

SSTAR

Family HealthCare Center

Specializing In Your Family's Health

The goal of the Family HealthCare Center is to provide a full range of primary and preventative health services.

We are committed to providing quality and comprehensive medical services to ensure the best possible health for you and your family. Quality time is devoted to each patient, with listening skills, mutual respect and the pursuit of excellence.

The family practice physicians at SSTAR offer one-stop care for your entire family.

Services are provided regardless of an ability to pay.

Bi-lingual service are available.

After Hours Care

Please call 508-675-1054 to reach the physician on call, available 24 hours a day, through the answering service at Charlton Memorial Hospital.



Andrew Putney, M.D.
Medical Director

A physician with many years of experience in both private practice and within Community Health Centers, Dr. Putney is fully devoted to Public Health. He has clinical expertise in numerous areas including primary care, obstetrics and pediatrics. Dr. Putney received his medical degree from UMASS Medical School, and is board certified in Family Practice.



Holly Alexandre, M.D.

Dr. Alexandre is certified by the American Board of Family Practice since 2004. She received her medical degree from Tufts University in Boston. While Dr. Alexandre enjoys the full scope of family medicine, she has a special interest in geriatrics. In her free time she enjoys being a wife and mother to her three children, as well as participating in triathlons.



Pilar Alonso, M.D.

Dr. Alonso, a native of the Philippines, has been practicing at SSTAR since 2000, where she served as Medical Director of various departments within the agency. Dr. Alonso is board certified in Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine. She completed her fellowship at Brown University and residency at St. Agnes Hospital. **Dr. Alonso is bi-lingual and fluent in Tagalog/Filipino.**



Saarah Arshad, M.D.

Born and raised in Pakistan, Dr. Arshad received her medical degree from Allama Iqbal Medical College. She then completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Methodist Hospital in New York, and a fellowship in Infectious Disease at Baystate Medical Center. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Dr. Arshad currently resides in Boston with her husband and daughter. **Dr. Arshad is bi-lingual and fluent in Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi.**



DJ Basu, M.D.

Dr. Basu joined the staff at SSTAR in 2008, following his residency at the Jacobi Medical Center in New York. Dr. Basu's practice provides continuing and comprehensive health care for families and individuals above the age of 14. As an internist, Dr. Basu has specialized training in solving puzzling diagnostic problems, as well as providing effective treatment of common problems. **Dr. Basu is bi-lingual and fluent in Hindi, Urdu and Bengali.**



Katherine Holmes, M.D.

Dr. Holmes enjoys practicing in all aspects of family medicine with particular interest in women's healthcare. After completing medical school at UMASS Medical School, she served her residency at Memorial Hospital of RI. Dr. Holmes teaches family medicine at Brown University. She is board certified in Family Practice. **Dr. Holmes is bi-lingual and fluent in Spanish.**



Catherine Schomer, M.D.

Dr. Schomer is a Board Certified Pediatrician, skilled in all aspects of general pediatric care. She received her medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, IL. Three days per week, Dr. Schomer works at SSTAR's satellite office located within Saint Vincent's Home, where she treats patients ranging in age from 4 - 21 years old. In her personal time, she enjoys photography.



Karen Tashima, M.D.

Named one of the nation's top 10 for AIDS/HIV care by TheBody.com, a web-site dedicated to providing resources for those with the virus Dr. Tashima specializes in Infectious Diseases. She earned her medical degree at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. Dr. Tashima has been practicing at Miriam Hospital and SSTAR for over 14 years, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. **Dr. Tashima is bi-lingual and fluent in Spanish.**

As part of our team, SSTAR is proud to share a few members of our staff with you.



Jane Alpert, F.N.P.



Betty Armbrrecht, F.N.P.



Katie Raju, F.N.P.

FAMILY HEALTHCARE CENTER HISTORY

The need to establish a community health center at SSTAR became evident in the mid 1990s. People within the community with diagnoses of substance abuse, mental health issues and HIV/AIDS were experiencing difficulty accessing primary health care. SSTAR recognized the need and expanded services to the community by creating a health center for individuals and families in need of outpatient primary medical care.

Over the years we have moved toward a family medicine model, serving all people from infancy through adulthood. Most of our patients have encountered obstacles to care or personal situations that have required supportive services. A typical patient could be a well-child for routine care, a young adult male seeking medical interventions for substance abuse, an adolescent with confidential issues, a single mom or a middle-age adult requesting primary health care.

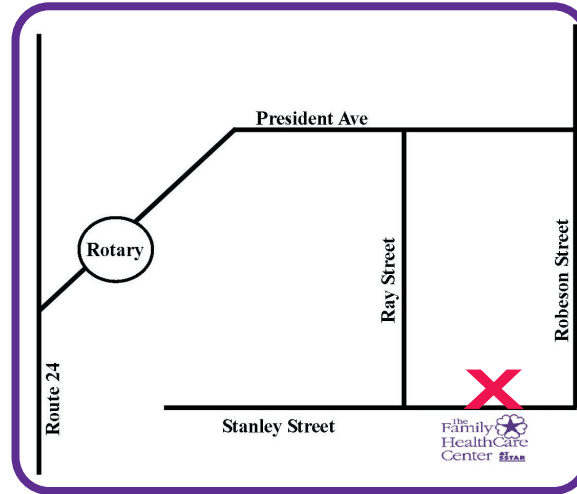


SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Family Medicine
- HIV/Hepatitis C Primary Care Clinic
- HIV Enhanced Medical Management Services
- On site Phlebotomy
- Health Access: Referral service for the uninsured
- Nutrition Services
- STI (sexually transmitted infections) Clinic
- Opioid (Buprenorphine) Program
- Diabetes Case Management Program
- Asthma Case Management Program
- Interpreter Services
- Smoking Cessation
- Primary Care to residents of St. Vincent's Home



is easy to find:



Parking at our office is free and readily available.
Handicap parking places are available.



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Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm