

# PHYSICIAN NEWSBRIEFS

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## UPMC Now Offering Video Visits for **30 Services** in the Region



UPMC in the Susquehanna region is offering online video visit services as a more efficient, safer way to provide patients with the care they need while limiting the spread of COVID-19. All you need for an online video visit is an internet connection and a connected device.

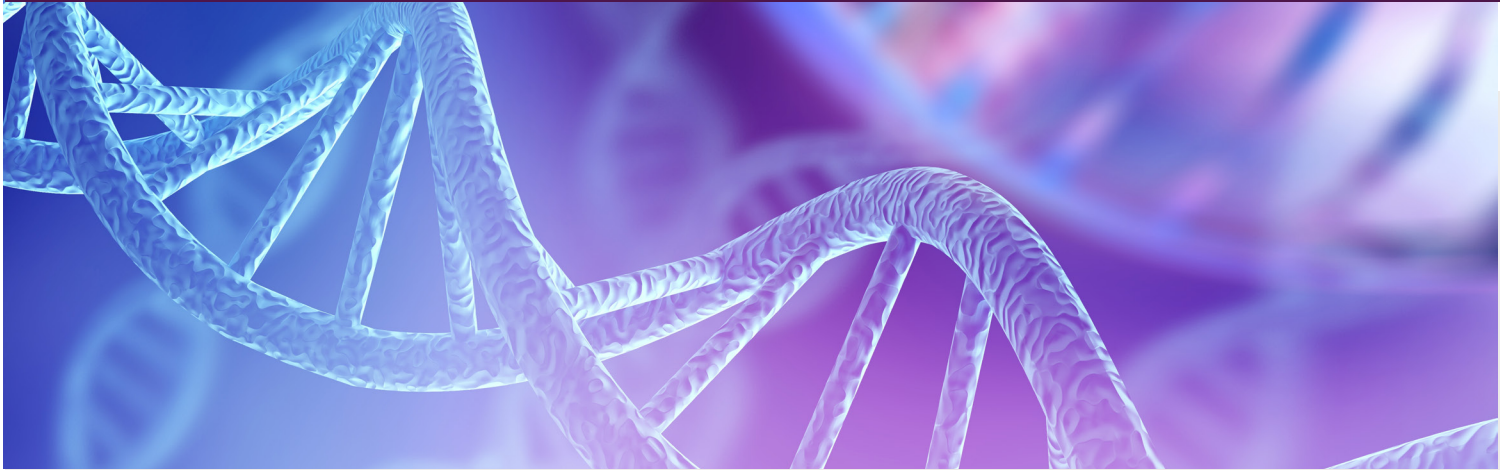
Patients who have previously scheduled visits can contact their provider office to convert their appointment to an online visit. Office staff are ready to schedule new appointments and assist with walking new and established patients through the online visit process. To refer a patient for a video visit, contact the provider office directly and the office staff will arrange a video visit with the patient.

### Services Offering Video Visits

Allergy	Gastrointestinal	Medical Oncology	Primary Care
Behavioral Health	General Surgery	Nephrology	Plastics
Birthing Center	Heart and Vascular	Neurology	Pulmonology
Breast Health	Hillman Cancer Center	Obstetrics	Radial Oncology
Dermatology	Home Health	Occupational Health	Sleep Center
Ear Nose and Throat	ICU	Orthopedics	Wound Center
Endocrinology	Infectious Disease	Pain Management	
Fam. Med. Residency	Foot and Ankle	Palliative Care	

# Cancer Genetics

## Telemedicine Program



Beginning May 5, 2020, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, along with UPMC Magee-Womens Cancer Genetics, will offer a telemedicine program to provide risk assessment, genetic counseling, education, and genetic testing to patients referred for personal and family histories of cancer.

The program connects patients directly to UPMC specialists in Pittsburgh, offering patients unparalleled access to expert specialty care while avoiding long distance travel and related time and expenses. Together, our physician geneticist and telegenetics presenter, a registered nurse, will provide cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling/testing based on personal and family cancer histories. If genetic testing is ordered, your patient may use a UPMC blood draw site.

Appointments are available the first Tuesday of the month at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, 1100 Grampian Blvd. Visits last approximately 30-45 minutes. If genetic testing is ordered, your patient may use a UPMC blood draw site.

#### **Indications for referral include:**

- Individuals with male breast cancer
- Individuals with metastatic prostate cancer
- Individuals with pancreatic cancer
- Individuals with ovarian cancer
- Individuals with a pheochromocytoma or paraganglioma

- Individuals with breast cancer diagnosed at or before age 45 years
- Individuals with colorectal cancer diagnosed at or before age 50
- Individuals with findings in their colorectal or endometrial cancer suggestive of Lynch Syndrome
- Individuals with more than one primary cancer, especially if the first diagnosis occurred before age 50
- Individuals with a personal or family history of breast cancer, who are of Ashkenazi Jewish descent
- Individuals with a family history of male breast cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, or breast cancer diagnosed at or before age 45
- Individuals with two or more close relatives (parent, sibling, child, niece/nephew, grandparent, aunt/uncle) on the same side of the family who have been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer
- Personal and/or family history concerning for a hereditary predisposition
- Individuals from families with a known pathogenic variant (mutation) in a cancer predisposition gene

#### **Costs:**

If testing is deemed appropriate, the average patient out of pocket is \$250 – \$350.

#### **How to schedule a cancer genetics appointment:**

Provider referral and patient self-referral accepted. To make an appointment with one of our genetic providers, call the Cancer Genetics Program at 800-454-8156.

## UPMC Acquires Foot and Ankle Specialty Services in Lewisburg and Berwick

UPMC recently acquired Albright Footcare Centers in Lewisburg and Berwick. Founded in 1965, Albright Footcare Centers is family-operated by father and son physicians, **John Albright, DPM**, and **Thomas Albright, DPM**. The practice will now be known as UPMC Specialty Care, Albright Foot and Ankle.

“Our patients remain our priority, as they have since our practice was founded 55 years ago by my father,” said Dr. Thomas Albright. “We look forward to what the future of our practice looks like as a member of UPMC, a health system and insurer that consistently ranks among the top in the state and nationally. By joining UPMC, we connect our patients to world class experts and resources. This is an enormous benefit to our patients and further strengthens our already outstanding network.”



Dr. John Albright received his medical degree and completed his residency at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, Independence, Ohio. He has more than 50 years of experience as a foot and ankle specialist.



Dr. Thomas Albright received his medical degree from New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, N.Y., and completed his residency at Baltimore Veterans Administration Medical Center, Md. He is board certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery and has 18 years of experience as a foot and ankle specialist.

“Drs. John and Thomas Albright are established leaders in podiatric care in their communities, and we welcome their excellent team to the UPMC family,” said Dr. David Lopatofsky, chief medical officer, UPMC in the Susquehanna region. “Their combined experience, patient-centered care, and compassion add to the exceptional level of care UPMC provides to patients.”

Dr. John Albright will continue to see patients at 103 West 9th St., Berwick, and Dr. Thomas Albright will continue to see patients at 2370 Old Turnpike Road, Suite 4, Lewisburg. Both physicians are accepting new patients.

UPMC Specialty Care, Albright Foot and Ankle accepts most health insurances, including Geisinger Health Plan, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, and UPMC Health Plan. To inquire about the insurances accepted or to schedule an appointment, call 570-522-8637.

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW PROVIDERS



**Elizabeth Belz, PA-C**, Neuroscience and Rehabilitation, joined Dr. Mohamed Osman to provide Pain Management Services within our Pain Management Department located at UPMC Williamsport Divine Providence Campus. She has more than seven years of emergency medicine experience, including four years working as an EMT at UPMC in the Susquehanna region. UPMC Pain Management is located on the second floor of UPMC Williamsport Divine Providence Campus. To schedule an appointment, call the office at 570-326-8457.

**Dr. Bryan Bolinger, DO**, neurosurgeon, joined the



Neuroscience and Rehabilitation team at UPMC Williamsport. Dr. Bolinger received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2007. In 2013, he completed residency in neurological surgery through the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Consortium of Hospitals. Dr. Bolinger completed Fellowship in Complex Spine Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and is board certified in neurosurgery by the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Bolinger sees patients at the Neurosciences Center, third floor, 740 High St., Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-321-2820.

**Martin J Caliendo, MD**, OB/GYN, joined the team at UPMC



Cole. Dr. Caliendo earned his medical degree from the M.D. Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Ill. and earned a master's degree in patient safety from University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Caliendo is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and is a fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FACOG). Dr. Caliendo sees patients at 1001 E 2nd St., Coudersport. To refer a patient, call 814-274-7101.

## Improved Electrophysiology Studies Access

The addition of **S. Sree Kesan, MD**, electrophysiologist, to the heart and vascular team has improved patient access to electrophysiology (EP) studies. EP studies can be used to evaluate symptoms such as dizziness, fainting, weakness, palpitation, and abnormally fast or slow heart rhythms. Dr. Kesan sees patients at 740 High St., Suite 2001, Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-321-2800. Electrophysiology appointments are available within two weeks of calling.

## Specialty Access

Our providers continually strive to improve access to care. Call today for the earliest available appointments for your patients.

### Orthopaedics/Sports Medicine/ Foot & Ankle

570-321-2020

### Pain Management

Williamsport and Bloomsburg:  
570-326-8457  
Lock Haven 570-893-5437

### General Surgery

Williamsport: 570-321-3760  
Lock Haven: 570-769-1300  
Muncy: 570-546-4185  
Wellsboro: 570-723-0716

### Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Williamsport - 570-326-8005

### Cancer Care

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center  
Williamsport: 570-326-8470  
Wellsboro: 570-723-2855

### Cardiology/Electrophysiology

Williamsport: 570-321-2800

### Urology

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Lock Haven: 570-769-1300

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