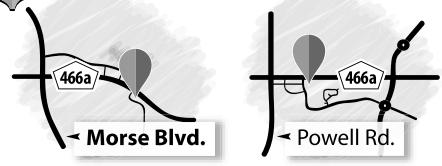


THE VILLAGES HEALTH



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Pinellas Care Center
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Bellevue Care Center
5051 SE 110th St., 674-1730

Santa Barbara Care Center
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Lake Sumter Creekside Care Center
1050 Old Camp Road, Building 100, 674-1760



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MEET A DOCTOR

Dr. Frank Melidona is a primary care physician at the Santa Barbara Care Center. He received his medical degree at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine after earning his undergraduate degree at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Melidona completed his residency training at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital in Ohio and is certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Family Practitioners.



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Why did you decide to become a doctor?

I became a doctor because I wanted to help people. I'm interested in their well-being, and this was a way to do that.

2

What is your favorite thing about being a doctor?

Talking to the patient, getting to know them personally and forming a relationship with them.

3

What is your philosophy of health care?

My philosophy is similar to what they have here at The Villages Health. We're a patient partner. What enticed me to come here was the fact that they want you to spend time with the patient, and they protect that time interval. They also respect your time. Where I came from, I was working 70 hours a week. Here, they don't want you to do that. They don't want you to get burned out.

4

Are your patients happy with this kind of health care system?

Yes. When I've gotten feedback from them, they're very happy with the fact that we're centered on patient care. The patient is the center of our focus and not anything else. So they're really enjoying that role because they probably didn't get it from where they came.

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How will you feel if you are on the ground floor of a health care initiative that is used in other communities?

Good. I'm honored to participate in that kind of a model where you're being looked at by others, as a model for others. It's an honor and a privilege.

MEDICAL CAMPUS

Specialty Care Center
1400 N. U.S. Highway 27/441, Building 810, 674-8731

The Villages Regional Hospital
1451 El Camino Real, 751-8000
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ASK A DOCTOR

How do you feel about having primary care and specialty care under the same Villages Health umbrella?

Answer Provided by DR. J. STEPHEN LONG
Colony Care Center



We have some very nice specialists who are working with us. They are very capable. What's especially nice is having them on our same electronic medical record, because we can actually see their notes. We can see what their thoughts are. They can see why we sent a patient to them. Also, patients don't have to repeat their entire history. It's all in the electronic record.

What is the importance of having audiology and primary care together?

Answer Provided by DR. AYA OLEJEME
Bellevue Care Center



I think it's important in regards to facilitating the best care possible, especially in regards to possible hearing loss or hearing trouble. A symptom that we see in a lot of our patients is vertigo. So many times we have the audiologist come into our visit and do some studies on the spot. That has been absolutely incredible to have.

Do you think the initiative here can change health care across America?

Answer Provided by DR. PAUL DALUGA
Mulberry Grove Care Center



Yes. This right here is health care reform. This is where it's at. This is what it's all about. People can complain about Obamacare and they can complain about Medicare, complain about their insurance companies and stuff, but the concept of the patient-centered medical home and providing good care with a team approach is what it's all about.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. David Kelley, a primary care physician at the Pinellas Care Center, is a fan of the 1992 movie "The Last of the Mohicans," starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe and Russell Means.



Karen Doyle serves as a physician assistant at the Creekside Care Center, working alongside Dr. Robert Reilly, the facility's medical director. Doyle says one of the main reasons she wanted to be a primary care physician assistant was because as a paramedic, she never knew the outcome for the patients she treated.

Journey to Become PA Started in an Ambulance

Doyle once served as volunteer paramedic in Pennsylvania.

By LARRY D. CROOM
Daily Sun Ombudsman



THE VILLAGES
Karen Doyle's 15-year journey to become a paramedic started with an EMT class driven by a family emergency.

"I got into that because my father had a heart attack at age 40," said Doyle, a physician assistant who practices at the Creekside Care Center. "I thought maybe I needed to learn some CPR. So that's what got me into it."

Doyle, who later served as a volunteer paramedic in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, said she was hooked shortly after she arrived at the ambulance squad for her CPR class.

"The tones went off and people all scurried around," she said. "I thought, 'I think I want to do that, too.' So little by little, as I've advanced, the next level was always appealing to me."

Doyle said there are many calls that stick out in her mind, including a heart-breaking loss at a wedding.

"We got called for a woman down at a country club," she said. "There's a wedding reception going on, and it's the groom's mother."

Doyle said that as she did her job, the enormity of the situation hit her.

"I'm the paramedic, the person in charge, but I'm also a human being," she said. "And here's somebody's mother," she added, her voice trembling and trailing off softly.

Doyle said the woman was wearing a special dress for the wedding, so she did everything she could do to preserve the garment.

"I carefully cut her dress, up the side seam," she said. "Fortunately I did, because she didn't make it and they did bury her in that dress."

Doyle said another call that she'll never forget involved a man who was visiting from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and insisted he was fine after feeling faint.

"We're on our way to the hospital and he's on a monitor and he's talking," she said. "I'm watching the monitor and I just watch everything go down. And before I could get the words out of my mouth, he went down, too."

"He ended up ultimately getting a pacemaker and that fixed him, but he went right down to nothing."

KAREN DOYLE

Physician assistant at Creekside Care Center, on how her experience as a volunteer paramedic helped her with her PA courses and training.

COMING APRIL 26

Dr. Christine Stopryra becomes medical director of Mulberry Grove Care Center.

Doyle said that her paramedic training was a big help as she progressed through her physician assistant courses and training.

"I had a lot of practical knowledge that many of the other students didn't have," she said. "I was the one that was teaching the med students how to put in IVs and things like that."

Doyle said that many paramedics – her included – find it frustrating to treat patients and never know the final outcome after they are dropped off at the hospital. She said that's one of the main reasons she wanted to be a primary care provider instead of an emergency room physician assistant.

"That was just kind of like a glorified paramedic, where you just see them and you send them home. You never see them again," she said. "I like to see them again."

Dr. Robert Reilly, medical director at the Creekside Care Center, said Doyle's skills from her paramedic days are invaluable.

"I saw a patient recently who calls Karen 'the saving angel' because she picked up a potentially life-threatening cardiac condition when examining the patient a few months ago," Reilly said. "Her abilities to critically appraise a patient's condition make Karen a terrifically successful PA. Patients adore her, and I could not imagine being able to provide the high level of care we do at Creekside without her."