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Dear Valued Patient,

After more than 40 years in the community, the Western Slope Cardiology team has decided that it is in the best interest of the practice and the larger Western Slope community to transition our existing practice operations to SCL Health Medical Group as of August 31, 2021.

As of September 1, 2021, Western Slope Cardiology patients will be able to continue their care with SCL Health Medical Group or they may transfer their care to another provider of their choice. SCL Health Medical Group has a cardiology practice and a heart and vascular institute in Grand Junction that provides the full spectrum of high quality cardiovascular care.

SCL Health Medical Group and St. Mary's Medical Center are part of SCL Health, a nationally recognized, statewide faith-based health system with hospitals and hundreds of primary and specialty care providers committed to patient-focused care. SCL Health provides patients with services that make accessing care easier such as an electronic health record system that is integrated between their clinics and hospitals. Most importantly, you will still receive the same level of personalized care you have come to expect when visiting our clinic. If you would like to establish care with SCL Health Medical Group - Cardiology, please call 970-298-3050.

We recognize that this is a big change. However, we are working to minimize the disruption to our patients. We have created the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document that provides more details about this change. If you prefer to transfer your care to a provider outside of SCL Health, please contact our clinic at 970-244-2482 for assistance releasing your health record.

It has been both a privilege and pleasure to be trusted with your health needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Yours in good health,

Milly Pacini, JD-MBA
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where will I access cardiology care after the month of August?

As of September 1, 2021, Western Slope Cardiology patients will be able to continue their care with SCL Health Medical Group or they may transfer their care to another provider of their choice.

SCL Health Medical Group will acquire the Western Slope Cardiology physical space at 360 West Park Drive in Grand Junction and is planning to relocate all SCL Health cardiovascular services to this location in late 2021. However, between September 1, 2021 and late 2021, patients will access cardiology providers and care on the St. Mary's Medical Center campus at 2643 Patterson Rd Suite 605, Grand Junction. Approximately one mile from the Western Slope Cardiology office. SCL Health Medical Group will provide more information about their relocation at a later date.

What should I do if I don't want to wait until August 31, 2021 to transfer my care to an SCL Health Medical Group provider?

We understand this is a very tight frame. If you are ready to establish care with SCL Health Medical Group - Cardiology, please call 970-298-3050 at your convenience.

Can I still see my same provider?

Some Western Slope Cardiology physicians are leaving the market, while some are still exploring opportunities. As of the date of this letter, this is what we know about our providers' future plans:

- Dr. Moore will be joining SCL Health Medical Group - Cardiology.
- Dr. Pacini has accepted an opportunity outside the Grand Junction area.
- Dr. Araneda is exploring opportunities.
- Dr. Orellana will be joining Grand Valley Cardiology.
- Dr. McGuinn is exploring opportunities.
- Dr. Brunson has accepted an opportunity outside the Grand Junction area.

I have a pacemaker or other implantable cardiac device. Who will receive and review my remote monitoring reports?

Regardless of who you choose to continue your care with, you will need to sign a release form in order to transfer the remote monitoring of your device by August 31, 2021. A follow up letter will arrive shortly and will include a release form for the monitoring of your device. We will also have these forms at the clinic if you would like to come into our office. We know this is a tight timeframe so please do not hesitate to call us with any questions at 970-244-2482.

I need a refill on my prescription written by a Western Slope Cardiology physician. How do I request that?

You may call Western Slope Cardiology directly at 970-244-2482 with any prescription requests through August 31, 2021. After September 1, you have the option to continue your care with SCL Health Medical Group or you may transfer your care to another provider of your choice. If you choose to establish with SCL Health Medical Group - Cardiology, please call 970-298-3050 to discuss managing your care, including prescriptions.

How can I access or request my medical records from Western Slope Cardiology?

Prior to September 1, you may call Western Slope Cardiology directly at 970-244-2482 to request your medical records. As of September 1, 2021, Western Slope Cardiology's patient records will be transferred to SCL Health. After September 1, you may call SCL Health's Centralized Release of Information at 303-467-4046 for assistance releasing your health records.

Will I still have access to the same healthcare services at SCL Health?

Absolutely. SCL Health Medical Group's cardiology practice and heart and vascular institute in Grand Junction provides the full spectrum of high quality cardiovascular care. In addition, SCL Health offers access to primary care and many other specialty care services and providers.

Can I still communicate with the clinic through the patient portal for appointments and other questions?

Western Slope Cardiology's patient portal will remain active until August 31, 2021. As of September 1, 2021, the portal will be closed and future cardiology care will need to be established with a new provider of your choice. SCL Health uses the MyChart patient portal.

Will my insurance continue to cover healthcare services provided by SCL Health?

SCL Health works with most major insurance carriers. However, it is recommended you reach out to your insurance carrier to discuss your specific coverage and options.

Will there be a change in how I receive bills for services?

For any services accessed prior to September 1, 2021, you will receive a bill from Western Slope Cardiology. Starting September 1, you will receive a bill from SCL Health for services accessed from SCL Health Medical Group - Cardiology.