
GREAT NEWS!

For NEW GERMANY MEDICAL CENTRE, a nurse practitioner has been hired by South Shore District Health Authority.

Rob Snelling begins work May 4 and will begin seeing patients later in the spring after an orientation and set-up period. South Shore Health expects to announce details about the hours and types of services available in the near future.

"Having a nurse practitioner working in the New Germany area will support our efforts to improve access to care, respond to the needs of the community and recruit family physicians to the area," says CEO Kevin McNamara.

Nurse practitioners are able to diagnose, monitor and treat many conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, flu, sore throats and ear infections. They can prescribe some medications, order blood tests, X-rays and scans. They can also perform some procedures such as physical exams, well baby/well child exams and ear syringing.

South Shore Health has nurse practitioners working in North Queens, Lunenburg and Chester in collaboration with physicians. The health authority is trying to recruit a family physician for the New Germany practice.

Nurse practitioners are used to improve access to health care for local residents and expand the range of primary-care services available to the community.

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