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BOARD CERTIFIED in INTERNAL MEDICINE
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

Welcome

to Medical Associates of Brevard/Cardiology.

The information that follows is meant to help you – which in turn helps us to serve you better.

ABOUT OUR PRACTICE: Both Dr. Desai and Dr. Gadodia are qualified as Fellows of the American College of Cardiology. They function primarily as cardiology consultants. Each has completed an approved internship and residency in internal medicine and is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine with board certification in Internal Medicine. In addition, each has also completed a fellowship in cardiovascular disease and is board certified in Cardiovascular Diseases and Interventional Cardiology.

Both physicians are well trained in clinical, non-invasive, invasive and interventional cardiology. To evaluate, diagnose and treat cardiovascular disease they perform:

TESTS:

Exercise/Nuclear imaging stress tests
Echocardiography
Holter monitoring/Event monitoring
Cholesterol monitoring
Electronic pacemaker/defibrillator checks
Carotid/peripheral vascular imaging

PROCEDURES:

Cardiac catheterization
Coronary angioplasty/stent placement
Pacemaker/Automatic Cardio-Defibrillator Implant
Coronary atherectomy
Coronary Rotablator
Peripheral vascular intervention

**If your insurance is managed through a Primary Care Physician,
you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization
for office visits and diagnostic testing. Your Primary Care Physician may
make your appointment for you and issue authorization at that time.**

WE DO NOT PERFORM ANNUAL PHYSICIANS ... nor do we provide cancer screening exams, i.e. Pap smears, mammograms, prostate exams, colo-rectal exams, etc. Please arrange for these examinations through your primary care physician. If you do not currently have a primary care physician, we will gladly provide you with a list of highly respected physicians in your area.

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

Holmes Regional Medical Center ♦ Wuesthoff Medical Center - Melbourne

APPOINTMENTS/OFFICE HOURS: Routine office hours are between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is customary to schedule appointments in advance. Please call during office hours to make or reschedule routine appointments. If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, we request that you notify the office 24 hours prior to your appointment.

TELEPHONE CALLS: If you have a medical question, please feel free to call the office. Our staff has been trained to answer most questions. If they are unable to answer your questions immediately, your chart will be reviewed by the doctor and the answer will be relayed by the office staff. If a medication refill is needed, please have the name and dose of the medication when you call.

EMERGENCY: If a medical emergency exists, or if you feel that one exists, you can reach the office or our answering service 24 hours a day by calling (321) 255-1500. If necessary, emergency visits will be arranged at the office or the emergency room on the same day.

PRESCRIPTION REFILLS: We require 48-hour notice for written prescription refills. Please request refills on your prescriptions at the time of your office visit. Because of the danger of errors in making prescription refills by phone, we will no longer call in routine prescription refills to your pharmacist. In an emergency the doctor may authorize us to phone in a refill for one month only; written prescriptions for additional refills may be provided to you at your next office visit.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENTS:

- ♦ All current medications, or a list of every medication along with dosage and instructions
- ♦ Medical insurance card(s)
- ♦ Written authorization if needed

If you have had past treatment or recent x-rays, EKGs, lab tests, etc. please bring these reports with you or have them sent to our office prior to your appointment if possible.

A detailed medical history form is attached, to be completed by you before you see the doctor. Please give some thought beforehand to your medical history so that you can be clear and concise without leaving out important facts. It is important for the doctor to know as accurately as possible:

- ♦ The order in which your symptoms began
- ♦ How long each symptom has been present
- ♦ Changes in your symptoms
- ♦ The names and dosages of all current medications

MEDICAL INSURANCE: We accept Medicare assignment and are providers for Blue Cross/Blue Shield as well as major HMOs, PPOs and managed care programs throughout Brevard County. Please review your provider manual to verify our participation in your insurance program. Should you have a question about your statement at any time, **our billing department number is 309-2200.**

LABS AND TESTS: We call back all results even if normal. Please do not assume the labs/tests/procedures you have had are normal. If you do not hear from us within 5 days of your test, please call us.

A FINAL WORD: Drs. Desai and Gadodia see patients on an individual basis. They also provide coverage for each other both in the office and in the hospital as needed. They maintain close contact with each other so that they are aware of most of the problems which our patients may be having.

Nothing is more important to us than your trust. It is our privilege to participate in your health care, and we will do everything in our power to ensure that our relationship with you will be mutually satisfactory.



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