

# Family Medicine

## at Health Shield MC



- Family Medicine: Comprehensive Care for the **whole** Person.
- The aims of primary care are to provide the patient with a broad spectrum of **preventative** and **curative** care over a period of time and to coordinate all the care that the patient receives.
- Family medicine physicians are trained to diagnose and treat a broad spectrum of health conditions across **all ages**.
- The family medicine physician manages preventive care and many **chronic** medical conditions.
- They coordinate the care of the patient **refer** the patient to the right **specialist** at the right time.
- The Family Medicine Specialists:
  - Are the patient's **first** contact for health concerns, or **undiagnosed** symptoms
  - Recognize early symptoms of **serious** disease
  - Provide **screening** and **counseling** to prevent disease