A message from Clinton Purvance, M.D., C.M.O.:

Dear staff,

We recently welcomed two officials to our Barton Memorial Hospital campus. The Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Julius Genachowski, and Wireline Competition Bureau Deputy Chief, Carol Mattey.

The telehealth program, is a cost and time-effective alternative to seeing specialists outside of the Basin. Patients are able to meet with a physician through a video monitor right in one of our medical facilities. The specialist can then provide a consultation via broadband. Barton has been utilizing grant funds for the a RHCPP provided by the FCC.

Ann Truscott, Barton Telemedicine Coordinator, led the meeting with a brief and informative presentation to the chairman and the group, followed by a question and answer session. The chairman also participated in a "mock" consultation with a physician located at UC San Diego through one of our telehealth video monitors.

I am proud to say that as the lead telehealth agency for Access El Dorado, we have had the opportunity to utilize the FCC’s RHCPP funding and have expanded to specialties such as cardiology, endocrinology, infectious disease, dermatology, adult psychiatry and neurology at five of our facilities. Averaging 75 patient consultations a month, Barton has been able to save patients time and money and meet their healthcare needs at the same time. It was such an honor to sit in the same room with the Chairman and hear him praise Barton for all we have done to make healthcare accessible to our community.
This was one of their stops throughout Northern Nevada and California from Washington D.C., taking time for a brief presentation on how the FCC funded Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP) is being utilized via our Telehealth Program. It was also an opportunity to inform the Federal policy makers in Washington D.C. how these type of resources have the ability to be improved.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clint Purvance
Barton Health, Chief Medical Officer

**Dr. Gary Willen to talk women's health**

Gary Willen, M.D., from Tahoe Women’s Care is scheduled to speak on Wednesday, August 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Carson City Community Center (801 East Carson St., Carson, CA).

With Barton Health's new da Vinci Surgical System, Dr. Willen is able to perform complex hysterecomies and other urologic and gynecologic procedures. When medication and non-invasive procedures are unable to relieve symptoms, surgery remains the accepted and most effective treatment for a range of gynecologic conditions.

Lecture attendees will learn how da Vinci procedures can address complex hysterectomies and other gynecologic procedures through robotic assisted surgery. And learn how the da Vinci Surgical System may be the most effective, least invasive treatment option. Through tiny, 1-2 cm incisions, surgeons can operate with greater precision and control, minimizing the pain and risk associated with large incisions while increasing the likelihood of a fast recovery and excellent clinical outcomes. For more information on gynecological and general procedures performed by physicians from Barton, visit [link](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001_SFZiCeTWXyuD6cjUHbDwKDI948LH_2rj2KkfBOtudh9iuLVEaDyLM1td7H-3rjlGfFMcXiKvBzTS3fS-BR1q5hVF0B1hi3wDxALBAQC1hGTlcAgTDEy7dmbnxblM).

**Sports symposium a success!**

Tahoe Center for Orthopedics held its second annual Tahoe Sports Medicine Symposium on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4 at Harvey's Lake Tahoe Casino. Approximately 50 physicians, chiropractors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists and athletic trainers joined the two half-day-sessions designed specifically as an update of current trends in sports medicine and musculoskeletal care, evaluation and treatment algorithms for surgical treatment, rehabilitation and injury prevention.

The Symposium also featured keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Fredrickson, (D.O.) from Stanford University who spoke about the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of stress fractures in athletes. Several Barton orthopedists, radiologists, physical therapists, athletic trainers and physicians, also joined Dr. Fredrickson. Attendees were able to participate in specialized topic breakout sessions provided by individual speakers.
Barton Memorial Hospital completes patient room renovation
Now patients cared for at Barton Memorial Hospital can enjoy newly renovated and remodeled private and shared rooms. Barton's goal is to provide all private rooms, but some are designed to accommodate two patients in the same room to meet an increase in patient admission on any given day. Located on the second floor of Med/Surge and orthopedics; each room provides private hotel-like accommodations. The rooms now gleam with warm paint colors, new flat screen televisions, beds, curtains, chairs, cabinetry, flooring and Lake Tahoe artwork. Each room also has a newly remodeled bathroom all completed with patient comfort in mind.

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Susan Frailey, R.N. completes case study