



Dr. Oleg Klipitch frequently attends Anthony Robbins's seminars, as well as reads his books and listens to his tapes. Dr. Klipitch attributes much of his success to Anthony Robbins's teaching.

improves skin texture and thickness. Selphyl can help with tired eyes, dark circles, loose skin, acne scars and aged hands for younger and brighter looking skin with no known side effects to date.

Along with the four family doctors and Botox clinic, the practice has grown to include an internal medicine specialist, allergist, immunologist, pediatrician, psychologist, weekly cardiology clinic and even a visiting neurologist. Pharmacy as a part of the clinic adds significant convenience for the patients.

"Our lives are so busy, and we're juggling multiple things, so our patients like to use their time efficiently," says Dr. Klipitch. There's no denying the convenience of having a team of specialists on hand for consultations, assessments and even same-day referrals.

Dr. Klipitch and his entire team are so concerned with patient well-being they have collaborated on adding more than 15 pages of most up to date information for the patients to the website www.drok.ca.

Perhaps the most convenient aspect of the practice is the after-hours clinic on evenings and Saturdays. As a Family Health Organization (FHO), Dr. O.K. has doctors working evenings three days a week, and Saturdays, so patients working during the day will have easy access to address their health care needs.

Dr. Klipitch advises patients that it has been proven that visiting a walk-in clinic gives patients an inferior level of care and inferior service compared to visiting their physicians at an FHO.

Walk-in clinics don't have access to a patient's

medical history, meaning they diagnose a "quick fix" for your current ailments, rather than a long-term solution that takes your whole health into consideration, he says. Nor do they share records from a patient's visit with the family doctor, meaning neither physician will have the complete picture of a patient's health.

As an FHO, the doctors at Dr. O.K. Medical Center are paid by the government for a basket of services for each of their rostered patients. When visiting a walk-in clinic or "outside service" for a test, prescription or check-up, it's like the government paid twice for that service, wasting limited OHIP funds.

The extra hours the doctors are putting in also help alleviate some of the pressure on emergency rooms. "Fridays and Saturdays are the most intense days for the emergency rooms," says Dr. Klipitch. Patients who feel unwell, have a fever or high blood pressure might spend up to eight hours in an ER waiting room before even seeing a doctor. Visiting an FHO, like Dr. O.K. Medical Center, saves time for patients, who receive care in less than an hour in most cases, as well as unloads the busy emergency rooms and saves OHIP money.

Preventative medicine is another very important area of care that the team at Dr. O.K. Medical Center strongly believes in, despite also being an area where the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is cutting funding. Things like annual physicals are a thing of the past, and PAP smears (screening test) for cervical cancer are only covered by OHIP once every three years.

Dr. Klipitch says he finds that worrisome. "Even if you are healthy today, in three years a lot can change," he adds. He encourages patients to visit the clinic website for the most up to date information regarding prevention and cancer screening, or talk to their family physician during their next appointment.

Dr. O.K. Medical Center works closely with Cancer Care Ontario to screen patients for cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer and breast cancer. Thousands of Ontarians are alive and healthy today because they got screened and were able to either prevent cancer or find it early when it's easier to treat and beat. The Dr. O.K. teams also work closely with St. Joseph's Health Centre and Trillium Hospital, so patients benefit from the multiple specialists/consultants Dr. O.K. build the relations with.

"We advocate for our patients so if needed we can get urgent referrals," says Dr. Klipitch.

In light of two rounds of government cuts to OHIP benefits, a number of services are no longer covered by OHIP. The Dr. O.K. medical team still provides the services, but they do require significant time and resources to administer. "We understand that our patients work hard for their money," says Dr. Klipitch. "The government cuts don't help."

Patients at Dr. O.K. have two options to pay for uninsured services like obtaining records from other physicians, various forms and referral notes for benefit programs (please refer to our website for full list of ser-

vices not covered by OHIP). Patients can opt to pay-per-service, based on individual rates recommended by the Ontario Medical Association or patients can pay an annual block fee, which covers the majority of uninsured services and may be more economical in the long run.

The medical services are only one part of the picture at Dr. O.K. Across the waiting room Dr. Olena Klipitch's dental team now encompasses three dentists, three dental hygienists and four dental assistants. The dental team provides services for the whole family, including general, family dentistry, orthodontics, implants, cosmetics, invisalign and dental surgery.

"When I came to Canada everyone told me and my wife that it's impossible to become a physician or dentist in Canada," Dr. Klipitch re-

calls. "I was told to consider another career." He attributes much of his success and the development of the clinic to the teachings of life coach Anthony Robbins. Dr. Klipitch and his wife worked multiple jobs and went back to school, all the while believing in Anthony Robbins's advice: that with hard work, having a clear goal, focus on it and pursuing it despite any obstacles and with a bit of luck they could achieve their dream. Dr. Klipitch says many people would benefit from listening to Anthony Robbins and implementing his advice in everyday life.

Dr. O.K. Medical and Dental Center is located at 1278 The Queensway.

For more information about their services visit the website www.drok.ca, or call 416-848-9795 medical, 416-848-9790 dental, 416-259-4747 pharmacy.

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