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Please Welcome New Providers



Kristin Adams, MD, neurologist, recently joined The Neuroscience Center at UPMC Susquehanna Williamsport Regional Medical Center. Dr. Adams received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, Pittsburgh, PA. She completed her neurological residency at University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX and a fellowship in Neuromuscular/EMG studies at the University of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC. Dr. Adams is board-certified with the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology for neurology and by the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine. She sees patients at The Neuroscience Center is located at 740 High Street, Suite 3002, Williamsport. To refer a patient call 570-321-2820.



Umar Tariq, MD, interventional radiologist, has joined the UPMC Susquehanna Heart and Vascular Institute. Dr. Tariq earned his medical degree at the King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, and he completed a residency in diagnostic radiology and a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA. Dr. Tariq completed a research fellowship at Stanford University in cardiac, body, and pediatric imaging. Dr. Tariq sees patients at 740 High Street, Suite 2001, Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-321-2800.

Neurosurgery Outreach Sunbury

Georgios Klironomos, MD, neurosurgeon, is now seeing patients at UPMC Susquehanna Sunbury. Dr. Klironomos specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors, brain aneurysms, traumatic brain injuries, and spinal surgery. He works closely with a multidisciplinary team of clinical professionals, including neurologists, and rehabilitation specialists to ensure patients receive outstanding comprehensive care. To refer a patient, call 570-321-2820.

Advanced Urological Services in Wellsboro

Jeffrey Ranta, MD has recently expanded his offerings to patients by adding the UroLift® procedure as a treatment option for men diagnosed with BPH. This minimally invasive treatment provides the patient with a quicker return to daily activity, symptom relief, and continued preservation of urological health.

The UroLift® system is a revolutionary approach to treating BPH that lifts and holds the enlarged prostate out of the way so that it doesn't block the urethra. This is the only procedure to treat BPH that does not require ongoing medication, or the removal or heating of the prostate tissue.



Enlarged Prostate

An enlarged prostate can narrow or even block the urethra.



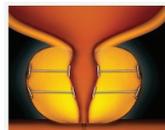
Step 1

The UroLift Delivery Device is placed through the obstructed urethra to access the enlarged prostate.



Step 2

Small UroLift Implants are permanently placed to lift and hold the enlarged prostate tissue out of the way and increase the opening of the urethra.



Step 3

The UroLift Delivery Device is removed, leaving an open urethra designed to provide symptom relief.

With the ability to offer the UroLift® procedure to urology patients in Wellsboro, we continue to prove our dedication to innovative approach, improving quality of life and enhancing patient outcomes.

For more information, or to refer a patient to Dr. Ranta, call 570-724-3636 or visit UPMCSusquehanna.org/Urology.

Clinical Technology Go-Live: What Does This Mean for You?

UPMC Susquehanna's clinical technology will be moving to a new system starting **Friday, Sept. 13**, at 7 p.m., with all new applications going live on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 a.m. New clinical applications include:

- CareNet
- PowerChart Maternity
- Surginet
- FirstNet
- PharmNet
- CareAdmin
- Infusion Interop
- Medipac
- OneContent
- Teletracking
- Clinical Connect (CCHIE)
- Remains Tracker
- RiskMaster

Benefits of the new applications include efficiency in our facilities, better data analytics, collaboration and communication with other UPMC facilities, and an improved system for reporting events.

The technological conversion will implement UPMC corporate standard applications to all UPMC Susquehanna facilities. There is an established group of superusers in the system that have been thoroughly trained on these new applications who are available before, during, and after the go-live; as well as a team from Pittsburgh, who will be available for 10 days during go-live period.

If you have questions regarding the go-live and/or new applications, contact **Kanesh Kumar, MD**, at 570-321-2850 or kumark4@upmc.edu, or **Becky Hess**, director, clinical operations and informatics, at 570-772-7424 or hessbs@upmc.edu with questions and/or concerns.

UPMC Susquehanna Awarded Certification in Stroke Rehabilitation from The Joint Commission

UPMC Susquehanna has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Stroke Rehabilitation Certification by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

"Achieving this certification, in combination with existing certifications from The Joint Commission for Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation, highlights the exceptional quality of comprehensive care and services provided at UPMC Susquehanna," said **Tom Hoy, DPT**, administrative director, Neuroscience and Rehabilitation, UPMC Susquehanna. "The certifications highlight the efforts and commitment of our staff to providing safe, effective, and high-quality care to their friends and neighbors right here in our communities."

The certification recognizes UPMC Susquehanna for providing clinical programs across the continuum of care for stroke. The certification evaluates the use of clinical outcomes and performance measures to identify opportunities to improve care, as well as to educate and prepare patients and their caregivers for discharge.

"Our certifications recognize health care organizations committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend UPMC Susquehanna for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for stroke, brain injury, and spinal cord injury rehabilitation patients."

