



women's health program

Dedicated physician panel provides superior care

Saint John's Health Center is committed to providing a continuum of care for women—from preventive education to optimal services in both outpatient and inpatient settings.

A full range of services is available for primary care and reproductive-related care, as well as for complex problems requiring specialist expertise.

"All too often, women are so busy taking care of others, they forget to take care of their own health—many don't even have a personal physician," said Saint John's Executive Vice President and COO Eleanor Ramirez, who is the administrative champion for the Women's Health Program. "We want women to know that we are concerned about their wellness and have all of the services they need."

One key aspect of the newly improved Women's Health Program at Saint John's

is the creation of a special Women's Health Physician Panel. The panel is made up of physicians who agree to provide superior care to women in an efficient, patient-friendly environment and to participate in community lectures, health conferences and other outreach efforts.

"Women deserve excellent care," said Saint John's Health Center urogynecologist and Women's Health Panel member Amy Rosenman, MD, who was one of the first to envision a women's health program. "We have the providers to give that care, so we wanted to organize and promote them in an effective manner."

Physicians participating on the panel are board-certified men and women and are available to see new and established patients, as well as return all calls, lab work and patient information in a timely manner. Doctors on the panel have

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also agreed to provide age-appropriate screening packages, as outlined by the Women's Health Physician Committee. Approximately 250 doctors have already signed up to participate on the panel. Panel members will help Saint John's develop the best practices in patient

service and educate the community about women's health issues.

"Having this panel will help improve the responsiveness of physicians to specific women's health care needs," said Kathy Magliato, MD, MBA, FACS, Director of Women's Cardiac Services at Saint John's and one of the few female cardiothoracic surgeons in the world. "The panel will also provide women in the community with a resource for finding well-qualified doctors who have experience with the full range of women's health issues, and give these women access to the information they need to improve their own healthcare." ■

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