcohol, quitting smoking and regular exercise.

Colonoscopies have revolutionized how we detect and prevent colon cancer. With advancements in technology and improved patient comfort, there's never been a better time to prioritize your colon health. Early detection is key, and a screening colonoscopy could save your life.

Talk to your healthcare provider about your risk level and the appropriate timing and frequency of screenings. Remember, you're never too young to take charge of your health. For more information about Dr. Ridout or the services provided, visit https://www.easternnewmexicomedicalgroup.com/doctors-providers/ridoutiii-daniel-md-7088.

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At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaves & Lincoln Counties, we use a formula for impact created by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to help youth grow as productive, caring, responsible citizens of good character.

We do this by taking young people around Chaves County and creating an outcome-driven Club Experience. Based on research into the ways young people grow and thrive, as well as analysis of the best practices and traditions of highly effective Clubs, the Formula for Impact identifies the components of the Club Experience that assure young people can achieve important outcomes. They are:

- The Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development
- High-Yield Activities
- Targeted Programs
- Regular Attendance

Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development

These are the very fabric of the Club Experience, the five things that a Club must provide to make a positive impact on young people:

- 1. A safe, positive environment
- 2. Fun
- 3. Supportive relationships
- 4. Opportunities and expectations
- 5. Recognition

Of these critical elements, child safety is a foundational principle for our Movement. If young people aren't safe, they can't learn, grow or achieve the important outcomes they need to succeed.

High-Yield Activities

Otherwise known as "fun with a purpose," high-yield activities are interactive experiences that help young people develop critical thinking or other skills. Research shows that kids who spend their free time engaged in learning activities achieve more in school.

Targeted Programs

Targeted programs are designed to help young people achieve one or more of our priority outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

Regular Attendance

Research and experience tell us that the longer and more often young people come to the Club, the more they achieve. Our goals are to increase the number of youth who attend the Club at least 3-4 times per week, and to retain younger members as they grow into teens.

Our vision is to: Provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Priority Outcomes

To achieve this vision, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has refined our program strategy to focus on three priority outcome areas:

- Academic Success
- Good Character and Citizenship
- · Healthy Lifestyles

Academic Success

Academic success is not just about graduating from high school, even though that is important. Young people who drop out of high school are significantly less likely to secure a good job, earn an adequate salary and have a promising future. We also want to help them have a plan for their future by showing them opportunities they can achieve and what they need to do to achieve their goals.

Good Character and Citizenship

Good character can help people maintain relationships, build trust, and establish credibility. It can also help people make morally right decisions and actions.

Good citizenship can help people be active participants in a democracy and ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Good citizens obey the law, stay informed, and act in the best interests of others. They can also help their communities by being good neighbors, cooperating with others, and respecting those in authority.

Healthy Lifestyles

The health habits and self-care practices developed in childhood and adolescence affect an individual's health and quality of life throughout adulthood.

We continuously evaluate our programs to make sure we are consistently being effective with the youth and community we serve.

Healthy Habits for the New Year and Beyond

ERICA GUERRERO, FNP-C ENMMG PONDEROSA MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

Making New Year's resolutions is a common tradition, but 77% of people who make them, break them within just a few weeks. This year, focus on long-term lifestyle changes that can make a big impact on overall health and longevity.

The start of a new year symbolizes a time for change, but adopting new, healthy habits isn't limited to just one time of year. Even small, incremental changes in lifestyle can make a big difference in overall health."

Here are seven habits for long-term healthy living:

• Eat well: Incorporate nutrient dense whole foods into your diet like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and fish. Limit processed foods and sugar-sweetened drinks which are linked to obesity and heart disease.

• Exercise regularly: Only 150 minutes a week of moderate exercise can prevent strokes, heart disease and help manage stress. Exercise can come in many forms like walking, biking, gardening and more. This year, find an activity you enjoy and look forward to that also increases your heart rate.

• Get better sleep: Low quality sleep is linked to an increased risk of obesity, weight gain and can negatively impact brain function. To improve the quality of your sleep, avoid caffeine at night, reducing screen time before bed and keep a consistent sleep schedule.

• Decrease stress: Stress can cause serious health conditions like

high blood pressure and heart disease. Practice self-care with your favorite activities and mindfulness techniques like meditation. But, if stress becomes overwhelming or chronic, consider talking with a mental health professional.

• Cut down on alcohol: After the holidays, the New Year is a great time to reevaluate your relationship with alcohol. Drinking over the recommended limit, one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, is associated with short and long term health risks including impaired judgment, high blood pressure, heart disease and some cancers. To cut back, set a drink limit when out with friends or designate days of the week to completely abstain.

• Stop smoking: If you smoke, stop. Over 16 million Americans live with chronic diseases caused by smoking like lung disease and cancer. Smoking also increases the risk of premature death and exposes loved ones to second-hand smoke. Increase your life expectancy by as much as 10 years by giving up the habit.

• Visit your doctor: A study published by The Journal of The American Medical Association (JAMA) found adults with primary care providers are more likely to fill prescriptions and to receive health screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies. Kickoff the year with a visit to your primary care physician for a wellness exam or to catch up on vaccinations.

To find a primary care physician or to learn more healthy habits, visit **www. EasternNewMexicoMedicalGroup.com** or call **575-622-1411**.

Decoding a Cough: What Does it Mean — and What Helps

Respiratory illnesses continue to rise with coughs being a common overlapping symptom among them all. Decoding the characteristics of a cough, including its duration, sound and accompanying symptoms, can help patients understand what is going on and how to treat it.

Most people are typically contagious the first three to five days after the initial respiratory infection, according to the CDC. However, a cough can linger around longer. A temporary, acute cough typically lasts less than three weeks and is often associated with short-lived illnesses like the common cold or the flu. But, a cough that lasts longer - anywhere from four to eight weeks – is typically a sign of unresolved inflammation from illnesses like bronchitis, long COVID or other serious conditions.

In addition to the length of a cough, it is important to monitor a dry versus wet-sounding cough. A dry cough, or an unproductive cough, is more commonly associated with the flu or COVID, it doesn't produce phlegm or mucus and it leaves a tickling sensation in the throat. A wet cough is more commonly associated with a cold, RSV or pneumonia, and may feel like mucus is stuck in the chest or back of the throat.

Doctors suggest these remedies to alleviate discomfort:

- Drink tea with local honey: Honey acts as a natural suppressant and contains antioxidants to help lower inflammation in your throat.
- Try a saline rinse or steam shower: Moisture and warmth can open breathing passages and thin mucus to help expel it out.
- Sleep with the head elevated: Propping the head up at a higher angle can help drain mucus and relieve sinus pressure.
- Stay hydrated: Drinking plenty of water can also thin mucus and flush out irritants.

• Lastly, take over-the-counter medication: Cough suppressants can help by controlling the reflex that makes someone cough and provide temporary relief.

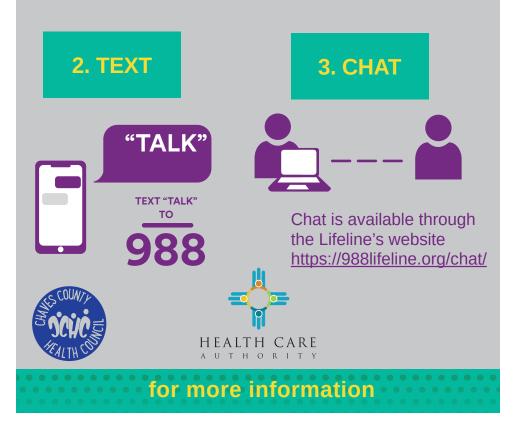
If your cough is persistent and lasts more than eight weeks, talk to your primary care provider about any underlying issues, such as asthma or allergies, that may be preventing you from healing.

And seek emergency care if your cough is accompanied by blood or pink phlegm, difficulty breathing or tightening in the chest.





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Excessive Alcohol Use Linked to Heart Conditions

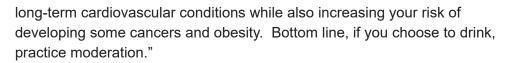
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Winter holidays, parties and social gatherings often provide opportunities to overindulge, but when it comes to alcohol, moderation is important for maintaining good heart health. "Holiday heart syndrome," or atrial fibrillation (AFib) brought on by binge drinking, can occur in healthy adults without any existing heart conditions and is commonly diagnosed around the holidays.

