*Grand Opening*

*Preventive Healthcare*

**Wellness First Medical Clinic**

Dr. Rajendrakumar Patel

Dr. George Patterson

**New patients welcome**

**Most insurances covered**

*Due to the virus, the office was closed for several months. Please call and schedule annual physicals, routine follow-up visits and Medicare Wellness Program questionnaires. Please call for an appointment.*

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This message is being sent out to all patients of Dr. George Patterson:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your primary care physician over the last 4 decades. It has been my honor and privilege to have served you and your families. It has allowed me to grow with this practice and with your families through both happy and sad moments. I am privileged to announce that my practice will be merging with Dr. Rajendrakumar Patel and his group, Wellness First Medical Center. Effective September 1st, it will become a new practice with Dr. Patel seeing patients at this site. His specialty is internal medicine. The new age group of this practice will be 16–seniors. We are encouraging all patients to come to the office for their annual physicals within the next 2 months. I will stay on the team for the transition period of 3–6 months. This merger will also allow us to cover more insurance companies and will add additional services. Attached in this letter is a copy of his biography.

Due to the coronavirus, offices were closed from mid-March through May, which prevented regular follow up visits and annual physical exams. We have resumed office hours since June that have included telephone visits. We encourage all of you to call in for appointments to resume your regularly scheduled visits as well as annual physical exams. Those 65+ should do the Medicare Wellness questionnaire with us. I am encouraging all of you to get your flu shots as well as to be tested for COVID-19. Pneumonia shots should be given at least every 2 years. All annual physicals should include EKGs, lab work, and mammography for women (appropriate age group). Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Dr. Rajendrakumar (Raj) Patel has practiced medicine since 2012. With over seven years in practice, Dr. Raj Patel is honored to serve the medical needs of Somerset/Franklin township with a focus on primary care. His medical experience includes duties as primary care physician, hospitalist and teacher. He went to medical school at Baroda Medical College in India. After graduating from Mercer University School of Medicine in Georgia, Dr. Patel started practicing as an academic hospitalist where he worked with medical students and residents at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta, GA. He held the title of Assistant professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Patel graduated at the top of his class in medical school. He received several awards during his residency training including, “Resident of the year by faculty,” “Resident of the year by Clinical staff,” “Physician of physicians,” “Resident of the year by medical students,” “Best Teacher,” and “Best Intern.” He also received “Academic Excellence Award” for obtaining the highest grade in the in-service exam during his third year of resident training. He is also a fellow of American College of Physicians. He has a special interest in teaching residents and medical students. He has published several papers and had done posters as well as oral presentations at regional and national meetings.

He relocated to New Jersey given his family ties. He sees patients at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset as well as in the office and various rehabilitation facilities. He is also involved in teaching residents and students at RWJ University Hospital Somerset Hospital. His certifications include American Board of Internal Medicine, ACLS and BLS. During his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and outdoor activities, travelling in his spare time and spending time with his wife and two children at home.