

Monday, December 28, 2020

Dear Copernicus Residents and Family Members,

The COVID-19 outbreak at Copernicus Lodge has been a frightening and challenging time for everyone and put a significant strain on the resources at Copernicus Lodge.

In order to reduce the transmission of the virus and to ensure that all residents are receiving the care they need, the medical care of the residents has been reorganized. Each unit will now have an assigned physician to care for all residents. This will allow the nursing team on each unit to work with one physician and prevent the need for the doctors to go from unit to unit while they do their rounds. There will also be a physician onsite every day to respond to urgent needs as well as 24 hour on call accessibility.

Starting Jan 4th 2021, the units will be covered by the following physicians:

1 north and 1 south- Dr. Pietrasek
2 north and 2 south- Dr. Ikizler
3 north and 3 south- Dr. Clement
4 north- Dr. Kuszewski
4 south- Dr. Wong
5 south and 6 south- Dr. Nitti

We recognize that for many of you this means a change in care provider and we appreciate your cooperation. Also, this coverage schedule may change if any of us are required to isolate.

Please know that we care very much for the well-being of the patients and families of Copernicus and are working very hard to ensure they get the best care and prevent the spread of COVID-19. All staff have increased responsibilities during this time and though we want to respond to all your questions and concerns, there may be a delay. For this we ask for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Copernicus Lodge Medical team

Dr. Yasemin Ikizler
Dr. Jenny Clement
Dr. Matthew Kuszewski
Dr. Bogdon Pietrasek
Dr. Nicole Nitti
Dr. Dr. Daniel Wong
Dr. Robert Stachula