AFib is an irregular and sometimes rapid heart rhythm that if left untreated can lead to blood clots or strokes. Symptoms of AFib include a racing heartbeat which can feel like a flutter or quiver, dizziness, shortness of breath and chest pain. Luckily, holiday heart syndrome is reversible, but if heavy drinking persists, the risk of developing conditions like heart disease and heart failure increases.

Regular heavy drinking, more than eight drinks per week for women and 15 for men, and binge drinking can lead to ongoing high blood pressure, increased irregular heart rate and weakened heart muscles. According to the American College of Cardiology, eliminating alcohol abuse would result in over 34,000 fewer heart attacks, 73,000 fewer atrial fibrillation cases and 91,000 fewer patients with congestive heart failure.

"Drinking too much puts excess strain on your heart and can cause



To cut down on drinking, consider removing alcohol from your home, picking a few days a week to abstain and always drink slowly. Stores and restaurants now offer many alcohol free alternatives like non-alcoholic beer, wine and liquor. At holiday gatherings, try sipping on a festive mocktail, sparkling cider or your favorite zero proof drink. If efforts to cut back don't work, it may be time to speak with a healthcare professional.

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How to Prevent Heat Exhaustion

KEISHA ELLIS, FNP-C FAMILY MEDICINE AND WALK-IN CLINIC

Temperatures across the United States are rising and so are incidents of heat exhaustion. In fact, between 2016 and 2021, the number of patients diagnosed with heat exhaustion between the months of May and September rose by 53%.

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt. Symptoms include dizziness, headache, nausea and muscle cramps and the condition is more likely to affect the elderly, those with high blood pressure and people who work in a hot environment according to the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC). If heat exhaustion is left untreated, it can cause heat stroke which can lead to permanent disability or death.

"We spend more time outside in the summer whether that's working, playing or lounging around, which increases the risk of excessive heat exposure and exhaustion," says Keisha Ellis, Family Nurse Practitioner. "By understanding the symptoms of heat exhaustion and how to prevent it, you can stay safe and healthy all summer long."

To help prevent heat exhaustion, Ellis recommends the following tips:

• Cover up: When outside, wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing, hats, sunglasses, and broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least 15 (but 30

to 50 SPF is better) to protect against sunburn which affects the body's ability to cool down.

• Keep cool: When the temperature is up, take cool showers, go swimming or apply wet towels on the neck or forehead to help lower body temperature.

• Hydrate: Drink fluids, especially water, throughout the day to stay hydrated. Avoid excessive consumption of alcohol and caffeine which can contribute to dehydration.

• Stay in the shade: Stay in shaded areas or indoors during the hottest parts of the day which are usually between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

• Rest often: If working outside or participating in outdoor activities, make it a point to take regular breaks to cool down in a shaded area where you can rest and rehydrate.

"Spending time outside, enjoying the sunshine and warm weather is why so many people love the summer, but it can be dangerous without the proper precautions. If you or a loved one experience symptoms of heat exhaustion, and you can't cool down, it's time to seek medical care," says Ellis.

For more information on heat safety and preventive measures, please visit **https://www.enmmc.com/health-library/48**.



Men, Take Charge of Your Health

SAMUEL ITIE, FNP-C, MPH, PMHNP-BC

Research backs up the long-standing stereotype that men avoid going to the doctor. In fact, recent surveys show that approximately 44 percent of men don't get an annual physical, and 60 percent of men won't see a doctor if they suspect something is wrong.

Don't wait until the 'check engine' light flashes to take care of your health. Just like cars, our bodies need routine and preventive maintenance, too. As fathers, as husbands, as coworkers, as friends, we owe it to the people who care about us that we take care of ourselves—not just when we're sick.