Manage Your Health Care Anywhere, Any Time

MyUPMC, the digital patient portal for UPMC, is an application that puts access to your health information right in your pocket. The app was created to help you stay more connected to your doctors, more engaged in your healthcare, and make it quick and easy for you to get the care you need.

With MyUPMC you can:

- Communicate with your doctor
- Manage your appointments
- View your medical records, doctor's notes, and lab results
- Find a UPMC provider
- Renew your prescriptions
- Pay your UPMC bill

MyUPMC is available on iOS and Android. The MyUPMC team updates the app frequently with new features to continually enhance your patient experience.

If you have any questions when using MyUPMC, you can call the MyUPMC Support Line at 1-866-884-8579.

PA Patient Test Result Information Act

A new Pennsylvania state law has changed the way UPMC notifies outpatients about their imaging test results.

What Is the Patient Test Result Information Act?

On October 24, 2018, the Pennsylvania Patient Test Result Information Act was signed into law. It requires personal notification to all outpatients when a diagnostic imaging exam finding requires follow up care within three months.

The intent of the law is not just to ensure patients have access to their results, but to specifically notify them if there is something in the results that requires follow-up.

Key components of the law include:

- Notification should be provided within 20 days of test results being available.
- Patients should be notified per their personal preference (electronically, paper letter, etc.)
- Patients are required to sign an acknowledgment form if/when they receive results that require follow-up during a point-of-service diagnostic imaging exam.

UPMC has a short window to comply with this new law. UPMC Imaging Services, as well as other service lines who provide diagnostic imaging services, are working to streamline a process to make notification as easy as possible for you and your patients.

What Tests Are In and Out of Scope?

The new law applies to any outpatient studies with a finding that requires follow up or a clinical evaluation within three months.

Studies performed on inpatients, observation patients, and emergency department patients are not impacted by the new law.

In-Scope Tests

- CT
- MRI
- PET/CT
- Nuclear Medicine (NM)
- Ultrasound (US)
- Echocardiography
- Nuclear Cardiology
- Cardiac MR
- Outpatient obstetrics and gynecology studies

Out-of-Scope Tests

- Diagnostic imaging and general X-ray
 - All plain films
 - DEXA
 - Mammography
 - Fluoroscopy
 - Treadmill stress tests without imaging
 - EKG
 - Holter and event monitors
 - Studies related to clinical research
 - Inpatient obstetric and gynecological exams
 - Outpatient obstetric and gynecological exams without an abnormal finding
- * Based on current interpretation of the law and may evolve as additional clarity is provided by the Commonwealth.

How Will Patients Be Notified?

The following process will be used to notify patients scheduled for imaging tests late June and beyond.

In Radiology, once the interpreting physician determines a patient should be notified about their future care, he/she will utilize a standard macro in their report. The impression of the report will include the language: "A notice complying with PA law that an imaging finding is present on this exam which may require timely follow up will be sent to the patient."

Each week, a list of all impacted patients will be pulled and a letter will be sent to those patients' homes.

Letters will inform patients that further discussion of their test results are warranted and recommend that they contact the physician to discuss their results as soon as possible. The letter will also encourage patients to use My UPMC to view test results.

If/when a patient receives results that require follow-up during a point-of-service diagnostic imaging exam, they will be notified in person at the completion of the test and will be required to sign an acknowledgment.

UPMC Susquehanna Pulmonary Rehab Receives Recertification

The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) recently re-certified UPMC Susquehanna's Pulmonary Rehabilitation program. The program has been certified for the past six years and is one of the only certified programs in the region.

"This certification is recognition of UPMC Susquehanna's commitment to improving the quality of life of patients by enhancing standards of care right here in our communities," said **Tom Miller**, director of Respiratory Services at UPMC Susquehanna. "It is a result of the efforts and commitment of our staff to being leaders in health care and providing safe, effective, and high-quality care."

Cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular problems (e.g., heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery) and pulmonary problems (e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], respiratory symptoms) recover faster and live healthier. Both programs include exercise, education, counseling, and support for patients and their families.

To earn accreditation, UPMC Susquehanna participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of the program's practices. AACVPR Program Certification is the only peer-review accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other related professional societies. Each program's application is reviewed by the AACVPR Program Certification Committee, and certification is awarded by the AACVPR Board of Directors. AACVPR Program Certification is valid for three years.

Specialty Access

Our providers in neurology, pain management, orthopaedics, behavioral health, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and general surgery help us continue our proactive approach to improved access to care. Call today for the earliest available appointments for your patients.

Orthopaedics 570-321-2020

The Neuroscience Center

570-321-2820
Williamsport
Bloomsburg
Lock Haven
Lewisburg
Sunbury

Pain Management

Williamsport 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
Sunbury - 570-286-3584

Behavioral Health

Lock Haven - 570-320-7525

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Williamsport - 570-326-8005

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