



Welcome to our practice! We are genuinely pleased that you have chosen us for your medical health care.

Prior to your first visit, we need to verify your insurance to ensure that you can use your insurance benefits to the maximum allowed. If we do not have that information prior to your first visit, then you will be responsible for the charges incurred for that visit. You are responsible for your co-pay, which we will collect prior to the visit, and any deductible amounts or charges that your insurance company deems necessary.

Enclosed you will find our new patient information forms. Please fill this out and bring with you to your first appointment along with a list of any medications that you take plus data from previous doctors, which may include recent lab reports, x-rays and office notes.

Referrals, if applicable, which can be obtained from your primary care physician, are your responsibility and we ask that they be faxed or mailed to our office prior to your appointment. If we do not have the proper referral in place prior to your visit, you will be responsible for the charges incurred.

RDC provides the following services:

- Primary Care: We conduct in-office procedures, such as ECG (electrocardiography), spirometry (common pulmonary function test), laboratory testing, including rapid strep, and others. Urgent care visits can usually be accommodated on the same day.
- Our staff is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for patients with arthritis and autoimmune disease. We strive to provide compassionate care in various areas of rheumatology:
 - Lupus Gout Osteoarthritis Sjogren's disease
 - Polymyalgia Rheumatica Fibromyalgia Scleroderma

We ask that you make every effort to keep your appointment. If you need to reschedule your appointment, please call at least 24 hours prior to your visit.

We want to thank all of our patients for choosing the Rheumatic Disease Clinic. We look forward to serving your needs now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Rheumatic Disease Clinic

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