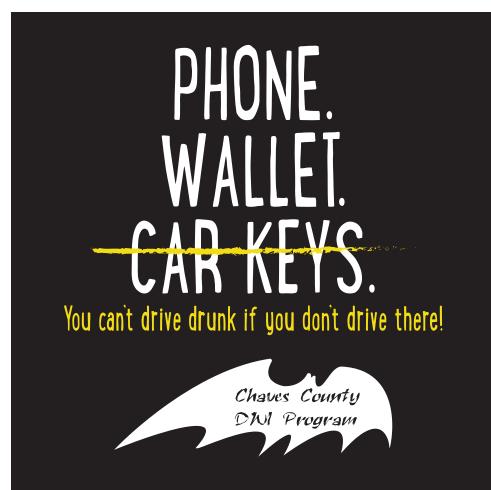
Men are encouraged to be proactive about their health this Men's Health Week, June 10 - 16, and to be on the lookout for common health issues seen among male patients:

Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the U.S., and more than half of men don't show symptoms before heart disease becomes fatal, according to the CDC.

Prostate Cancer

One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. It's the most common cancer among American men, according to the American Cancer Society.





Urinary Incontinence

Leaking isn't a female-only problem. According to the Urology Care Foundation, approximately 25 percent of men have dribbling and incontinence problems, too.

Low Testosterone

While it's normal for testosterone levels to decrease over time, it's becoming more prevalent among younger men. Four out of 10 men have low testosterone by the age of 45, according to the Urology Care Foundation.

Depression

The suicide rate among men is four times higher than among women, according to CDC. And the American Psychological Association reports 30 percent of men have suffered from depression at some point during their lives.

While you may not feel comfortable discussing health concerns or belowthe-belt issues with buddies, it should not be embarrassing to go to the doctor. Intimate and serious health issues can often be addressed and are easier to treat when found early.

In fact, primary care physicians use screenings that check for conditions before many people experience signs and symptoms of a health problem. Depending on age and family medical history, an annual physical may include:

- BMI calculation
- Blood pressure, heart and respiration rates
- Questions around alcohol and tobacco intake
- Questions around diet and exercise habits
- Cholesterol and other blood tests
- Vaccinations
- Mental health screening
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Contact your primary care provider and schedule your annual exam today!

Transforming Lives with Compassionate Care The Renew Health Story

At Renew Health, we believe profoundly in the transformative power of recovery and the potential for new beginnings. Founded on the core principles of compassion, innovation, and integrity, our mission extends far beyond conventional treatment. We are dedicated to empowering individuals, rebuilding families, and revitalizing communities affected by addiction throughout New Mexico. Our approach integrates advanced medical treatments with supportive psychological and social services to create a comprehensive recovery ecosystem.

OUR FOUNDING VISION

Renew Health was brought to life by Trent Carter, a Nurse Practitioner with extensive experience in addiction treatment and a deep personal commitment to helping others. Recognizing a significant gap in effective addiction treatment services, Trent established our first clinic in Roswell. New Mexico. His vision was clear: to provide not only a sanctuary for physical healing but also a supportive environment that addressed the emotional and psychological needs of those struggling with addiction. The success of our initial endeavors fueled our expansion. leading us to plan to open a new facility in both Alamogordo and Clovis this year to serve the growing needs of our community better.

OUR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

Understanding that each individual's journey to recovery is unique, we have developed a wide array of services tailored to meet diverse needs:

• Outpatient Treatment Programs: These programs are meticulously designed to offer flexibility. They allow patients to receive treatment while continuing with their daily lives, thus facilitating a smoother transition back into society post-recovery.

• Telehealth Services: Our platform is at the forefront of extending care beyond physical boundaries, delivering essential treatment services digitally. This service is crucial for individuals in remote or underserved areas, ensuring that access to quality care is not limited by location.

• Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT):

This innovative treatment combines FDAapproved medications with comprehensive counseling and behavioral therapies. It is designed to effectively treat substance use disorders by managing withdrawal symptoms and reducing cravings, all under strict medical supervision.

• Counseling and Behavioral Therapies: Our team of experienced therapists provides personalized therapeutic interventions that target the psychological underpinnings of addiction, supporting each patient's recovery journey.

• Support Groups: Facilitated by trained professionals, these groups offer a platform for individuals to share their experiences and challenges. They promote mutual support and understanding, which are vital for long-term recovery.

• Educational Workshops and Seminars: These workshops are regularly conducted to educate both patients and the broader community about the nature of addiction and the recovery process. They aim to demystify treatment processes and promote healthier lifestyle choices among the general public.

IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

The profound impact of our services can be seen through the recovery stories of our clients, whose lives have been transformed through our programs:

• Maria's Triumph: Maria struggled with opioid addiction for years. Through our comprehensive MAT program and ongoing support, she has been sober for over two years and now helps mentor new participants in our programs.

• John's Renewal: After a tough battle with alcohol dependence, John found a new beginning with Renew Health. Through personalized care and support, he has managed to rebuild his life and is now an advocate for public awareness of addiction recovery.

• Ella's Journey: Suffering from both depression and alcohol abuse, Ella benefited

from our dual-diagnosis treatment approach, which addresses co-occurring mental health issues alongside addiction. Her successful recovery illustrates the efficacy of our integrated healthcare approach.

ADVANCED TREATMENT STRATEGIES AND FAMILYSUPPORT SYSTEMS

At Renew Health, we recognize that addiction affects individuals, their families, and their communities. That's why our treatment strategies extend beyond the individual to encompass comprehensive support systems that involve family members in the recovery process.

• Family Involvement Programs: We understand that family support is crucial for successful recovery, so we offer specialized programs that engage family members in



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the treatment process. These programs include family counseling, educational sessions about addiction and recovery, and group therapy sessions that facilitate healing and understanding among family members.

• Advanced Behavioral Intervention Techniques: Our clinicians utilize the latest in behavioral intervention techniques, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and motivational interviewing. These techniques are designed to help patients develop the skills necessary to manage triggers, avoid relapse, and maintain long-term sobriety.

• Relapse Prevention Planning: Each patient at Renew Health receives a personalized relapse prevention plan developed in collaboration with their treatment team. These plans are designed to identify potential triggers, outline strategies for coping with cravings, and provide a clear action plan for seeking help should the need arise.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS

Our commitment to addiction recovery extends into the broader community through various initiatives and collaborations aimed at reducing the stigma associated with addiction and encouraging a more supportive societal approach.

• Public Awareness Campaigns: We actively participate in public awareness campaigns to educate the community about the realities of addiction and the effectiveness of modern treatment approaches.

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These campaigns promote a more compassionate and informed understanding of addiction, encouraging community members to support recovery efforts.

• Building Partnerships with Local Businesses and Organizations: Renew Health actively partners with local businesses and community organizations to enhance overall wellness and create employment opportunities for individuals in recovery. These partnerships help integrate recovering individuals back into the workforce and foster a supportive community environment that promotes long-term recovery success. By working together, we enhance the social fabric and economic health of the communities we serve, making a positive impact beyond the clinical aspects of addiction treatment.

• Training and Development for Healthcare Professionals: We provide training and development programs for healthcare professionals to spread best practices in addiction treatment across the healthcare system. By training other professionals, we amplify the impact of our expertise and improve addiction treatment standards more broadly.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we look forward, Renew Health is committed to ongoing innovation and expansion to meet the growing needs of our communities. Our plans for the future include:

• Expanding our Telehealth Capabilities: Building on the success of our Curednation platform, we plan to expand our telehealth services to include more interactive tools and resources, making addiction treatment even more accessible to those in remote or underserved areas.

• Developing Specialty Treatment Tracks: Recognizing the diverse needs of our patient population, we aim to develop specialty treatment tracks for specific populations, such as veterans, young adults, and individuals with co-occurring mental health disorders.

• Enhancing Supportive Housing Options: To help our clients transition from treatment to everyday life, we plan to increase our investment in supportive housing options. These facilities will provide a stable and supportive environment where individuals can continue their recovery journey with professional support.

• Expanding our Physical Locations: In line with our mission to make high-quality addiction treatment accessible to all, we plan to open many more locations across New Mexico, ensuring that no community is without support in battling addiction.

JOIN OUR MISSION

We warmly invite you to join us in this crucial mission of healing and transformation. Whether you are seeking help for yourself or a loved one, looking to volunteer, or considering a donation, there is a role for you at Renew Health. Together, we can change lives and heal communities. Visit our website at renewhealthnm.com or contact us at (575) 363-3189 to find out how you can become part of this vital work.

