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## **Summit Pacific Offering Saturday Appointments with the Addition of Dr. Nicole Taylor**

(ELMA, WA) –Summit Pacific Medical Center recently welcomed a second naturopathic physician, Dr. Nicole Taylor, who will be seeing patients at McCleary Healthcare Clinic during the week and on Saturdays at Summit Pacific Healthcare Clinic.

Dr. Taylor is a naturopathic physician providing family medicine with a focus in women’s health, from adolescence through and beyond menopause. She has extensive knowledge and experience in hormone replacement therapy and weight management.

Saturday primary care appointments are new to Summit Pacific in an effort to create more access for those seeking healthcare. It is important for patients to have access to healthcare that meets their needs and that more appointments are offered during hours when people are most available.

SPMC has been working to increase access to healthcare in our community in a variety of other ways including introducing the 24/7 virtual care clinic, opening the urgent care clinic, then drastically expanding the hours of urgent care to 12 hours a day, seven days a week and with the addition of Saturday clinics for children.

“We have prioritized finding ways to provide our community easier access to routine healthcare needs and part of that plan is being able to offer more appointments outside of normal business hours, such as Saturdays,” said Renée Smith, Director of Rural Health Clinics. “We know it is a burden on families to take time out of their daily routines to seek healthcare.”

Summit Pacific offered one Saturday Well-Child Exam day in 2017 and saw tremendous success. More than 60 children were seen and nearly 70 immunizations administered. One mother was able to get five children up to

date on immunizations in one day, rather than making individual appointments and taking time away from work. Smith added, "Because of the first Saturday clinic's success, we have committed to offering two Saturday Well-Child Exam days this year for families."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Nicole Taylor, or information on the Saturday clinic for children or any services offered by Summit Pacific, call 360-346-2222.

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Summit Pacific Medical Center's vision is "Through SummitCare, we will build the healthiest community in the Nation." We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. We are a Level IV Critical access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and a virtual care clinic. To learn more about SPMC, visit [www.sp-mc.org](http://www.sp-mc.org).