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TOP AUGUSTA DOCTORS NOW SEE PATIENTS AT WILLS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN WASHINGTON

Many Wilkes County residents spend excess time and money visiting Augusta for health care, but a better alternative is available: Some of Augusta's top doctors visit patients in Wilkes County, at Wills Memorial Hospital.

Specialists from Georgia Regents University (GRU) visit Wills Memorial Hospital's Specialty Clinic every month, and see 130 to 140 patients monthly. Those Augusta doctors even perform 30 to 31 surgeries per month in Washington, said Wills spokeswoman Susan Pope.

"There is no need to travel to Augusta to see a top cardiologist or general surgeon – they come to us," said Lisa Eskew, specialty-clinic manager at Wills Memorial. "Many people are not aware that we have these top-caliber doctors coming to our clinics."

One such physician is Dr. Ronald Lewis, who is listed among the top 1 percent of doctors nationally. Dr. Lewis (pictured above with Eskew) is the chief of urology at GRU, and he travels the world lecturing about the best ways to treat ED and other problems. Dr. Lewis has seen patients locally for nine years.

"It's enjoyable to come over here," Dr. Lewis said. "It helps the people of this community to take care of most of their immediate problems here."

Several other Augusta doctors visit Washington, some even weekly, for anything from cardiac issues to podiatry.

"Dr. Deepak Kapoor is a highly regarded cardiologist who has been treating patients with heart conditions at Wills," Eskew said.

Dr. Cassandra White from GRU's Trauma & Acute Care Department meets weekly with patients needing colonoscopies, endoscopies, hernia repair and gall-bladder surgery. Dr. Marsha Reuther examines both adults and children with ear, nose and throat disorders. Dr. Dilap Thomas is a plastic surgeon who performs eyelid surgeries.

And those are just a few Augusta doctors who routinely see patients in Washington. To schedule an appointment to see any of these specialist in Washington, call the Wills Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic at (706) 678-9334.

ENERGY-SAVING TIP

Driving with your windows down saves more energy at low speeds than using your vehicle's air conditioning, but at highway speeds, lowered windows increase the wind resistance on your vehicle and make it less efficient, says the U.S. Department of Energy.



PLEASE ADOPT THIS MONTH'S PET

Ruth is a white, Labrador mix, less than a year old and about 30 pounds. She's at the Washington-Wilkes Animal Shelter, but Ruth needs a home like yours. Ruth is obedient, fun-loving and affectionate, said Fernando Vazquez (pictured with Ruth). Vazquez is a senior citizen working at the Animal Shelter through the state's Experience Works program. He encourages you to please add Ruth to your family by calling (706) 678-2287.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City Council meets on Sept. 14, at the Pope Center, at 48 Lexington Ave. Work session begins at 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed for Labor Day on Sept. 7.

PLEASE WRITE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR CITY OFFICIALS ON BACK OF YOUR UTILITY PAYMENT STUB. THANKS!

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