



East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates

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Statesboro Family Practice Joins East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates

STATESBORO, GA – A practice whose providers are known for a 42-year tradition of providing community-focused family medicine services to Statesboro and Bulloch County residents is now part of East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates.

Statesboro Family Practice's affiliation with East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates gives their patients enhanced access to a full spectrum of care close to home. Statesboro Family Practice will continue to provide the compassionate primary care its patients have come to expect, including same day/next day appointments.

The organizations reached an agreement earlier this summer for the medical practice to become part of East Georgia Medical & Surgical's growing community-based network. The agreement takes effect October 1st, meaning all of the practice's employees, which include four physicians and three family nurse practitioners, are now East Ga. HMA Physician Management, LLC employees.

Dr. Randy Smith, one of the original physician partners in this long-standing family practice clinic, stated, "Through this relationship, we will be able to obtain new technologies, including a new and more efficient computer system; and with the support of the hospital will be able to attract new physicians and add more nurse practitioners to our practice so that we can better serve the needs of our patients in a timely manner."

"Relief from time-consuming business aspects of the medical practice allows my physician partners and me to focus more of our time on direct patient care," added Dr. Smith. "We look forward to being part of East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates so that we may continue offering the high quality and compassionate care to our patients for which Statesboro Family Practice has become known."

Statesboro Family Practice is a primary care clinic located at 658 Northside Drive East, Suite A, in Statesboro. The medical practice includes seven health care providers:

Dr. Randy Smith

Dr. Kevin Purvis
Dr. Carla Branch
Dr. Scott Mikell
Karen Deal, FNP
Patty Law, FNP
Shelly Phillips, FNP

East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates is a medical group in Statesboro composed of: East Georgia Primary Care, Statesboro Internal Medicine, East Georgia Pulmonology & Sleep Disorder Medicine, Cedar Surgical Associates, East Georgia Gastroenterology, Gastroenterology Institute, and now Statesboro Family Practice. The medical group features a team of providers that include experienced and board-certified primary care and specialty physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. All seven conveniently located medical offices throughout Statesboro are backed by the many resources of East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

Statesboro Family Practice providers have been trusted health care partners in this community since 1977. The practice provides comprehensive care to people in all stages of life, from infants to the elderly.

“The addition of Statesboro Family Practice offers our patients a widespread and diverse network of providers and a better continuity of care across the healthcare delivery spectrum,” stated Stephen Pennington, CEO of East Georgia Regional Medical Center. “The providers at Statesboro Family Practice are some of the most trusted and experienced family practice providers in our area, and we are pleased to have them join us. We hope to continue bringing enhanced family practice and specialty coverage to this community, in order to better serve the needs of our patients.”

“We want patients to know that they will have continued access to care and services throughout this transition,” stated Allison Clark, Practice Administrator of East Georgia Medical & Surgical Associates. “All provider office locations and phone numbers will remain the same. In addition, patients will continue to be seen by the same providers and associates who are committed to providing safe, high-quality and compassionate care.”

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