

# **Barre Family Health Center Fact Sheet**

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Barre Family Health Center was originally founded in 1973 with a mission to better meet the needs of the underserved population of Barre and nine surrounding communities, and to provide a site for Family Medicine training for the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The original health center was located in the center of town on the Harding Allen Estate in what was once a carriage house, but had outgrown the space by 1980. In 1984 the center moved to a “new” building in the current site which was expanded in 1996. Having outgrown that 8,000 sq. ft. facility almost before it was completed, our current Health Center was built with the help of federal, community and medical center support and opened in July of 2007

## **PERSONNEL:**

- 9 Faculty family physicians
- 3 Behavioral Science Faculty Members
- 2 Physician Assistants
- 2 Nurse Practitioner
- 12 residents (4-4-4)
- 5 RNs
- 3 LPNs
- 4 MAs
- 11 administrative/secretarial staff
- 6 lab and radiology staff
- Medical students: third-year, fourth-year, and preclinical students, as well as PA and NP students

## **SPECIALISTS:**

- \* Alan Brown, PhD - psychologist
- \* Paula Angelini - podiatry
- \* Benjamin Prentiss, MD, Craig Napolitano, MD – cardiology - consults
- \* Raymond Dunn, MD - Plastics
- \* Matthew Deren, MD – Ortho

## **PATIENT POPULATION:**

We see 40,000 patient visits per year (Resident patients comprise >11,000)

Insurance breakdown includes: Private, Medicare, MassHealth (Medicaid), free care pool, and uninsured.

Special populations include: Stetson School, Insight Meditation Society, Devereaux School, St. Joseph’s Abbey, Sisters of Assumption priory, ST. Scholastica’s Priory, Holden Nursing Home, multiple group homes and State Police Academy.

## **ANCILLARY SERVICES**

- In-house radiology and lab services, digital mammography bone densitometry, retinal scanner
- Linked to the hospital with EMR
- Computerized patient management systems
- Participation in the Reach Out and Read program (free books for children at well visits)

- Access to free medications for patients in need
- Prescription vouchers available for Free Care patients
- Suboxone Program Providers and OBOT Program
- WIC Program
- Nutritionist services at the Health Center Monthly
- Financial services representative at the Health Center to help patients weekly
- Girl Talk
- Teen Clinic
- Echo and Help C Clinics

### **PROCEDURES:**

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| - Thin Prep Pap   | - IUD insertion     | - Punch Biopsy      | - Joint Injections         |
| - Colposcopy      | - Casting/splinting | - Cryosurgery       | - Osteopathic Manipulation |
| - Toenail Removal | - ETT's             | - NST's             | -                          |
| - Endometrial Bx  | - Skin Excision     | - Laceration Repair |                            |

### **OBSTETRICS:**

Forty percent of graduates practice obstetrics  
 Among our faculty, 7 of 10 practice obstetrics

### **OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS:**

- Take on the full PCP role: coordinate tests and consultations, approve med refills, return phone calls to answer questions, advocate for insurance coverage or disability, etc
- Longitudinal care of nursing home and home-bound patients
- Daily "Chart Rounds"
- Family Medicine Grand Rounds Tuesday, noon conferences Monday and Wednesday
- Faculty and peer feedback on patient encounters (videotaping, direct observation by behavioral science team)
- Faculty Advisor System
- Dual interviews of patients with behavioral science faculty
- Team precepting, live precepting of afternoon clinic by physician and behavioral scientist
- Monthly resident-faculty meeting (led by residents) and full staff meeting

### **TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS:**

- Third and fourth year medical students on primary care and elective rotations
- Pre-clinical medical students through the UMass Longitudinal Preceptor Program
- Other BFHC residents at chart rounds and through "curbsides" – especially helpful for forms and other office issues, as well as moral support.
- Conference presentation
- Community education