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# Why You Should Consider Concierge Medicine

## **Declining Standard of Care**

There have been dramatic changes in the practice of medicine over the past several years. Due to financial pressures, physicians have begun to shorten patient visit times and limit the number of problems that can be discussed during an appointment. Preventative medicine--educating patients about nutrition, lifestyle changes, exercise, and screening for cancers—has fallen by the waste side because there is not enough time allotted during a patient's visit to cover this critical part to maintaining optimum health. Patient care has truly been compromised.

## **Trend to Ration Preventative Testing**

There is also a current trend to ration preventative medical services like mammograms and PSA blood tests before the age of 50 and after age 70, due to false positives and increasing testing costs. Although these concerns are valid, the fact still stands that annual mammography for all women beginning at age 40 has reduced the death rate from breast cancer by at least 15%.

#### How Healthcare Reform Affects You

Most Americans agree that healthcare reform is needed. Individuals who do not have health care coverage should have the ability to get insurance. However, under the new program, reimbursement for doctors is financially comparable to Medicare reimbursement rates. As a result, most physicians will not accept patients using this program—not because they don't want to, but because they can't afford to.

This means people enrolled in the government healthcare program will have difficulty finding care. This will lead to over utilization of emergency rooms, longer waiting periods for those clinics that do accept these patients, longer waiting times for established patients and less time with patients when seen. Taxpayers will be contributing to an approximately \$1 trillion program, even though most physicians will not be accepting these patients (as they cannot afford to).

# The Healthcare You Deserve

After nearly three decades as a practicing physician, I am unwilling to accept this deterioration of health care. On behalf of my patients, I will not stand by

and be pressured by insurance companies and the government to do what I believe is wrong for the public.

My obligation to my patients is to provide the highest level of care, devoting whatever time it takes to achieve good health and longevity and choosing which tests and screenings I deem medically necessary. Additionally, it's important to me to have the time to provide my patients with necessary emotional support should a stressful medical situation arise.

Inviting you to join Broadway Concierge Medicine is my solution to the impending healthcare crisis.

# Benefits of Joining Broadway Concierge Medicine:

- You gain access to a respected, experienced, board-certified internist and sports medicine doctor to ensure you receive top-quality medical care.
- Each visit to Dr. Schuster is extended and unhurried.
- You receive a comprehensive medical history assessment including health risk appraisals, vital signs with BMI, bone density testing, screen for peripheral vascular disease, EKG and pulmonary function testing, periodic exercise stress testing.
- Your physical exams are broad and complete with a focus on wellness.
- A personally tailored written report with lab and imaging results and a summation of all recommendations is standard.
- A follow up phone call to personally review your labs allows time to ask questions and fully understand your results.
- Nutritional assessment and fitness counseling to promote good health.
- Same day appointments, as possible.
- Direct availability to Dr. Schuster, 24/7 via cell phone.
- Physician to Physician coordination of specialty referrals.

For those who feel top medical care is a priority for themselves and their families and are worried about the state of medicine in the U.S., a Concierge medical practice is the answer. Although many of Dr. Schuster's existing patients are joining this program, it is also open to you and your family on a first come, first serve basis. Dr. Schuster is inviting prospective patients to schedule a 15-minute consultation to meet him and have the opportunity to ask questions about the program. To schedule your consultation, call 206-215-2288.

## To join, please complete the Membership Form on our website at www.broadwayconciergemedicine.com