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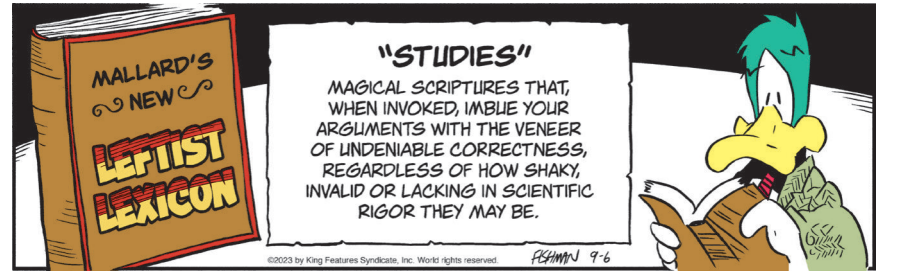
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A VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES HEALTH

**The Villages Health offers expert primary and specialty care services whether you are feeling well or if you need preventative care. When you are not feeling your best, you need the right care at the right time — close to home.**



**Courtney Orrange**

COMMENTARY

Our unique health care model is designed around teamwork, and we are dedicated to your good health. Our care teams consist of a board-certified primary care physician supported by Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) such as a dedicated nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA). These highly trained professionals have the knowledge and compassion to help guide you through your health care journey.

Your care team is on a mission to keep you healthy and heal you quickly — whether you are sick, injured, have chronic health concerns, need

to connect with a specialist or need recommendations for screenings and other preventive tests. We place patients at the heart of their health care experience by embracing a team-based approach. This innovative approach involves a close collaboration among physicians, advanced practice providers and specialists, all working together to provide personalized and comprehensive care.

Through this patient-centered model, The Villages Health acknowledges that every individual is unique and requires tailored attention. By bringing together a diverse team of health care professionals, they ensure that patients receive well-rounded care.

The seamless coordination among the care team leads to more efficient processes, individualized treatment plans and improved patient outcomes. This team-based approach empowers patients to actively engage in their health care decisions, creating a partnership between them and their health care providers.

The Villages Health's

dedication to patient-centered care through team-based health services translates into a more holistic and complete healthcare experience. By working collaboratively, the health care team ensures that each patient's unique needs are met, fostering a healthier and a richer life experience.

Why is your primary health care team important to your TVH experience?

Health care can be complicated. The addition of advanced practice providers enhances the services you receive. Your care team can be compared to a sports team. Your primary care doctor acts as "the coach," leading the team, while your nurse practitioner, physician assistant, and others serve as "the players" — all working together with a common goal to provide you the best care possible.

The inclusion of advanced practice providers allows your primary care physician the flexibility to ensure that they are available with open appointments when you need them most. Your NP and PA are in contact with your physician to discuss your care before, during, and after each appointment as

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needed. This effective communication allows your doctor to focus on the most important aspects of your care, making key decisions about your treatment.

Our team-based approach is crucial to the high-quality health care we provide by giving you the bonus of having other trusted people ready to address your concerns. They can help answer your questions, assist with prescription refills, relay your concerns, and assist with your requests.

They gather information and data for your physician — all to improve the efficiency and timeliness of responding to your important needs.

For most appointments outside your new patient and annual visits, your physician's advanced practice provider team will extend the care services of the doctor. In most cases, you will see the APP routinely for follow up and same day visits. Our medical professionals collaborate at every stage of your care, working to keep you healthy and help you recover quickly on your health care journey.

At The Villages Health, we believe in the power of collaboration. By having multiple health care professionals involved, we work to ensure you get the best care possible.

If you are not already enjoying the benefits of being a patient of The Villages Health or have additional questions, please visit us at [TheVillagesHealth.com](http://TheVillagesHealth.com) or call 352-604-5868.

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