



**Five Hills
Health Region**

Healthy People – Healthy Communities

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Services Increasing at New Horizons Clinic in Central Butte

Two important changes are coming to the New Horizons Clinic in Central Butte that will make it easier and more timely for area residents to have their healthcare needs addressed.

We would like to thank Jill Bouchard RN (NP) for two years of dedicated service to patients of the clinic and wish her well in her next venture as she moves on. Julie Wolff RN (NP) will join the New Horizons Primary Health Care team in a full time NP position on September 5, 2017. Julie's position is full-time which will mean an overall increase in Nurse Practitioner appointments available for area patients.

In addition, beginning on September 11 Drs. Caruso and Mancini will be trialing an additional clinic twice a month for their Central Butte patients via the use of Telehealth. Telehealth is a secure video-conferencing technology already extensively in use in Central Butte and around the province for a variety of healthcare services. During the trial, certain types of visits such as prescription renewals or routine chronic disease visits may be scheduled via telehealth. Contact the clinic as usual, and they will book you into the most appropriate appointment slot based on your needs and physician direction.

How will the Telehealth appointment work?

Patients with appropriate healthcare needs will be scheduled into these appointment slots. When you arrive at the clinic local EMS staff will complete a pre-visit assessment with you. Drs. Caruso or Mancini will be in their Moose Jaw office and connected to the clinic in Central Butte by secure video-conferencing. The conversation with Dr. Caruso or Mancini about your medical needs will progress as it would in person with both of you able to see each other like you were in the same room. EMS staff will be available for support throughout the visit if needed.

About Telehealth

Telehealth operates from more than 345 sites in 134 communities across Saskatchewan. In the Five Hills Health Region alone from April 1 to July 31 the use of Telehealth has saved over 215,000 km of driving for patients. Some of the areas actively using Telehealth for services in the province include:

- Mental Health
- Genetics
- Oncology
- Surgery
- Nephrology
- Respiriology
- Neurosurgery
- Rehabilitation Services
- Group Patient Education
- Neurology

For appointments call New Horizons Clinic at 306-796-2180.